



# Society of Memphis Magicians

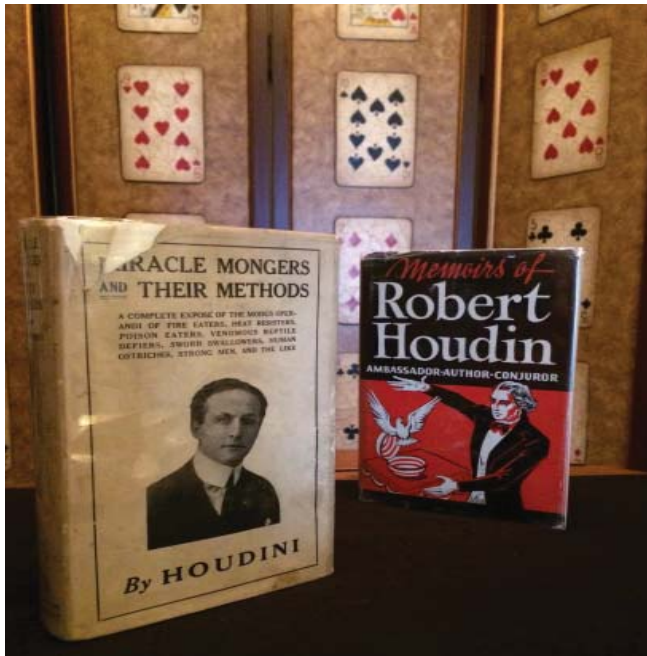


International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 16  
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## A Few Words from the President

*Jeff Day - President*

“This month we celebrated the birth of one of magic’s greatest entertainers and one of the best escape artists the world is ever seen. Moreover, he was a showman as well as a self promoter. As most of us know Eric Weiss took his name, Harry Houdini, from the French clockmaker and magician, Jean Eugene Robert-Houdin. Houdini was born during the beginnings of the golden age of magic.



His contemporaries included magicians like Harry Keller, Bautia deKolta, Alexander Herman, and Howard Thurston. They have molded and shaped magicians that we see today. It makes me wonder what our future magicians will look like based on the magicians that are performing today. Some of the tricks that are being performed today, in

## Notes from the VP

*Bill Canaday - Vice-President*

We have had some great lectures over the years. I hope to have that same response this year. We have already booked Ken Dyne, Mentalist, for June 4th. We plan on this being an afternoon lecture, which we hope is maybe more convenient. We will have more lectures to propose to you at our meeting next week, and hope you will find interest in these. Onward to April 15th; this is Easter Saturday, and it is also time again for the Annual Memphis Botanic Gardens’ Easter Egg Hunt. We have always been grateful to Grayson and everyone at the Botanic Gardens for letting us use their rooms for our meetings and sometimes, lectures. All they ask is for us to help them at this event. It is always a major event, and all of you make it even better; hope you can make it this year. A special thanks also to Jeff Day, and everyone who participates in our Magic Jam Sessions. Looking forward to seeing you next week!

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### Ring 16 April Meeting

**Tuesday April 4 - 7pm**  
**Memphis Botanic Garden**  
**Theme:**  
**Mentalism or Escapes**

### Botanic Garden’s Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday April 15 - 1-4pm**  
**Memphis Botanic Garden**  
**Contact Grayson Smith to Help**

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my opinion (and it is only my opinion) that they are the “trick of the week”, and there is nothing classic about them. Some of the tricks that were performed back in the 19 century are still around today. And, of course, I’m sure that some aren’t. However, these tricks that are called classics are called classics for a reason. Look around the magic community today and online and see what tricks you find out there that are not just cool tricks, but tricks that will probably last for generations. You might be surprised that you won’t find too many. The ones that probably will become classics are ones that you will want in your magical arsenal, for sure. So, next time you’re trolling around the online magic shops be patient and take your time and don’t do any impulsive buying. That’s how we wind up with closets full of magic tricks that we will never ever use. Good hunting!”

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## March Business Meeting

*John Sorrell*

- \* Lectures Discussed:
  - Ken Dyne - Sunday, June 4
- \* Treasurer’s Report Given
- \* Jeff Day - Working Germantown Animal Shelter Silent Auction and Dyersburg Library Show
- \* Grayson Smith - Working Kirby Pines Retirement Center
- \* Botanic Gardens Easter Egg Hunt 4/15
- \* Larry Clark had two public shows
- \* Nick Toombs Comedy Hypnosis Mid Town Crossing and in Jonesboro
- \* Magic Jams March 13, Germantown Pres Church, 6:30-9 every other Monday
- \* 2nd Card Throwing Contest with held
- \* Visitors - Tyler Oliver & Sumner Buck

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## Nathan Kranzo Lecture Pictures

*Grayson Smith*



# March Open Magic

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