



Society of Memphis Magicians



International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 16
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A Few Words from the President

Jeff Day - President

I.B.M. Membership History

The first issue of The Linking Ring occurred in 1922, when the International Brotherhood of Magicians began in Canada.



The issue that I have from 1927 shows some fascinating facts. Did you know that dues were \$2.50 back then, and their motto that year was “2,500 in 1928”? Today there are over 13,000 members worldwide.

The following are the officers from 1927; see if you know any of these names.

- President: **W. W. Durbin**
- Secretary: **Ernest K. Schieldge**
- Asst. Secretary: **Leslie P. Guest**
- First Vice-President: **Harry Blackstone**
- Second Vice-President: **Howard Thurston**
- Third Vice-President: **F. E. Powell (Dean)**
- Publicity Dir.: **W. C. Dornfield**
- Legal Adviser: **Francis W. Durbin**

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Notes from the VP

Bill Canaday - Vice-President

We have had some fantastic lectures this year. Be sure to join us on October 9th at Germantown Presbyterian Church for Gregory Wilson. He is doing better since his heart attack earlier this year, and is looking forward to visiting us in a couple of weeks. It is hard to believe that it has been over 7 years since he was here last. Halloween is coming soon, and it is also considered World Magic Day, so enjoy October 31st in a fun and safe way. Looking forward to seeing you at our October meeting next week, and don't forget our Annual SMMURFFF competition is in November. Until next week, take care!



Ring 16 October Meeting
Tuesday October 2nd - 7pm
Memphis Botanic Garden
Theme: Halloween/Spooky Magic ...
and Mentalism

Upcoming Lectures
Greg Wilson - Tuesday, October 9
John Mendoza - Sunday, October 21

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One of the Chairmen: **T. Nelson Downs**
One of the IBM Representatives: **Ottokar Fischer**

Yes, there are probably a few familiar names there. And yes, the dues have gone up since then. Here's a short article regarding dues from 1927.

"Here is the new provision of the constitution: Each member shall pay annual dues of \$2.50 per year, which shall include subscription to The Linking Ring for one year. Any member who is six months in arrears shall automatically forfeit his membership and shall be subject to reinstatement upon payment of all back dues. We are glad to report that there are not many who have not paid up their dues, but if you are one who has not paid his or her dues, then it is up to you to get busy now. Remember there is no other alternative, if you are in arrears for dues for six months or more, you automatically forfeit your membership. Please keep this mind and attend to it NOW."

They didn't mince words back then. And, if you are interested in becoming a member of this historically important magic organization, please contact one of our officers and we can tell you what you need to do to go about becoming a member. If you are member, please make sure that you remain an active member by paying your dues each year. One of the perks of being a member is that you get special discounts on convention prices, and the new membership cards are pretty cool!

If you have any questions about membership, please bring your questions to the next Ring 16 meeting on October 2nd, at the Memphis Botanic Garden 7:00 – 9:00pm. See you there !



Sept. 4th Business Meeting

John Sorrell

- Lectures: Ben Blau, Tom Vorjohan recently
Greg Wilson - Tuesday, October 9th, GPC
John Mendoza - Sunday, October 21 - 2pm -
Mike Speros
- Doug Green - Recently saw Doc Eason who said to tell Ring 16 hi.
- Larry DuFrene - Gave Treasurer's report.
- Delta Fair this week - Lady Houdini performing daily.
- Larry Clark recently has two public shows.
- Grayson Smith - Paul Frankel recognition for 20 years of publishing magazine about 3 Cushion Billiards
- Jeff Day - Performing at Fontaine House Haunted Happenings October 27 and for Yuletide Christmas Event. Also Magic of 1800s October 19th & 26th.
- Grayson Smith - Memphis Symphony Christmas show features magic. He is working on getting the Ring to perform walkaround magic.
- Grayson/Jeff - Performing at Dickson Gallery October 20th.
- Grayson - working Botanic Gardens Food Truck Wednesdays.
- Guests: Brad, friend of Doug Green - Frank Chin
- Discussed new IBM President Michael Finney's desire to visit local rings to lecture and discuss promoting the IBM.



September Open Magic Photos

Grayson Smith & Larry DuFrene

