



June - July 2020

**Germar will
email the
Zoom
invitation for
the July
Meeting to
all members.**

A Special Message from Your President

By Germar

Hello again magician friends. We are still at home and doing the best we can dealing with this historic pandemic situation, right? We have no idea how long this will last. My guess is that it may be one more year. I hope your situation is stable and you are taking care of yourself and the people you love.



We should try to make the best of this situation by going back to learn old tricks and organizing our magic stuff. I gave away so much and now I have only what I use or I am learning.

This week for the first time in many months I have the same number of shows that I had in 2001... SIX! I have one live show and five Zoom shows. Zoom shows are not easy and I personally don't like them because the reaction is very limited. Also the tricks have to be special... very visual in order to be seen by all the Zoom audience so they can be appreciated.

So what is the future for magic? Live shows? Close up shows? I think there will not be close-up shows for a long, long time and fewer live shows for the next year. Basically I think live shows will be down 95% in most cases. Many magicians are organizing Zoom shows and charge up to \$20.00 per person, to see their show. But I am not sure that is a good idea. The Zoom show may not deliver magic at its optimum.

My best advice to you as a magician is this... always have a side job, NOT related to magic, because magic goes up and down. I myself have been prepared for this all my life, having income from three other businesses, just in case. And also live by the 10% rule... (save 10% of every dollar you make) for days like these! I know many magicians who are now broke, because they were not careful to plan for this downturn. I hope we all learn from this and will be more prepared in the future.

In the meantime, let's watch old videos of magicians and try to be positive and optimistic, and when all of this is over let's surprise each other with beautiful new magic. Stay safe be patient and positive... and do magic!

Our next meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, July 15, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. (**Germar will email the invitation before the meeting.**)

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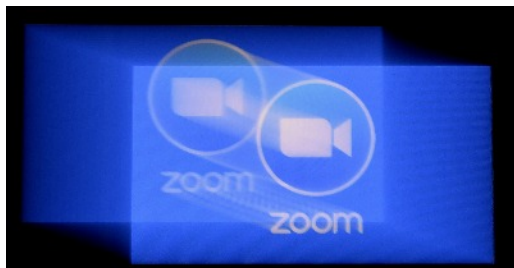
Catching up with the May and June meeting reports by Perry Rist

A small June Assembly meeting on Zoom kept the magic alive for us. This meeting gave us time to reflect and plan for the future. Larry (Zappo) Wright is traveling to L.A. to help celebrate his Father's 100th birthday.

Our president Gerardo (Germar) Martinez hosted a magic meeting in his backyard. So much space and fresh air masks were optional. Germar will be hosting another backyard magical get together soon. Germar has been working hard to hold the Assembly 112 together in this uncertain time. We are grateful for his continuing efforts.

Zappo showed us a card magic effect using four Kings and four Queens. The Queens instantly change to Kings, a very fast sex change indeed!

Magicians are out of work everywhere. Fortunately the spirit of magic is alive and well. One must stay hopeful and practice our skills and develop new magic so that when we come out of the lock down we will be stronger than ever.



Meeting Reports

By Perry Rist

Diablo Valley Assembly 112

In May once again we had our meeting on Zoom. So we were all face to face on computer! Our president Gerardo (Germar) Martinez led us off with a fantastic routine with Cups and Balls. No better time to go back to our roots and re-learn Magic from our history, and practice to sharpen our skills. Our President reaffirmed the great shut down and shelter in place will end eventually, and Magicians must be ready to go. Not only for our livelihood but to help raise morale in those who have been shut in.

The photo shows Perry Rist practicing at home as President Germar has suggested,

Jerry Barrilleaux was there and he brought Reggie. Reggie is a Ventriloquism Dummy. I say dummy but Reggie seemed pretty intelligent to me. Bob Holdridge was also in attendance and he performed a Magic effect called, "Matrix Poker", with sixteen cards on a board in four rows. After the effect he taught the group how to perform it.

Germar then did a nice routine with cutting ropes. Not having scissors at hand he cut them with his fingers.

Don't try that at home unless you are a Magician. Paul performed a "Gooney Bird" effect with a poem recited at the same time. Unfortunately the cat gets the birds at the end.

Bob Holdridge demonstrated a production tube that he made in 1950 and it is still performing well.

Card magic was brought to us by Larry, "Zappo the Magician" Wright. Zappo performed, "The Princess Card Trick." He also demonstrated the Nine Card Trick. Both of these effects are particularly well suited for Zoom shows. Zappo performs magic smoothly and flawlessly.

The next meeting will also likely be done via Zoom. Stay safe and healthy.





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SHARE YOUR MAGIC

by Carole Yvonne Kula

Editor's note: This S.Y.M. Meeting report was written by Subash and has been held since it was sent until this catch-up edition of The Conjurer.

The adversity of the COVID-19 outbreak and the ambiguity surrounding it has elicited much stress across various demographics. It is during such harsh times that we stick together and help those around us. This is why it is so vital now, more than ever, that we continue to have these S.Y.M meetings to entertain and bring laughter again.

Despite the difficult circumstances, on April 27th S.Y.M Assembly 112 met for our monthly meeting, digitally through a communication software called Google Hangouts. Through this platform, the members were able to attend the online meeting and perform for each other through their devices.

Germar, S.A.M.112 current president taught some coin effects that all the kids loved. Diego, 2016 Young Magician of the year, performed Run Rabbit Run, as requested by S.Y.M Leader, Jerry. Evan, 2019 Young Magician of the year, and David each showed their expertise with a card trick. Brianna, with her usual high style, performed the Ball Vase trick. Finally, Subash, S.Y.M & Junior Magician, who suggested that we meet online, planned, organized & ran this successful meeting also shared his favorite card through frame effect.

Some comments the members had to share:

"The meeting went well, I felt everyone enjoyed it. I was happy to see everyone and hope to continue meeting online with the S.Y.M" - Diego

"I liked the meeting on hangouts" - Mateo

"That was fun. We still got to do tricks." - Brianna

"WOW! That was a blast. Everyone had fun." - Subash



S.Y.M. Has continued to have virtual meetings during this Shelter In Place. The meetings have been run by Subash. For more information, please contact Carole Yvonne Kula or Subash, if you have his email address.





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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 July, and perhaps longer. Please see page one for details.



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