



Society of Memphis Magicians

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A Few Words from the President

Jeffrey Day - President

Edward Victor (1887 – April 1964)

There are many names in magic that we all know. Houdini, Blackstone, Thurston, Henning, Vernon, and Copperfield. And, there are many names in the magic world that most are unaware of, such as Oswald Rae, James Wakefield, W.G. Graigen, and Edward Victor. The latter, E. Victor, was an important figure from Great Britain who was an early member of England's Magic Circle and was promoted to the Inner Magic Circle. For over 30 years he was president of the Merlin Magical Society. If you are familiar with "Blackpool" and the gathering that happens annually, Edward Victor was the Blackpool Magician's club's first Honorary Life President. Edward Victor, whose given name was Edward Neuschwander, played the top variety theaters in Europe and South Africa and was actually seen on television, including the TV show "What's My Line?", which he was quickly recognized. Search YouTube for this game show if you were born after 1970.

He wrote several books, including a series of three books called, "Magic of the Hand" (1937), "More Magic of the Hands" (1938), and "Further Magic of the Hands" (1946). These books have been republished by Richard Kaufman in 1995 under the title, "The Magic of the Hands Trilogy". If you are lucky enough to find this book, it will be worth making it part of your magic collection. The effects therein are most certainly hidden gems. Very early in his career, Victor took up Shadowgraphy. You can go online and check out actual footage of Victor performing a some shadow figures.

Edward Victor is someone you should check out the next time you are looking for a good book that is all about sleight-of-hand.

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Notes from the VP

Bill Canaday—Vice President

Fellow Ring 16 Members: Thanks to everyone that came out to see a great Lecture recently with Bill Wisch. Again, we had a great turnout, and he is a Legend, being the only student of Slydini that Slydini himself put into writing that Mr. Wisch was allowed to lecture his material. Bill really gave us a fine lecture, and not mention, his son Kevin was with him, and he was nice, just like his Dad. The Magic and Mentalism that Mr. Wisch shared were all very top notch, and so were the many stories he told of not only Slydini, also J.B. Bobo, Karl Fulves and others. A great night for all of us. Don't forget to check out Bill Wisch's YouTube Channel! Onward to this Monday night, we welcome back to Memphis Dan Fleshman; this will also be a great lecture. the next night is our final regular meeting of the year. My how time flies! Good luck to all who will be participating in our Annual SMMURFFF Competition! That will be our final regular meeting for this year, and as always a special thanks and appreciation from all of us to Grayson Smith, and Zack, and everyone at The Botanic Gardens for allowing us to meet at their great place this year, and every year. We still have more fun to end our year, as the first Tuesday in December, we will have our annual Holiday/ Christmas Party at Coletta's Italian Restaurant, at their Appling location. On another note, I saw Johnny Magic, and he sends his best to everyone! I hope all of you had a great October, World Magic Day, and Halloween! See you next week!

- Bill Canaday ♦♣♥♠

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**"The Rule of the Sleight-of-Hand Artist
Are Three, and all others are vain;
The first and the second are "Practice",
And the third one is "Practice Again". ♦♣♥♠**



RING 16 NOVEMBER MEETING

Tuesday November 5th - 7pm

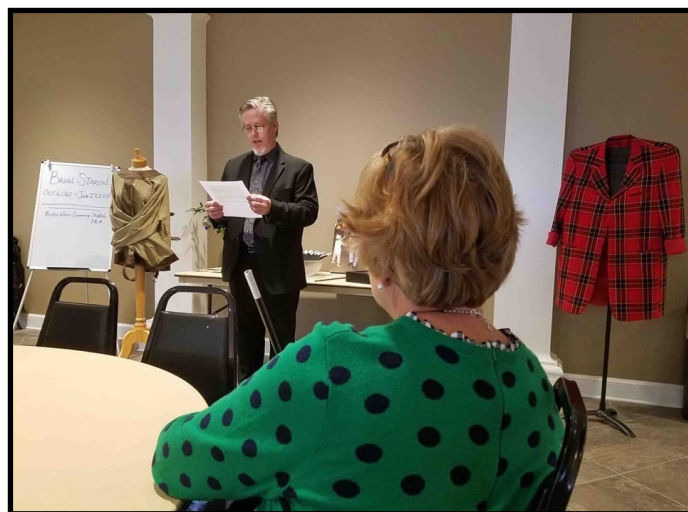
Memphis Botanic Garden

SMMURFFF Magic

.... and MENTALISM !

Brian Steron's Broken Wand Ceremony

On Saturday, October 26th RING16 hosted a Broken Wand Ceremony for fellow magician, and friend, BRIAN STARON. This is a very moving ceremony that was created by The I.B.M. many years ago. Carol, Brian's wife, and her son Casey and his wife Carly drove down from Bowling Green, KY to take part in this ceremony and to honor the life of Brian. They brought some of his props and one of his performance costumes, as well as his straight jacket. The magic you shared will never be forgotten. We will miss you greatly, Brian!



October Business Meeting - Kathy Kalagias, Secretary

The October Ring 16 meeting had a great turnout! Our president, Jeffrey Day, led the meeting. Our Treasurer gave us a financial report. We also discussed upcoming lectures such as Bill Wisch, and Dan Fleshman. Bill Canaday confirmed up our December meeting. It is scheduled for December 3rd at Colettas!

Larry Hass taught a class at Rhodes College called "The Art of Magic" for three Tuesdays in September. Chris Wetzel attended and gave us a report on how the class was. Many of us attended "A Magical Life: An Evening with Larry Hass." It was a great show! Don Berry did magic during a High School Reunion. Paul Frankel performed magic in Boston at a Billiard Event. Grayson Smith performs regularly for the VA Hospital.

We had several guests, Stephen and Drew Steel were at Jeff's Magic Basement Show.

The nominating committee announce the slate of officers for 2020 by Grayson Smith doing a card trick with our guest Drew to reveal the names of the upcoming officers.

President - Bill Canaday

Vice President - Mike Waits

Secretary - Kathy Kalagias

Treasurer - Don Berry

Ring Reporter - Jeffrey Day

Upcoming performances include...

Jeffrey Day will be performing closeup this month at Ridgeway Country Club for members during Family Night. Jeff will also be at Mollie Fontaine's Lounge on October 19th to perform close up magic during Velvetina Taylor's Sold Out "Blood Moon Revue." Jeffrey Day and Kathy Kalagias will be at the Woodruff-Fontaine House for their Haunted Happenings: A Victorian Carnival event on October 25th.

Penn & Teller will be back at the Orpheum on October 18th.

Grayson Smith and Jeffrey Day will be performing in December at Sysco's Holiday Party.

For this monthly meeting of Ring16, the theme was Mystery Grab Bags...and Mentalism.

Jeffrey Day brought brown paper sacks that were numbered. Each person present, who wanted to participate, chose a card and was given the bag number that matched the card. After looking at what was in your bag, you were given 20 minutes to come up with a trick using the items inside your bag. This is a great exercise in being able to do magic with stuff you may find to do impromptu tricks. Jeff did his Two Ring Routine while we were waiting.

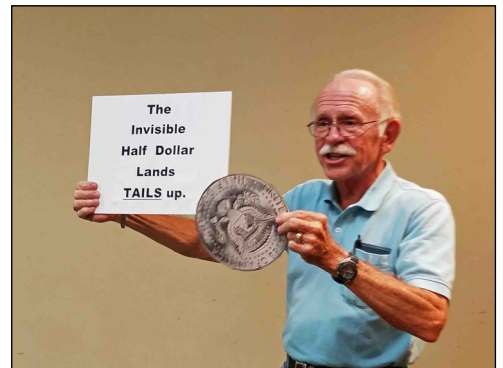
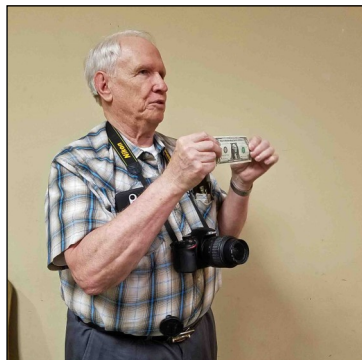
1. The Amazing Grayson chose card #1, so he got to go first, he did a cups and balls routine with what was inside his grab bag.
2. Rocky Yarbrough did a trick using an empty bag.
3. Chris Wetzel had a deck of cards in his bag.
4. Our guest Drew received a bag with a coin, so he did a coin trick.
5. Dr. Jon Stanford found a rope and scissors in his bag, so he did a rope trick.
6. Don Berry had to come up with a trick using paper clips, a playing card, and a dollar bill.
7. Bill Canaday had to perform with 4 half dollars.
8. Mike Waits did a matrix routine with 4 di and 2 magic magazines.
9. Paul Frankel used corks to come up with a trick.
10. Jeffrey Day showed us magic tricks with toothpicks.
11. Richard Hiller did magic with a thumb tip.

After the grab bag magic, Jeff had our guest Drew assist him with a trick. Each card had a different magic poster on the back. It was a kaleidoscope deck. Then Rocky showed us a great coin trick he does using magician's choice. Larry DuFrene did a trick with a dollar bill with the help of Rocky and Richard. Jeff concluded the night's magic by doing the Bedford Asylum trick with Drew.

Looking forward to more magic at next month's meeting. If you are in the Memphis area during the first Tuesday of the month, we would love for you to join us. If you want, bring some magic and show us a trick or two. We love to have visitors!♦♣♥♠

OCTOBER MAGIC PHOTOS

Grayson Smith & Larry DuFrene



The Bill Wisch Lecture was held on October 22nd!

