



Society of Memphis Magicians



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A Few Words from the President

Jeff Day - President

Magic Is Fleeting – Ask “Harry The Hat”

I remember tuning in to Saturday Night Live on February 9, 1985 and watching Harry Anderson (aka Harry The Hat) do a trick that concluded with him ‘eating’ a live guinea pig on live TV. The phones lit up! He never brought the live guinea pig back, which is contrary to what most magicians are taught. But that’s what Harry was all about. He was right up there with the duo known as Penn & Teller. I know that many magicians after that began using that type of character that Harry started, but they never really got their version across as well as Harry did. Most of them turned out a mediocre to close second to the original.

Harry had a way about him. He had an inviting smile that made you trust him until he swindled you out of a few bucks, or let you walk away without your wristwatch.

Harry Anderson will be missed greatly, not just by magicians, but by everyone who saw him in person or on TV. I will leave you with the last paragraph of an obituary I found that says it all.

“At the conclusion of the Monarch Monte routine in Anderson’s old stage show, he would say, “I gave this game a lot of thought over the years since I saw it the first time. I wondered why in the hell do the marks keep running to play a game they haven’t beaten in over 5,000 years? All I could conclude was it was so damn

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Notes from the VP

Bill Canaday - Vice-President

Thanks to all who helped the Botanic Gardens’ Easter Egg Hunt another success! Great weather and turnout! Speaking of great turnouts, we had a great turnout at our April meeting; plenty of guests, and members who have not been to a meeting in awhile: Julian and his family, Mike Blumenthal, and Ronnie Rucker. Just a week after our April meeting, we had a really good turnout for what is one of our best lectures: Christian and Katalina. They are the #1 Comedy Mind-Reading Act, and there Magic, and Mentalism was very doable and practical for all skill levels. We have tried to get them here for awhile, and it was very much worth the wait. They also were very nice and gracious; it was a pleasure to have them here, and thanks to all who came to this lecture. Hope you have a great week, and we are looking forward to seeing you at our May meeting!.

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Ring 16 May Meeting

**Tuesday May 1st - 7pm
Memphis Botanic Garden
Theme: Magic Using a Volunteer
... and Mentalism**

Upcoming Lectures

**Tom Vorohajan - August 17
Greg Wilson - Monday, October 1**

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simple it was irresistible. ... And it isn't really the cards you're up against. It's the man who shuffles those pasteboards. He's the one you've got to keep your eye on." The real Harry Anderson was private, someone most of us never knew. Harry Anderson wasn't Harry the Hat. He told us as much. But like a great hustler, he knew we wouldn't want to believe it."



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April 3rd Business Meeting

John Sorrell

- Lectures: Christian & Katalina Tuesday, April 10
- Bernardo Sedlacek Brazil - email info
- wants August or other
- Tom Vorohajan - August 17
- Greg Wilson - Monday, October 1
- Larry DuFrene - Treasurer's Report - \$5,359.16
- Discussion - Possible discounts for Ring members (lectures, etc.)
- Visitors - Drew & Parker Black, Mike Blumenthal, The Marvel Magicians, Don & Ashton
- Jeff Day - Fontaine House - Speakeasy event gig
- Nick Toombs - Recent Comedy Hyponsis Shows

April Open Magic Photos

Grayson Smith & Larry DuFrene



