



Society of Memphis Magicians



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A Few Words from the President

Jeff Day - President

Hello to all my fellow conjurors. It has indeed been a sad week with the passing of mentalist Bob Cassidy and magician/inventor Daryl Easton. We magicians feel it deeply when a magician passes on. I'm personally still in shock with the deaths of these two well respected entertainers. I have never considered myself a "mentalist". I've always been partial to the classical magic part of our art. However, many years ago, I was given Bob Cassidy's book "The Art of Mentalism" (1983) by someone I called my "mentor". I was fourteen years old. He always steered me toward important books like those of Lorayne, Vernon, Gibson, and Tarbell, but I had never read such an intense book with so many mental effects before. They were fascinating, but I didn't think they fit my style. So, I passed on putting these "tricks" in my act. Years flew by, and here I am studying the mysterious art of mentalism. Go figure.

I want to give thanks to a couple of friends in our RING ... Joey Butler and Bill Canaday. I met Joey many years ago at International Paper and I found out that not only was he a wizard in the software world of IP, he was also a mentalist. Many enjoyable lunches and offsite trips were spent talking shop and doing a bit of magic at the papermills. I never knew Bill Canaday until I came to a Ring 16 meeting after being away from Memphis for a few decades. Bill talked to me about his admiration of magician, Eddie Joseph, which made me take a second look at this great man. I'm very glad I did. It made me so glad to have broadened my scope of mentalism. It adds such a whole new dimension for the audience.

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Notes from the VP

Bill Canaday - Vice-President

First, as most of you have heard from Nick Toombs, Daryl, The Magician's Magician, died Friday night. He had been here to lecture before, and I had never met him. When he did come back a few years ago, Doug Hendrickson and I were talking about him, and Doug told me that I would enjoy his lecture, and that he was a true gentleman. Doug was exactly right; I enjoyed the lecture, and I got to ride to the lecture with him and Tim Grant. He was a very nice guy, and a lot of help to me. He even autographed the magazine I had of him on the cover. When people come to lecture, we make new friends; he is another of our friends that will be missed. I am sure I speak for all of Ring 16 members when I say our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends, as is the case with another legend that died a few days ago, Bob Cassidy. I never met Bob, however, I have some of his Mentalism. No doubt the Magic and Mentalism community will be missing such an icon, as well.

On to more happy news, our first lecture this year was well attended as we hosted Nathan Kranzo. This was a great lecture, and he was also a nice guy, just like when he was here a few years ago. He

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Ring 16 March Meeting

**Tuesday March 7 - 7pm
Memphis Botanic Garden**

**Theme:
Mentalism**

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I am sad to say that I never got to meet Daryl. I know he has lectured here in Memphis, but I guess that was before my time. Of course, I knew who he was and all of the great products he produced, as well as card effects he invented. He was so good with audiences in his close-up performances and stand up shows. Recently, I have read all the great posts on social media about him and how much people will miss him. It makes me think of some close calls and near-misses in our own community. Never take for granted the opportunity to learn for another magician today, because it might not happen tomorrow.

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and his wife, son, and daughter also got to do some tourist things while they were here, including some of Memphis' famous BBQ. Thanks to everyone who could come to this lecture, and Nathan and his family. All for now. Looking forward to seeing you next week for our March meeting, and don't forget the Botanic Gardens' Easter Egg Hunt, where we can help them for all they have done for us, on April 15th, Easter Weekend.

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February Business Meeting

John Sorrell

* Lectures Discussed:

Ken Dyne, Dan Fleshman

Nathan Kranzo - Friday, Feb 17th 7pm

* Martin Seiler Treasurer's Report

* Illusionists @ Orpheum

* 2nd Card Throwing Contest, Tues, Feb 21st

* Grayson Smith - Shared Memphis Flyer with Larry Clark on cover

* Grayson Smith - Botanic Garden Easter Egg Hunt, April 15th. Needs us to show our appreciation for our monthly meeting place

* Martin Seiler - Cruise Report

* Grayson Smith - Tree Reader, Wine Event & VA Hospital Magician

* Jeff Day - Germantown Animal Shelter Fund Raising Event, Dyersburg Library. Guest magicians welcome. Contact Jeff.

* Mike Clayton & Duc Phan performed for a Year of the Rooster event

* Aaron Fisher (Tupelo) has a website with free and for sale products

* Alan Underwood recovering from surgery

* Rocky Yarbrough performed Front Table

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February Open Magic

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2nd Card Throwing Competition



NUMBERS INDICATE HOW MANY FEET CARDS WERE THROWN

