



Society of Memphis Magicians



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

Jeff Day - President

Magic & Reformation BOO !

I have heard people, as long as I've been studying magic, say things like "you must be the devil", or "what kind of cult are you in". I'm sure you might have experienced the same type of thing. But in a few days, October 31st will be upon us. Halloween. Also, on this day, October 31 back in 1517, the millions around the world will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Martin Luther published 95 criticisms of the Catholic Church practice of selling Indulgences to members of the congregation to help loved ones who have passed on get out of purgatory. That's right. It was like a "get out of hell free card". Although he intended to reform Catholicism, not break it apart, he accomplished both. On the anniversary of his act of conscientious defiance, it is important to review how that moment changed the world religiously, economically, politically, socially, and intellectually. The upheaval stretched into every fabric of society, exceeding anything Martin Luther could anticipate.

Magicians all over the world have made some people change the way they think about the world, and how it "operates". Those of us in the know, obviously will not be trying to set them straight on "how" an objects floats, or a card change into another. We like to leave them wondering. I hope that we magicians continue to spread wonder and awe at something as simple as changing objects or levitating something as simple as a lifesaver mint. Go out on Halloween and make someone experience something wonderful. Happy Halloween !



Notes from the VP

Bill Canaday - Vice-President

It has been another good year for us, even though we have lost some of our friends this year. I hope this newsletter finds you and yours well. We have our Annual Christmas/Holiday Party booked for Dec. 5th at Coletta's on Appling. This is always a lot of fun! Next week, we are looking forward to seeing you at our Annual SMMURFFF competition, and elections for our 2018 officers. I did see Alan Uunderwood; he looks good, and is making good progress, and he sends his best to all of us. Happy Halloween, and World Magic Day, which also marks the 91st anniversary of the death of Harry Houdini, in 1926 in Detroit, Michigan. See you next week for our November meeting.



Ring 16 November Meeting
Tuesday November 7th - 7pm
Memphis Botanic Garden
Theme: SMMURFFF - Elections

October Business Meeting

John Sorrell

October 3rd, 2017

- * Lectures - No upcoming lectures
 - Devin Knight lecture had good report
- * Lecture Venue - GPC is remodeling the room we've been using.
- * Jeff Day in Opera Memphis' production of La Traviata October 13-14 @ GPAC.
- * Jeff Day & Kathy Kalagias are performing at Haunted Happenings, October 27th for two shows at The Fontaine House's Haunted Happenings.
- * Jeff Day has been asked to be the magician in residence for the Woodruff-Fontaine House for future events.
- * The magic world has lost Eugene Burger and Rachel Columbini. Both were friends of Ring 16 and their lectures were well received.
- * Our thoughts go to Larry Hass in the passing of his father.
- * The annual Ring 16 Holiday Party will be held at Coletta's on Appling on Tuesday, Dec 5th.
- * Next month is SMMURFFF and 2018 Elections.
- * Herb Gould reported on a good 'hot' car show recently at Sam's Town.
- * Nick Toombs and his crew are performing at the Memphis Zoo's Zoo Boo for 8 nights this month from the 20th to the 31st (check the zoo website for exact dates).
- * Martin Seiler gave a treasurer's report.
- * Grayson Smith presented the nominating committee's slate of proposed 2018 officers. Other candidates can be presented during the elections next month:
 - President: Jeff Day
 - Vice President: Bill Canaday
 - Treasurer: Larry DuFrene
 - Secretary: John Sorrell

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2018 Nominating Committee

Grayson Smith



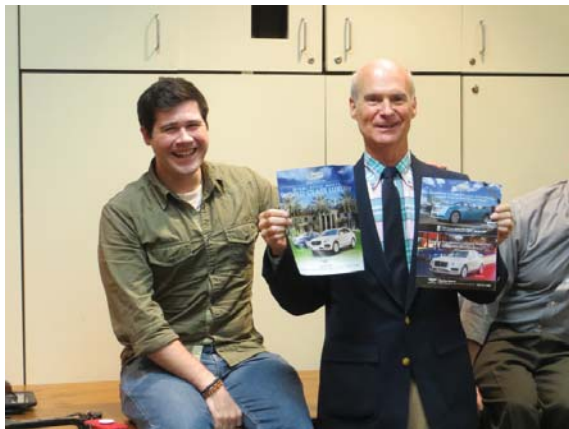
Fontaine House - Haunted Happenings

Jeff Day & Kathy Kalagias



October Open Magic

Grayson Smith - John Sorrell



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	<p>November Meeting</p> <p>When: Tuesday, November 7th - 7pm Where: Memphis Botanic Garden Theme: SHMURFFF - Elections</p>	<p>December Meeting</p> <p>When: Tuesday, December 5th - 6pm Where: Coletta's - Bartlett Theme: Annual Holiday Party</p>
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