

DELAWARE KNIGHTS OF MAGIC



JUNE 2026

Annnnnd... it's June, fellow magicians! This will be our last meeting until we rejoin in September.

By the time you receive this, I'll already be up at the *French Woods Festival of the Performing Arts*, where I direct the Magic Department.

So, your Vice-President will be running this month's meeting. And the theme? "**Works in Progress**". We're all working on new effects; this is your opportunity to get feedback and suggestions from your fellow members. Bring in something you're playing with (or having difficulty with) and get help from your friends.

What an amazing meeting we had in May – our **Fool Us Competition!** We ran the evening like Penn and Teller's "Fool Us" show. **Rob** and **Larry** stood in for P&T and were the judges... and they were tough. Only one contestant managed to fool them, and it was with an optical illusion! So congratulations go out to **Reba Strong**, who won a PRIZE kindly funded through the generosity of **Vanishing Inc** and **Mitch Kaplan**.

We have the results of our contests! For those of you who are new, the DKOM has a competition every month. We alternate between Stage and Close-Up effects. Participants get points for attending meetings, for performing, and for placing in the contests.

The competition this year was spirited, and we saw some truly excellent performances. If you've never entered, please consider doing so next time around. You learn a lot by performing in front of other magicians.

Congratulations to our Magician of the Year winners:

First Place – **Larry Denburg**
Second Place – **Rob Francis**
Third Place – **Linda Jennings**

Have a great meeting, a wonderful summer, and I'll see you in September!

Your Prez, *Larry Denburg*

MAY

Close-Up Contest

Reba Strong - Jokers Are Wild Winners
Rob Francis - The Covenant
Larry Denburg - Button, Button, Who's Got the Button?
Mitch Kaplan - Reality?
Bill Madl - Candy Prediction
Tom Way - Anytime Aces
Michael Spinella - Benji the Fly



TOM



LARRY



MICHAEL

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR PARTICIPANTS!

MEETING LOCATION

VFW Post 5892
7620 Lancaster Pike
Hockessin, DE 19707

June Meeting
June 11th
@ 730p

Contribute to the Newsletter

We are looking to expand the newsletter to include more member content. Ideas include:

- *Have a trick or book review?
- *See a Magic Show recently?
- *Travel somewhere and visit a Magic shop?
- *Have a great story from a recent gig?
- *Advice from good or bad show experiences.

Write it up and send it to LarryDenburg@snip.net to have it included in the newsletter!

LINKS TO CONVENTIONS, SHOWS, AND LECTURES

The House of Magic 

 Shows & Special Lectures from The Smoke & Mirrors Theater

September 4th -7th 2026
Texas Association of Magicians (TAOM) 

September 9th - 11th
 Magician's Alliance of Eastern States Convention

September 10th – 12th
Magic at the Beach 

September 11th – 13th
 AbraCORNdabra (Des Moines, Iowa)



Reno Goodale

'First, hold the deck in Mechanic's Grip...'

**Take your age.
Add 5 years to it.
That's your age in 5 years.**



Carter the Great





KUNG FU FINGER



HERE'S A SWEET LITTLE TRICK THAT REQUIRES NOTHING MORE THAN A COUPLE OF SUGAR PACKETS AND YOUR NATURAL LIGHTNING-FAST REFLEXES. IF YOUR REFLEXES AREN'T LIGHTNING-FAST, THEN GET A THIRD PACKET OF SUGAR AND POUR ITS CONTENTS DOWN YOUR THROAT. THAT SHOULD SPEED YOU UP!



WITH YOUR AUDIENCE IN FRONT OF YOU, HOLD UP A SUGAR PACKET AND SAY:

ROSES ARE RED
VIOLETS ARE BLUE,
SUGAR IS SWEET,
AND I KNOW KUNG-FU!
THEN TOSS THE PACKET UP IN THE AIR.



THE MOMENT THE SUGAR PACKET IS AIRBORNE, YOU SUMMON YOUR LIGHTNING-FAST KUNG-FU POWERS AND STAB THE INDEX FINGER OF YOUR OTHER HAND THROUGH IT IN MID-AIR! IMPOSSIBLE? YES, BUT YOU JUST DID IT!



HOWDY DO IT?



PACKET HIDDEN WITHIN



BEFORE YOU PERFORM THIS TRICK, STAB YOUR KUNG-FU FINGER THROUGH A SECOND SUGAR PACKET. KEEP THIS PACKET ON YOUR FINGER AND CONCEAL IT IN YOUR FIST. WHEN YOU TOSS THE INTACT PACKET UP IN THE AIR, QUICKLY THRUST YOUR KUNG-FU FIST OUT AND GRAB IT. AT THE SAME TIME EXTEND THE FINGER (WITH THE SECOND PACKET ON IT) STRAIGHT OUT. NOW THE INTACT PACKET IS HIDDEN IN YOUR FIST, BUT IT APPEARS TO EVERYONE WATCHING THAT YOU'VE JUST STABBED YOUR FINGER THROUGH IT. THIS TRICK DEPENDS ON SPEED AND TIMING, SO PRACTICE IT IN FRONT OF A MIRROR A FEW TIMES. ONCE YOU CAN FOOL YOURSELF, YOU'LL BE READY TO FOOL OTHERS!



Mao & Bill King