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A newsletter of the
Tom Prete Assembly No. 127
of the Society of American Magicians

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

January
2010

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Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month at the First United Methodist Church, 941 Old Rock Hill Road, Wallingford, CT 06473. Meetings start at 7:00 pm with a magic video, a 7:30pm business meeting followed by the members performing magic. [Click here for directions](#)

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Highlights of December Meeting in Pictures



Dave Wyskiel

Tom Smith



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Adam Parisi



Dick Hodes



Bill Rotella



Henry Holava



Snack time

Next meeting will be the Annual Dinner & Show

Tuesday January 19, 2010

Jacoby's Restaurant

6:00 pm – Cocktails

7:00 pm – Dinner

Magic by Steve Kradolfer

Nomination of officer for 2010

The following members were nominated for officers of Assembly 127 at the December meeting.

President ~ Kevin Comerford

Vice-president ~ Chick Kelman

Secretary ~ Tom Smith

Treasurer ~ Mike Gagne

Election of officers will be held at the February meeting.

A Message from Assembly 127 President ~ Bill Hoagland



What a great year we had!! We signed up several new members! We had several good lectures and attended other assembly's lectures. We have Marlene Clark, who became Secretary of the National SAM. We have NEMCON incorporated now, which will help the Assembly in many ways. One more event is the Holiday Dinner, this year we decided to move it to January because it would give everyone a better chance to come. We always have a great time at the Holiday Party, people get awards, we have a great meal, we have special entertainment, it is really a lot of fun, and even my wife enjoys this party even though it is a room full of magicians.

I know NEMCON is still 2 ½ months away but the best thing to happen in a while is the luncheon. People always want to meet the lecturers or performers, I know I do. With this luncheon you can actually sit at a table with one of them and "talk magic". But if we don't get enough people signed up by the end of January we won't be having it. Send Lisa (lgagne@ctnemcon.com) an email and a check and tell her you want to attend the luncheon. Even if you are working at NEMCON you will have time for this luncheon, it is only \$20.

Now let me get up on my soapbox for a minute. I think we all come to meetings for the same reason, because we all love of magic. Our after meeting activity is a great way to perform magic for people that are just like us. It is a time we can work out kinks, try out new patter, ask for suggestions or just entertain with a trick you have been doing for years to have fun. I am as guilty as everyone about not always performing after a meeting, lazy, not prepared, didn't have a trick that fit the theme. They are just excuses; you can do the same card trick every week if you want just so it gets better. We always want to have our best ammunition out in the real world. Tom Smith is the perfect example, He did his trick this past month and it screwed up. He said "I am glad it happened here so he could figure out what went wrong". I saw 3 different people helping him refine his technique to reduce the odds of failure. I didn't see or hear anyone laugh at him, boo, or make fun of him (*At least not about the trick*). Let's try to make an effort to bring something to the meetings to perform, either to help you improve the trick or entertain the group because you like to.

Thanks for a great 2009!!!

Bill Hoagland

President, Assembly #127

Click here for a holiday greeting <http://elfyourself.jibjab.com/view/sRMc9YxUAw0R2Fvr>

Assembly 127 Year End Dinner & Show

Tuesday, January 19, 2009

Jacoby's Restaurant

1388 East Main Street - Meriden

(Family & Friends Invited)

6:00 PM – Cash Bar Happy Hour and Close-up Magic

6:45 PM – Dinner served

Appetizer – Fresh fruit cup

Pasta marinara

Choice of Entrée

Chicken Cordon Blue - Salmon Piccata - New York Sirloin Steak

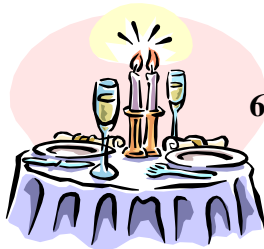
Dinner includes: salad, bread, and oven roasted potatoes

Dessert

Dessert to compliment the party - Coffee or Tea

8:00 PM – Magic Show

Featuring the Comedy Magic of Steve Kradolfer



The COST

Reservations received by January 12th, the cost is \$35 per person

After January 12th the cost is **\$40** per person and choice of dinner would be limited.

PRINT PAGE 5 OF NEWSLETTER AND MAIL IN YOUR CHECK FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS

For further information call Bill Hoagland at (203) 877-0157 or Email Bill at whoagland@billmagic.com



A second look at your NEMCON XXIX performers



Ali Shelly, who lives in New York City, was born into a magic family. She spent her formative years working alongside her father, Mike Shelley, as a dealer. Ali competed at the junior level, winning both the Society of American Magicians' Most Promising Young Magician as well as First Place Jr. Close-up at the International Brotherhood of Magicians Convention. Her new act combines her love of magic with her love of travel. She has enjoyed much success with this original and comedic number. Please, take your seats, fasten your seat belts, and enjoy the magic! **Ali will perform her award winning act in the Saturday morning close-up show.**



Arthur Trace, who hails from Los Angeles, has graced the stages of many of the world's largest and most prestigious theaters from London to Las Vegas, Tokyo to Paris, Monaco to New York City, and a multitude of other venues. His one of a kind stage magic has also been featured on television in America, Spain, France, and Japan. Highly acclaimed by his peers as "one of the most unique acts in the world of magic today Arthur Trace is the eighth magician in the history of magic to be awarded The International Brotherhood of Magicians "Gold Medal International Award of Excellence." In 2006 he became a FISM award winner at the World Championship of Magic in Stockholm. In 2007 millions of television viewers watched as Arthur was awarded the "Best Cabaret Magic" award at the *World Magic Awards* on Network TV. **Arthur will perform in the close-up show, give a lecture and close the evening show with his award winning FISM act.**

Romance is alive and well in magic. Arthur Trace recently got married and you can watch the video of Arthur proposing to his wife Melissa at the Magic Castle at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-eY2POFjNCU&feature=related>

See you at NEMCON on March 13, 2010

NEMCON Work Assignments & Openings

Assembly 127 member's can either pay for a registration to attend NEMCON or volunteer to work the convention. If you would like to work the convention, you need to contact an appropriate committee member listed below.

NEMCON Committee assignments and work schedule

Committee Assignments	Committee member	extra help needed	Assembly 127 members have priority over non-member volunteers			
Registrar:	<i>Lisa Gagne</i>	4 people	Mike Gagne	Dick Hodes	<i>open</i>	<i>open</i>
Events & Tickets	<i>Lisa Gagne</i>	1 person	<i>open</i>			
Friday Night Coordinator	<i>Bill Hoagland</i>	1 person	<i>open</i>			
Hospitality room	<i>Bill Hoagland</i>	2 people	Kim Hoagland	<i>open</i>		
Seating (AM & PM)	<i>Mike Nabel</i>	1 person	Al Palermo	<i>John Kedves</i>		
Dealer Chairman	<i>Pat Guida</i>	1 person	<i>open</i>			
Video System	<i>Tom Smith</i>	2 people	<i>open</i>	<i>open</i>		
Security	<i>Kevin Comerford</i>	4 people	Henry Andrzejczyk	<i>open</i>	<i>open</i>	<i>open</i>
Lighting & Sound	<i>Joe Cabral</i>	2 people	hire	<i>Dave Wyskiel</i>		
Close up Coordinator	<i>Chick Kelman</i>	1 person	Tony Lenti			
Lecture Coordinator	<i>Bill Rotella</i>	1 person	Adam Parisi			
Evening Show Manager	<i>Joe Cabral</i>	4 people	Kevin Comerford	<i>open</i>	<i>open</i>	<i>open</i>

Setting up stage	Joe Cabral	3 people	Hire	Hire		
Breaking down stage	Joe Cabral	3 people	Hire	Hire		

Support the NEMCON Luncheon

Assembly 127 members are encouraged to support the NEMCON luncheon by purchasing a ticket. The cost is \$20 per person. Tickets need to be purchased in advance either online at www.ctNEMCON.com or print page 5 of this newsletter and mail in the form for tickets.

Web sites of interest to magicians

The following video http://www.snagfilms.com/films/title/women_in_boxes is a look at women in magic with some vintage videos of past and current famous magicians.

Here is a new website that lists restaurants that have magicians or other family entertainers weekly.
<http://www.ctrestaurantentertainers.com/>

If you have a web site you would like to share, send the link to hholava@cox.net

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday February 16, 2010 ~ Regular meeting

7:00 P.M. Watch magic video

7:30 P.M. Business meeting

Election of new officers

Rope Magic with MC Dave Wyskiel



Friday March 12, 2010 ~ NEMCON

Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell

7:00 P.M. Hospitality suite opens

8:00 P.M. Bob Fitch lecture



Saturday March 13, 2010 ~ NEMCON

Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell

9:00 A.M. till Midnight

Close-up show, lectures & Gala Evening Show



Sunday March 14, 2010 ~ NEMCON

Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell

12 noon to 4 P.M.

Bob Fitch coin seminar (\$50 fee)



Tuesday March 16, 2010 ~ Regular meeting

7:00 P.M. Snacks & beverages

7:30 P.M. Installation of new assembly officers

New officers perform magic – Bill Hoagland MC



Tuesday April 20, 2010 – Regular Meeting

7:00 P.M. Watch magic video

7:30 P.M. Business meeting

One way Gaff Deck with MC Tom Smith

“All members attending an Assembly meeting should be prepared to perform one trick”

Magic News and Views

Bob Little to be honored by the Society of American Magicians

Society of American Magicians Conference Executive John Apperson announced that Life Member Bob Little will be the 2010 honoree at their National Convention to be held in Atlanta, Georgia (June 30-July 3). Bob is an honorary member of the S.A.M. and is best known as the "Wiz"; a long time dealer at conventions around the world. Bob was the honoree at our 28th NEMCON. .

The S.A.M. Area's Best Recruiter Award (ABRA)

The Society of American Magicians is encouraging you to be involved in the latest membership campaign with a special contest: Win one year free extended membership in the SAM (\$65 value - 11 to be awarded) AND a free Atlanta Convention Registration (\$260 value)

- Campaign begins December 1, 2009 and ends May 1, 2010
- Open to all SAM Members in good standing
- Recruit at least 3 new SAM adult members (excluding trial members)
- One Free extended Membership awarded to the top recruiter in each Region.
- Grand Prize of one Free Atlanta Convention Registration to the recruiter bringing in the most members.
- Winners will be honored by the National President in Atlanta and in M-U-M
- Inform the National Administrator by May 1 that you are the designated sponsor of the new recruits:
samadministrator@magicsam.com or 775-751-0505
- Tie breakers to be determined by the Membership Committee.

The SAM is providing extra tools to help you succeed: Free October issues of MUM (contact the administrator), the \$45 Paperless Member Option, and Four Free Nielsen Posters to new recruits December - February, I Have a Friend in the SAM collector pins. Questions? Contact Mark Weidhaas, presidentelect@magicsam.com, 719-637-9965.



Who is this Santa?

One of our assembly members every year plays Santa. You all know him well, he attends almost every meeting and is involved in NEMCON. Give up? I'll let you know next month.

LAS VEGAS -- Magician Steve Wyrick's show has vanished from the Las Vegas Strip, according to published reports Friday. For full story go to <http://www.fox5vegas.com/news/21943999/detail.html#>



Assembly 127 Dinner & Show Reservation Form

Jacoby's Restaurant

Tuesday, January 19, 2009

YES, I WILL DO CLOSE-UP MAGIC DURING HAPPY HOUR

Name _____ Guest _____

Total # of persons ___ x \$35 @ (member & one guest)\$ _____

Total amount enclosed.....\$ _____

Indicate dinner choice(s):

___ New York Sirloin Steak, ___ Chicken Cordon Blue ___ Salmon Piccata

Make check payable to "SAM Assembly 127" and mail to:
Bill Hoagland- 250 Pond Point Ave - Milford, CT 06460