



# Society of Memphis Magicians

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

*Bill Canaday- President*

Fellow Ring 16 Members: First, as I am writing this, I have heard that The Magic and Mentalism World has lost another great Mentalist, Ed Fowler. You and I know him better as E. Raymond Carlisle. According to people that knew him, he was a really good and genuine person, and not to mention, one of our best names in Mentalism. As many have said upon hearing this, I agree, he will be missed. On a happier Mentalism note, thanks so much to everyone that came out on a Saturday Night recently, and saw our Lecture featuring two really great guys, Kent Axell, and Robert Watkins, known better as Watkins. First, both guys were as nice as they could be, and they switched up during the lecture, and between both of them, they shared some excellent Mentalism, and took the time to explain their work very carefully. There was a lot of audience participation, and we all learned a lot. They stayed until well after 11:00. A great way to spend a Saturday Night! When you get the chance, check out their work; you will really enjoy it. All for now, and I am looking forward to seeing you at our March Meeting. Hope all is well!  
- Bill Canaday.

## Notes from the VP

*Mike Waits—Vice President*

Great Lecture we had this month, Kent Axell and Robert Watkins rocked the house. I really think one of the most powerful tools is a billet switch when working with Mental Magic.. I had an opportunity to see David Stone not to long ago, I liked his utility for Card on Ceiling and Bottle & Glass production. Can't wait to see what's to come, see you guys at the next Monday night magic Jam. - Mike Waits



**1 PM TO 4 PM!**

Please make plans to attend the Memphis Botanic Gardens Annual Egg Hunt to perform magic for this event! This is how Ring 16 says "Thank You" to the Gardens for all they do for us!



Ring 16 Meeting Time has been changed from to  
6:30pm– 8:30pm effective immediately.

Please visit our website [www.ring16magic.com](http://www.ring16magic.com) for  
more information.

### RING 16 MARCH MEETING

Tuesday March 3rd 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Memphis Botanic Gardens

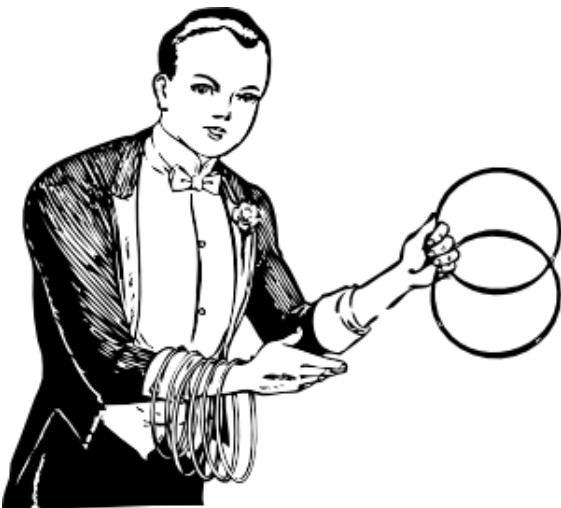
Theme: Green Magic {Money, etc.} for  
St. Patrick's Day, and Jumbo Cards,  
and ESP Card routines, and of course, and  
**MENTALISM**

## February Ring Report

Our RING16 meeting in February was very well attended. We have been meeting at the Memphis Botanic Gardens for over 20 years. One of the security staff members, Zack, joins us on occasion for a few minutes because he loves magic. He was chosen by several members to assist in a trick. The theme for tonight's meeting was Valentine's Day Magic, packet tricks, and mentalism. We briefly discussed upcoming events, such as The Winter Carnival of Magic, lecturers Kent Axell (magician) and Robert Watkins (mentalist), who presented a dual lecture on Feb. 8th. We are hoping to obtain confirmation of a new lecturer and creator of the 100th Monkey effect, Chris Philpott, in the coming months. Grayson Smith and president, Bill Canaday spoke about the performance of Criss Angel at one of the casinos in Tunica, MS. They were very complimentary of the show, especially the surprise guest ... Banacek! This was the first night of the tour and they got to hang out a while after the show. Jeffrey Day discussed "The Mesmerist" show, which is a parlour show, that was performed at Memphis' Woodruff-Fontaine House on Jan. 25th. Local mayor Lee Harris was there with his daughter, who was asked to assist during the show. Jeffrey's other show, "The Magic Basement", which demonstrates closeup sleight-of-hand from the turn of the last century, was also performed in January. The audience included Ring16 member Don Berry and his grandson, Raiden. Jeffrey and Grayson both performed at a St. Jude even, Country Cares, which was the second largest country music event outside of Nashville (CMT Awards) at historic The Peabody Hotel in downtown Memphis. There were 800 guests in attendance, along with music celebrities from Lady Antebellum. Vice president, Mike Waits, saw Doug Sparkman at a David Stone lecture in the Nashville area. Upcoming magic shows in the Tunica, MS area will be Michael Carbonaro on Feb. 28 at the Gold Strike casino.

Jeffrey mentioned the passing of legendary magician, Roy Walton, the creator of the card effect, "Card Warp". Comedian, Jason Alexander, was in town at GPAC tonight. As most of us now, Jason has been interested in magic for some time. He performs magic and mentalism on occasion when he is on television. Kathy Kalagias, secretary, ordered new Ring16 business cards. She designed a new look for them and I must say, they look very magical. Jeffrey mentioned the Monday Night Magic Jams that take place every other Monday evenings at Germantown Presbyterian Church. Check [www.ring16magic.com](http://www.ring16magic.com) for scheduled dates. The idea of a joint IBM/SAM chapter/assembly has been in the works for several months. We are getting closer to actually having it happen. Just a few more details to check, and it looks like a done deal. Stay Tuned! On April 11th, Ring16 will give a Huge THANK YOU to the Memphis Botanic Gardens for allowing us to hold our monthly meetings at their property ... free of charge! We will be performing at their annual Easter Egg Hunt. It's a great trade off and everybody wins. It's a fun event (weather providing) where you get to try out new magic effects on a large crowd. Thousands of happy kids with parents attend this event each year! Hope that we have plenty of magicians participate this coming APRIL.

Grayson Smith entertained our members with a fun Valentine's card trick, "Trustworthy". Don Berry did a great little paddle trick. Jeffrey performed "Socks" with Zack assisting. Drew Steele did a card trick with Kathy. Jeffrey performed a "double bonus" from Eddie Joseph's "Blind Magician Does a Card Trick" (1943). He followed up with Ben Earl's "Romjolic" with Jane. Don Berry performed "Oreos", and for a flourishing finish, Don Berry's grandson, Raiden, finished with a few variations of the ancient cups & balls.



If you are going to be in the Memphis area and would like to attend our RING16 meeting, contact anyone one of our officers to get details of time and place. You can go to our website by going to: [www.ring16magic.com](http://www.ring16magic.com). Once there, you can get all kinds of information regarding lectures, meetings, and Magic Jams.

- Jeffrey Day, Ring Reporter



# FEBRUARY MAGIC PHOTOS BY GRAYSON SMITH



**KENT AXELL &  
ROBERT WATKINS LECTURE**

