



Society of Memphis Magicians



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Involvement, Benefits, & Membership

John Campbell, President

As I discussed at the January meeting, this year, I want to increase three things, represented by the initials I.B.M.: Involvement, Benefits, and Membership. To increase involvement, I hope we can start a phone tree, increase the number of front tables, and also the number of mastery awards. Grayson and Bill have graciously agreed to assist with the phone tree, and I would welcome anyone else to participate. It's a great way to keep in touch with your fellow members.

John Williams, aka Johnny Magic, had the wonderful suggestion of a Jim Surprise award for best front table performance during the year. I would like to get the club's comments about such an award. I agree with Johnny that it would be a great way to pay tribute to Jim, who was an amazing teacher and always more than generous with his time. It would also be a terrific way to encourage higher quantity and quality of front tables.

To increase benefits, I hope we can get a second monthly meeting started just for magic jamming and workshopping. This would be a more informal, hands on, and interactive session that I see being scheduled for a weekend, which should serve an additional purpose of allowing those who have a hard time making meetings during weeknights to attend. If anyone has ideas for a venue, please let me know. I also plan to schedule, in the next few months, a day in which we can record video performances of our club members before a live audience. Everyone will get a copy of their video. Edited versions will be placed on the club website.

Finally, to increase membership, I hope we will be able to increase our exposure this year. We can do this at events such as the Botanic Garden Easter Egg Hunt, and also at community events such as the Germantown

or Cooper Young festivals, though we will need high club participation and involvement to make these events successful. I think they would be a tremendous amount of fun.

This year has gotten off to a great start and I think we have some strong momentum behind us. If anyone has any ideas as to how to improve what we're doing, please let me or one of the other officers know.



Jon Themaine's Close-Up Mental Act

Bill Canada, Vice-President

It has been awhile since I offered a review of a Magic Product. For this month's newsletter, I would like to submit a review of Jon Tremaine's Close-Up Mental Act. There are 14 mentalism routines performed and explained on this video/dvd from L&L Publishing. Mr. Tremaine performs each effect in front of an audience, then after each one, goes into a full explanation of the effect he had just performed. Included in the 14 routines, Mr. Tremaine does a Q and A act for a parlor audience; an excellent version of Hen Fetsch's classic 'Symbolic'; and a nice version of the Classic Card Clock effect, with a nice twist. There is a lot of talk right now in the magic community about a new book called 'Best of All Worlds', which is about Paul Curry's classic, Out of This World. There are a lot of contributors to this book. Mr. Tremaine includes a really good version of Out of This World on this video/dvd Close-Up Mental Act. In fact, this is my favorite version of this classic. I believe if you are looking for nice Mental Routines, you can't go wrong with this product. I hope this review has given you some ideas if you are looking for some good Mentalism to add to your repertoire. If you have this already, or in the future if you purchase this, let me know your thoughts on Jon Tremaine, and his Mentalism.



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January Open Magic

Scribe - Bill Canaday / Photos - Grayson Smith

Nathan Colwell with help from assistant Johnny Magic performed a nice card routine from Joshua Jay called Overlap Center Dealing.



Nathan Colwell

Johnny Magic performed next with Eugene Burger's version of Roy Walton's Card Warp.



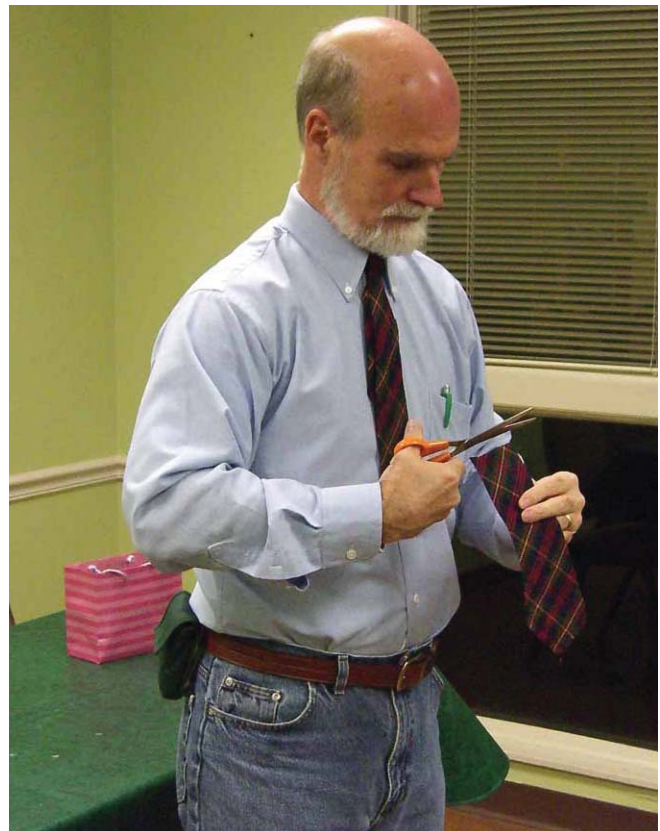
Johnny Williams

Amazing Grayson, Grayson Smith, followed Johnny with a cut and restored neck tie. Good job Grayson as always.

Bill Thompson was up next as he performed a good rope routine from Whit Hayden. Johnny Magic (aka Johnny Williams) assisted Bill with this routine.



Bill Thompson



Grayson (Amazing Grayson) Smith

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January Open Magic (continued)

Grayson then performed a nice prediction effect with help from Marguerite LeClaire, whose chosen card was the only one with a mark on it. Bill Canaday, with help from Martin Seiler performed Max Maven's Shape Up. Johnny Magic assisted Bill and Martin in this routine as well. Next, Martin Seiler demonstrated his technique, a good one I might add, of Cold Reading. He had help from members Joey Montesi and Bill Canaday. Guest Rocky Yarborough performed next assisted by Johnny Magic as he performed Ex-Wife's Coin in Hand. Following Rocky, Mike Rice performed Ring on a Rope with help from Johnny Magic. Mike Rice then performed a nice routine using a Change Cap with help from Nathan Colwell.



January Business Meeting

John Sorrell, Secretary

Old Business:

Lectures - Alan Sands - Waiting to hear dates, Phil Cass - Thursday, Feb 18th, Tom Craven planning tour, Devin Knight planning tour.

New Business:

John Campbell explained his thoughts for 2010:

I - Involvement

- Phone Tree, Front Tables, Facebook ?
- Mastery Awards (see website)
- Provide Encouragement

B - Benefits

- Jam Sessions/Workshops
- Video Workshop
- IBM offers Free personal website

M - Membership

- Bring a Friend
- Increase Exposure
- Festivals (Cooper Young/Germantown)
- Business Cards with Club Info
- Memphis House Magic (~House concerts)
- Invite Top-Notch Performers



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 3rd

The Memphis Botanic Gardens allows us to meet at their wonderful facility for FREE each month. The room is great, the parking is great, the location is great. All they ask in return is that we provide some entertainment during their annual Easter Egg Hunt. The 2009 hunt hours were 12:45 - 4pm. Plan on the 2010 hours being the same. We need balloon twisters, walk-around (cards, coins, silks, rubberbands, you fill in the blank.), mentalists, whatever type of magic you prefer. You don't have to work the entire day but please make plans to help out. You can bring your family - just tell the ticket taker that you're with the magicians and you won't have to pay admission. Parking is a premium so you might want to get there a bit early.

Let's plan to show the Botanic Gardens our appreciation for their generous hospitality.

Ring 16 2010 Magic Calendar

Monthly Meetings Held at:
Memphis Botanic Gardens

February Meeting
Monday, February 15th - 7pm
Theme - Money Magic

Phil Cass Lecture
Thursday, February 18th - 7pm
3910 Stuart Road - 13th Floor

March Meeting
Monday, March 15th - 7pm
Theme - Magic to Music

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 3rd - 1pm
Memphis Botanic Gardens

April Meeting
Monday, April 19th - 7pm
Theme - Con Games / Games of Chance

May Meeting
Monday, May 17th - 7pm
Theme - Ring Magic - Rope Magic
Ring on Rope Magic

June Meeting
Monday, June 21st - 7pm
Theme - Tricks with Crazy Cool Gimmicks

July Meeting
Monday, July 26th - 7pm (4th Monday)
Theme - Annual Magic Auction

August Meeting
Monday, August 23rd - 7pm (4th Monday)
Theme - Storytelling Magic - Comedy Magic

September Meeting
Monday, September 20th - 7pm
Theme - Mental Magic

October Meeting
Monday, October 18th - 7pm
Theme - Scary Magic

November Meeting
Monday, November 15th - 7pm
Theme - SMMURFFF Contest



Newsletter Requests for 2010

John Sorrell

Magic Bios (tell us about your magical history - let me know if you need a sample format)

Book Reviews (Good & Bad)

DVD Reviews (Good & Bad)

Convention Reviews

Lecture Reviews

Magic Show Reviews (Vegas, Branson, etc.)

Magic Routines You've Developed



IBM Ring 16 Magic Calendar

John Sorrell

I have created a public calendar using Google Calendar. I'll post the address in the email I send you with this newsletter. You can click on the link in the email to view the calendar. Once you are viewing the calendar, you can save it to your favorites, etc.

I'll add convention info and your public shows, etc. Just email me the details to add to the calendar.

Use the calendar anytime to check Magic Events in Memphis.

This can be another item to inform the membership and increase the club exposure in the community and will fit in with President Campbell's Involvement, Benefits & Membership for 2010.

