



# Society of Memphis Magicians



International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 16  
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## From the President

*John Campbell, President*

In February of 1982, David Copperfield took his idea for a program, in which teams of magicians and occupational therapists work together to teach sleight of hand to physically-challenged patients, to the occupational therapy department of the Daniel Freeman Memorial Hospital in Inglewood, California. The program was successful and became known worldwide as "Project Magic."

Copperfield's Project Magic inspired several similar programs, including Kevin and Cindy Spencer's "The Healing of Magic," which has very similar, if not identical goals. Our club currently has an opportunity to take part in "The Healing of Magic" through the inroads made by Don Lefkowitz with Baptist Rehabilitation Hospital in Germantown. I would strongly encourage each of you to participate in this program. This is a great way to use your magic to give back to the community and to help others in a way that only we can.

We've all heard before that you get out of something what you put into it. While clichéd, that advice has stood the test of time because it is so true, and it is no less true of Ring 16. You can come to the meetings and attend the lectures, and get a great deal of satisfaction out of those things alone. But I suggest that you will get much more satisfaction by using your specialized knowledge to help others and bring happiness into their lives. As a club, we have an opportunity to do that with the Healing of Magic. I hope you will all volunteer some of your time to this very worthwhile project.



## State of the Ring Report

*Bill Canaday, Vice-President*

I would like to take this opportunity to say how I am pleased how Ring 16 is doing so far this year. We have had two great lectures with Geoff Williams, and Phil Cass. We have Devin Knight this month, and I am sure we will have some more lecturers to be announced as time goes on. I had to work Easter weekend, so I was not able to help out this year at the Botanic Gardens Easter Egg Hunt; however, according to Grayson's email, as always, our members helped out in a big way. A special acknowledgment to John Sorrell for working on our website, and to President John Campbell, for having excellent themes for our meetings, and great ideas to help Ring 16 get more recognized this year. John Campbell's welcome message on our website, and John Sorrell adding members' performance videos for visitors to our Website has really improved our visibility to the public, especially fellow magicians. With a lot of our members returning to our meetings, which this year have been full in attendance, I, as an officer of Ring 16 want to thank John Campbell, and our other officers for a job well done. Thanks to our membership, as well. I look forward to seeing you at our April meeting, and at Devin Knight's Lecture.



## April Ring 16 Meeting

Monday, April 19th  
Memphis Botanic Gardens  
April Theme:  
Con Games & Games of Chance

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# HEALING OF MAGIC



[www.magictherapy.com](http://www.magictherapy.com)

## March Business Meeting

*John Sorrell, Secretary*

### Old Business:

- Easter Egg Hunt - April 3rd - 10 years at Botanic Gardens

### New Business:

- Mike Rice had mild heart attack, bypass surgery and is now home recuperating

- Ron Bauer, former Memphian, now in Detroit had jam session at Mike Spero's

- Magic Jam Session, Friday, April 9th, 7pm at Coletta's

- Don Lefkowitz working with 'Healing of Magic' to help train physical therapists to enable patients to learn magic to help with physical rehab. Baptist Rehab, Germantown interested in working with us. Contact Don to sign up for 'volunteer' training.

- Bob Burns gave treasurer's report

- Lectures - Devin Knight, Thursday, April 22nd, location TBD. Neal is out of town that week - Bill Canaday to check with Coletta's.

- Lectures - Upcoming possibilities from Scott Wells (Dan Harlan, Matt Johnson, Ken Scott, Wayne Houchain) - Bill Canaday to get info from Scott and we will notify membership

- Jim Buffalo called Grayson and is willing to lecture on 'Serious Coin Magic'

- Think about possible revenue generation ideas for Ring 16

- [www.ring16.org](http://www.ring16.org) website has changed. Member

videos added. Stay tuned for future changes

- Member Info Forms - Fill out and return - email form to John Sorrell or return at meeting. Possible get head shots @ John Campbell video workshop (Time TBD)



## Glimpse From the Past

### *From August 1951 Linking Ring*

Annual picnic was held at Riverside Park August 12. TP McAlister was general chairman and LC Harmon wholesaled Cokes and beer. Each member brought his own food and paid a \$1 to cover the drinks for his family and friends. Vance Jacobs emceed the games and show. Two surprise visitors added spice to the July meeting's program. Del Breece, between shows at the Silver Slipper night club, showed his artistry with cards and cigarettes. Though he doesn't do the multiplying billiard balls, he told of a musician who could do this and only this trick - a new method where the performer produces all the balls with his hands never leaving the air (no stealing from pockets or sleeves). The he showed how it was done. Ring 16 was amazed. Stanley Clark of the Pine Bluff, Ark., Ring, new owner of a fancy Memphis suburban restaurant, did a hand puppet routine. He says he'll keep his Ring membership at Pine Bluff but attend our meetings when here. Jacobs, the Ring's emcee, introduced Luther Southworth with jumbo effects, Luke Cabe of Jonesboro with a dollar bill reproduction, cards and Dye Box, Dr. Ralph Goldman with cards, Harmon Baker with ropes and paper tie, and Sebra Evans with a hank tie.



## March Meeting - 'Magic to Music'

*Tim Parker - Scribe, Grayson Smith - Photos*

Grayson Smith, (AKA The Amazing Grayson), just home from a world tour of East to West Memphis started things off with his beautiful set to music performance of the gypsy thread trick. We were taught this version by lecturer Lonnie Chevrie awhile back and Grayson has really made it his own.

Nick Toombs started out by showing us some magic he does with bubbles and bubble wands and followed that up with the Floating Bubble from Losander, a beautiful zombie like effect that left the audience stunned, truly a beautiful piece of magic.

Our newest member, James 'Rocky' Yarbrough, gave an informative presentation on Manheim Steamroller's Halloween music and which songs are appropriate for magic acts and ended with some of his flawless coin magic.

Bill Canaday, one of the ring's resident mentalists, took a break from the music and performed the Triple Impact Card Routine.

Dr. Joe Levi performed and explained some magic with rubber bands and coins. It is always great to learn something at the meetings, thanks for teaching us!

John Campbell performed a unique psychological experiment set to music. And while he may not have a new career as a dancer anytime soon, his mentalism will blow you away.

The mentalism continued with Martin Seiler projecting a number mentally to the audience.



## Ring 16 Google Public Calendar

<http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=l6ek69s1ic9emtqbi5356tpink%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/Chicago>

Send anything you would like added to the Ring 16 Magic Calendar to [jasorrell@gmail.com](mailto:jasorrell@gmail.com)

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### **Devin Knight Lecture - Thursday, April 22nd - Coletta's**

From the Magic Cafe Forum - Possible Lecture Info:

The Devin Knight lecture is a combination of Comedy, Close-up, Stage Magic and Mentalism. There is something for everyone in the lecture. Devin's effects rely on clever methods instead of skill. Most of the effects fooled the majority of magician watching last year.

**Dissolving Aces:** An incredible vanish of the 4 Aces one at a time. No deck used, only two hands and four cards. At the end, your hands are empty and your sleeves rolled up. Vernon gave this high praise.

**Food for Thought:** A person thinks of a food from a menu and visualizes it on a plate. The performer, with no fishing, reveals the food. For a kicker the performer shows he predicted the chosen food!

**Impossible Prediction:** The spectator selects a card from a face up deck. NO FORCE. A folded card previously placed in a sealed box proves to be an identical card. No switches and the performer does not touch the folded card. VERY BAFFLING

**Sanda-Panda:** Any card is named. NO RESTRICTIONS. Spectators opens a box in full view and finds a deck of cards with a note. The note says the named card is (for example) 17 from the top. The person counts down 17 cards and finds the card just named. Magician never touches the deck or note.

**Improved Baby Gag:** The old Baby Gag on steroids, and how to make it. New expanded routine with new topical jokes. For a climax, the named person's adult photo is found in the envelope. NO PRESHOW work.

**Around the Square:** A greatly improved version of Squarcle without the angle problems. You will love this new version. A square is cut out of a newspaper, the cut out hole turns out to be a circle. New Method and includes a comedy prediction where magician appears to be wrong but is correct.

**Salt to Bulb:** Go into any home and ask someone to remove a light bulb from a burning lamp. You place the bulb into a paper bag and vanish an entire shaker of salt. The bulb is removed (bag shown empty) and the bulb is full of salt. You can also do Milk In Bulb without any expensive props.

**Random Thoughts:** A newspaper is torn into 16 pieces. Any number chosen and counted down to. The piece at that position is given to a person who freely chooses a word from EITHER SIDE. That word is found in an envelope that has been in full view the entire time. No Secret writing. A NEW METHOD that is Easy to Learn.

**Predictionary:** How to do this marketed effect and make it up for pennies. A person calls out any word. That word is found to be the only circled word in a dictionary. No nail writer. New Method.

**PAINT SURPRISE:** Another marketed effect explained so you can make it up for a few dollars. A borrowed ring ends up inside a spray paint can. It is sprayed out where it visibly changes back into a ring. NO ACTUAL paint is used. Extremely Baffling

**Outta Sight:** Devin's version of the Toss Out Deck. With this version the deck is examined and shuffle. Three people each peek at a card and the performer tells each person something about the chosen card finally revealing all three cards. This fooled almost every magician who saw it.

**FarSight:** A real magician fooler. Reveal a freely chosen card from 20 feet away without touching the cards at any time. Devin's most famous effect that stunned magicians worldwide. Fully explained.

**Chess Gambit:** A spectator removes any chess piece from a chessboard and hides it in a bag. A chess book previously given to an audience member to circle a chess piece (prior to the show) is brought onstage. The piece the spectator circled is the same piece that the first participant put into the bag. A real show stopper that is 100% hands off!