



Society of Memphis Magicians

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A Few Words from the President

Jeff Day - President

Houdini Lives On



Harry Houdini

(Erich Weiss, March 24, 1874 – October 31, 1926)

There are few magicians that have captured the public's imagination more than Harry Houdini. You can name many magicians (that we magicians know) to an audience, and most don't know who you're talking about. But when you say Houdini, heads nod up and down. This is the month when the great escape artist was born in Budapest, Hungary and transported by steamer to the United States as a baby. His family eventually made their way to Appleton, Wisconsin. That Midwest town became his adopted home. From there, he became one of the most revered entertainers the world has known. I hope, as a magician, that you have learned at least one escape. Magic tricks are our craft, sure. However, consider adding something like a

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Notes from the VP

Bill Canaday - Vice-President

As we get ready for our March meeting, and Spring is just around the corner, don't forget that we have Chris Rawlins coming in March for our first lecture this year. Chris is a well known Mentalist, and he has e-Mailed me, and said he is really looking forward to visiting us. Onward to April, Christian and Katalina will be here, and they have a weekly mentalism show in Indianapolis called Mind Tripping. Again, Christian has let me know that he and Katalina are looking forward to being here! You can see some of their work at Reel Magic, run by Kozmo. Jeff will bring this up at our meeting next week, however, don't forget that on Saturday, March 31st, the Botanic Gardens will host their Annual Easter Egg Hunt event. This is always a lot of fun, and it gives us a chance to perform and do something in return for all that they and Grayson have done for us over time. A lot going on for us, and we hope to see you at these! Hope all is well; see you next week!

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Ring 16 March Meeting

Tuesday March 6th - 7pm
Memphis Botanic Garden
Theme: Escapes & Mentalism

Upcoming Lectures

Chris Rawlins - Friday, March 23rd
Christian & Katalina - Tuesday, April 10th

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handcuff escape, or rope escape, or even getting out of a straightjacket adds another layer to your show. Escapes take practice, of course, just like a coin trick. But, they're not as hard as they look. That's where the "magic" comes in .. acting! Houdini was a master of making something perceptively difficult LOOK difficult. There are plenty of books on this subject, and now there's Google. Got to Lowe's and get some rope. If you can do a simple rope escape, you can amaze everyone. You most assuredly will be doing an escape that Houdini did a hundred years ago. It astonishes every spectator who sees something from the past being performed right in front of them. Yes, Houdini started out as a "regular" magician performing card tricks and the like. Then he later found his niche. There were those who were performing escapes before him, but not like Houdini performed them. Houdini had such charisma and charm, that he captivated thousands by hanging upside down in a straightjacket by his ankles several stories up on a busy city street. And THAT was just a prelude to his evening show ! Let's learn something new from one of our own great masters of mystery and magic.



(Harry having fun)



(Young Erich)



February 6th Business Meeting

John Sorrell

- Lectures:

Chris Rawlins - Friday, March 23

Christian & Katalina - Tuesday, April 10

- 2018 Ring Dues are due - \$15. Pay Larry DuFrene

- Martin Seiler gave a report of our finances.

- Remainder of minutes will be in email when report is sent.



February Open Magic Photos

Grayson Smith & Larry DuFrene

