



Society of Memphis Magicians



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

Jeff Day - President

How Do We Keep Magic Alive?

Here we are at the end of another year. How quickly the year has gone by. So many things, good and bad, have happened lately that has altered the magic community, and I'm not sure where to begin. We have lost quite a few influential magicians in the last few years. I've always felt that when one of our own passes on, the world gets a little bit smaller. This is my own personal evaluation of how things feel to me. I also feel that it's up to the rest of us to make sure that the magic that once was, remains powerful through our efforts to keep it alive. In the last few years we have lost Johnny Fox, Paul Daniels, Daryl Easton, Harry Anderson, Eugene Burger, and now ... Ricky Jay. I'm still in shock over the news of hearing of Ricky Jay's passing. Not only was he a fine sleight-of-hand magician, but he also knew the history of where it all came from. If you didn't know any of his work, just check out his show, "Ricky Jay & His 52 Assistants", on the internet. You'll see what an important magician he was. Not just by the effects he performs, but HOW he approaches his routines. He deeply connects with his audience by making them believe in magic, because HE believes.

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Ring 16 January Meeting

Tuesday, January 8th - 7pm
Memphis Botanic Garden

Note: 2nd Tuesday because of New Year's

Notes from the VP

Bill Canaday - Vice-President

It is hard to believe that the Christmas season is here, and we are wrapping up another fantastic year for Ring 16. First, I hope all of you and your families had a great Thanksgiving. My thanks to Jeff Day and Larry DuFrene for their great service as officers. They will be back in 2019, and I am looking forward to working with them again, as well as Kathy, as our new secretary. Thanks again to Grayson Smith, for his keeping us at the Botanic Garden, and Jeff and his church for helping us all year, and for Mike Speros for hosting great events at his home this year! Now, a special recognition and thanks to John Sorrell. John has served us well over the years, and has always been there when I needed him, and when we needed him. His contributions, help, and commitment to Ring 16 and all of us is greatly appreciated. Even though he is stepping aside as secretary, John will still be a major person for our success. Thanks, John, for being all of the above, and a great Mentalist and friend! I will see all of you next week at Coletta's for our Annual Holiday/Christmas Party! Again, I wish you and yours a Happy Holiday season, and Merry Christmas!

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Ring 16 December Meeting

Tuesday December 4th - 6:30pm
Coletta's - Bartlett

Theme: Holiday Banquet
Officer Performances, Dirty Santa

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I'm sure we feel the same way about the loss of these contemporary performers, that those admirers of Thurston, Kellar, Carter, and Houdini felt so long ago. And even before them, centuries ago, the spectators who witnessed such unbelievable magic from astonishing conjurers, could not shake the memories of their performances from their minds. Magic is funny that way. It remains consistent through the ages. It never fails to amaze. Let us not forget what those magicians, who have passed on, taught us. What they left us with was a gift. A gift that needs to be cared for.

Have a wonderful holiday season ... and show someone a bit of magic today.

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November Business Meeting

Kathy Kalagias

- Grayson, Larry Clark, Nick Tombs, and Jeffrey Day performed at Railgarten. It looks like this may be a monthly magic event.
- Jeff showed what the new IBM cards look like and encouraged everyone to see if they are still active, and if not to become active.

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President - Jeff Day
 Vice President - Bill Canaday
 Secretary - Kathy Kalagias
 Treasurer - Larry DuFrene

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Grayson Smith & Larry DuFrene



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