



Society of Memphis Magicians



International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 16
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From the President

John Campbell, President

I, along with I'm sure all of you, watched in shock, horror, and sadness this month as Nashville, and many other communities around Tennessee, some even around Memphis, were flooded beyond any hope of salvage. It was a truly awful sight looking at the pictures of the Opryland Hotel, where my family and I attended the IBM convention just last summer, deserted and filled with water reaching over the door arches of the ground floor. Thousands lost their homes and their most cherished possessions. Some even lost their lives. Not since Hurricane Katrina have we seen a major American city suffer so severely in a natural catastrophe.

This month, I write in hopes that you will all find time, money, or both to contribute to the cause of helping our neighbors restore their lives. I will update everyone on the status of Ring 37, the Nashville ring, at our upcoming meeting. In the meantime, I hope you will keep those who have lost so much in this tragedy in your thoughts and prayers.



May Ring 16 Meeting
Monday, May 17th
Memphis Botanic Gardens
May Theme:
Ring Magic - Rope Magic
Ring on Rope Magic

Dan Harlan Lecture
Friday, June 18th
7:30 PM

Magic Memories

Bill Canaday, Vice-President

Fellow Ring 16 Members: At our last meeting, guests David Gould and Bob Tutt mentioned some of their memories of going to The Fun Shop when it was downtown, at 123 Union Avenue. The stories they shared during and after our meeting reminded me of when I first started magic, in the spring of 1972, when my Dad got my brother and I involved in magic. Going to the Fun Shop then, downtown, and later at Poplar Plaza, reminds me of Classics, such as Cups and Balls, Invisible Deck, Deland Deck, Color Vision Box, and the Penetration Frame, just to name a few. Having Richard Oakley, Louis Anderton, his brother Walter, and Larry show us these Classics, as well as any new effects, gave my brother and me something extra to look forward to each weekend. We would go to the Fun Shop with my Dad, spend a lot of time there, then grab something to eat, and go home, practice all weekend, and do the same thing the next weekend. We even got to perform some shows for family and friends. Magic, Mentalism, and other areas of our craft are still a lot of fun; however, like David and Bob said, those were the days. We are still fortunate to have Doug and Matt provide us a place to go by, and discuss magic; some cities don't have magic shops anymore. There is something about going by a shop, talking about the latest magic, and even discussing effects of the past. To me, that is a positive thing to be a part of. If you can, on May 16th, a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon would be to go see Jimmy Dixon and company at the Hernando, MS VFW. I went last year, and I can say it is well worth it. I said then, and I still believe, a show like Jimmy's makes us realize why we started doing magic. You will have a good time. See you at our May meeting.



July & August Meetings
4th Mondays

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HEALING OF MAGIC



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April Business Meeting

John Sorrell, Secretary

Old Business:

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

New Business:

- About.com has article with Margarete LeClaire
- Devin Knight - Lecture - Coletta's
- Voted to book Dan Harlan \$300 flat, no hotel
- Voted to pass up Rzy Zaltsman lecture
- Scott Wells posting daily FFFF updates on web at www.magicnewswire.com
- Voted to increase lecture fees to \$20 for members and \$35 for non-members in order to relieve drain on club treasury
- Don Lefkowitz gave update on Healing of Magic. Volunteers need to fill out Baptist Volunteer application, attend a short orientation, have a TB skin test performed.
- Grayson gave thanks from Botanic Gardens for our assistance with the Easter Egg Hunt. 17 members of the ring were in attendance. Contact Grayson if you can perform strolling magic for Mother's Day
- Tim Grant has donated hotel points for a future lecture (thereby saving the club around \$100)
- Turn in membership info form to John Sorrell
- Mike Rice is recuperating nicely from heart surgery

- Jimmy Dixon to perform at Hernando VFW on May 16th

- Welcomed visitors David Gould & Bob Tutt



April Meeting Open Magic

Bill Canaday - Scribe, Grayson Smith - Photos

First up, Ammar Ammar assisted by Jimmy Ichihana had an excellent version of the Three Shell Game, believe it or not using a spear. Nathan was next, has his assistant Mike Speros put down a \$100 dollar bill as Nathan performed Geoff Williams the Omega Bet. Nice job Nathan. Bentley Burns followed and he had help from Nathan, Ammar Ammar and Jimmy Ichihana as he performed A Sucker is Born Every Minute. Coin magician Rocky Yarborough was next performing an excellent version of David Roth's Stonehenge. Excellent job Rocky. Bentley Burns assisted Tim Grant as he treated us to a nice version of Three Card Monte. Ring 16 President, John Campbell, followed with a nice version of Beat the Devil from Darwin Ortiz. Don Lefkowitz performed next with help from Nathan doing a nice mentalism routine, The Turning Stone. Nick Toombs showed us an excellent stage routine called Shame on You. Grayson Smith, aka Dr. Nobell Ringer, concluded our performances tonight with help from Rocky Yarborough with a nice routine from the latest Linking Ring. Bill Canaday, one of the ring's resident mentalists, took a break from the music and performed the Triple Impact Card Routine.

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April Open Magic continued

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.

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