



May 2020

**Special
Announcement
regarding
our May
meeting**

A Special Message from Your President

By Gernar

First of all I wish all of you to be healthy and safe with this Coronavirus problem. I know that all magicians including me are out of work and that is not good. But for years I told many magicians to have another business besides magic in case of an emergency and also to save 10% of everything you make. I myself have been prepared for this for many years. I know several magicians who are 100% broke! This is a good lesson and hope they will be more prepared in the future with savings and extra income besides magic.

I feel bad for all the sick people and for all the people who have passed away or who may lose their business. At the same time in the middle of this pandemic, knowing magic will open up to me again, I have been practicing new tricks watching videos and I got back to one of my favorite tricks... "The Cups and Balls." Houdini once said that if a magician doesn't do the cups and balls he is not a magician, and I kind of agree because the Cups and balls uses almost all moves and hand manipulations that I know. It is a very cool trick and very visual. I hope you will start performing it and maybe you can bring it to the club and share your version with us.

It has been very easy so far to serve as your President because it is May and we have only had few meetings. Last month's meeting was awesome. We did it online and we all had a great time. It looks like we will do it again online for the May meeting. Use this time to practice new tricks or perhaps to put a new routine together for the close-up or stage contest. It is fun. If you are just learning magic for the first time, by all means come to the meetings and ask questions, we are all here to see magic, to learn magic and to talk magic.

See you at our next online meeting and be safe!

[This month's meeting will be through Zoom at 7:00p on Wednesday, May 20.](#)

We can all stay safe but still join to do magic. It is very easy to use Zoom. Just download the free Application from <http://www.Zoom.us>.

I will send members who want an invitation a link to join the meeting the day of the meeting.

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Editor's Note: If we have your correct email address, you should have seen this note from Germar around May 5. In the event that you missed it, here is what he had to say to the membership:

Hello all my magic friends. Hope you are doing well and are using this time to practice magic and will come back to the meetings with great surprises for all of us to enjoy!

The next online meeting will be on the 20th on May by ZOOM. It is a very easy application and all you need is the password and you are in!

I am sure that this will be the last online meeting and then we will meet at Dennys like always. The April meeting we had was full of magic and we all learned something! Thank you to all that came to the Club meeting. I also have to say Thank You to Carol. We had an amazing online meeting with the SYM, with about 5 children performing. I showed them a few ways to make a coin disappear from my hands.

We are doing the best we can as a Club to stay together, see each other and practice magic. We all need each other in order to show our miracles and to get feedback right?

Stay safe and see you at the next meeting.

Meeting Report

By Perry Rist

Diablo Valley Assembly 112 Concord ,CA

April 15th S.A.M. Assembly 112 met for our monthly meeting, not in person but via ZOOM on computers. Several of us got together to discuss Magic and how we can stay active during the great lockdown brought about by the COVID-19 virus.

Perry Rist is re-reading his Harlan Tarbell, eight volume "Course in Magic" series. We all have a Magic Library what better time than to read, learn and practice. It's amazing how much "new" magic you can find in books written in the 1920's.

Larry (ZAPPO) Wright was on hand to show us some close up magic. Everyone was upbeat and planning for the future of Magic after the virus passes, and it will. This was truly a great meeting of camaraderie brought to us through the Magic of technology.

This amazing meeting was thought up and set up through the work of our President, Gerardo (GERMAR) Martinez. He helped keep us all focused on what's real, Magic! Magic has the power to make us smile. Magic has the power to give us hope. Magic has the power to help keep depression at bay. What can be more important at a time like this. As we saw last night Magic has the power to hold our Brotherhood together. What's more real than Magic?

Editor's Note: Never seen a Zoom Meeting? Here's what they look like. From the Magicsam.com webste:

"For the first time in the history of The Society of American Magicians, an online National Council Meeting was held via the internet, to elect the new slate of officers. Congratulations to the New 2020-2021 S.A.M. National Council Officers."





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Scheduled Meetings through December 2020

- January 8 What I got for Christmas
- February 19 Installation and Awards Banquet
- March 11 Comedy Magic
- April 15 Meeting via Zoom
- May 20 Meeting via Zoom – see page one for details!

Meeting Format

7:00 Workshop begins. Read *Scheduled Meetings* to see what we will be learning.

8:30 BREAK

8:45 Open performance. Perform anything you are working on, new things you are just learning or want to learn, or something that you want to test in front of an audience. Use this opportunity to dust off something you have had on the shelf for a while. You may request critique or not. You can get help from other members with anything magical. Members are especially encouraged to perform magic they learned in the workshop session at last month's meeting.

9:30 Meeting adjourned

SAM-112 normally meets on the SECOND WEDNESDAYS each month. The new location will be **Denny's Restaurant at 1313 Willow Pass Road in Concord.**

However during the shelter in place we will be meeting online in May, and perhaps longer. Please see page one for details.



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