



Society of Memphis Magicians



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A Few Words from the President

Jeff Day - President

2019: What Magic Is In Store For You?

The end of 2018 ends Tuesday. When we wake up Wednesday, it will be a new year! Please take this opportunity to NOT make resolutions. I say “NOT”, because does anyone keep their promise to cut back on drinking, swearing, eating too much, smoking, etc., etc., etc. I don’t mean to sound like a pessimist, but maybe it’s because I just read something out of a magic publication from 1923, “The Magic Wand” (George Johnson, editor). There was an article he wrote called, “The Magical Pessimist”. The following is the short essay Mr. Johnson wrote. Also, enjoy the photos I’ve included.

(Just kidding about the resolutions, make as many as you want!)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

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Notes from the VP

Bill Canaday - Vice-President

Thanks for a great turnout and, as always, a lot of fun at Coletta’s for our Annual Holiday/Christmas Party! I sincerely hope you and yours had a great holiday, Christmas, and New Year’s! I hope 2019 is great for all of us. Our first meeting for 2019 will be next week, and we hope to see you there with maybe some new magic and mentalism you may have gotten for Christmas. Thanks again for our officers from last year, and now working with our 2019 officers. 2019 has the promise to be an even better year for us! I am looking forward to serving you all as Vice-President, and it looks like another great year for lectures. Stay safe, and see you next week.

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Ring 16 January Meeting
Tuesday January 8th - 7:00pm
Memphis Botanic Garden
Theme: Magic (and Mentalism)
You Got for Christmas

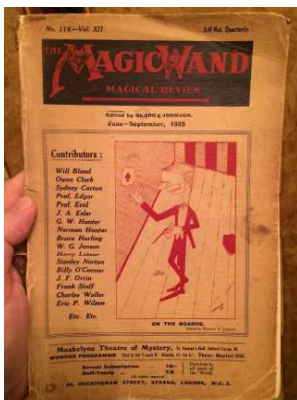


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George Johnson:

“Everyone has, at some time or other, met the dejected wight who expresses the belief that Magic has gone – or is going – to the Bow-wows. Though interest may fluctuate, as with other forms of entertainment, the masses will ever accord enthusiastic appreciation to the witty and clever conjurer. Just as this magazine is going to press, we witnessed an itinerant magician performing at a street corner, and it was with keen pleasure one watched, not the worker, though he was clever enough, but faces of the spectators. There must of have been over a hundred in the little crowd and practically every face bore a smile of amusement. The wizard’s own version of the Rope and Rings, was in course of presentation and a willing small boy, having been judiciously roped up in the approved fashion, had a man’s overcoat (used in the trick) buttoned, cape fashion, tightly around him. Fairly trussed, he was invited to jump high in the air “at the word” three.” If the crowd expected to see the coat fly asunder and the rope (and rings) fall free, it was disappointed. Oh, dear no – that wily magician had first to release the “bight” somewhere between the small boy’s shoulders, but instead, he took a collection. The patter rippled on, the crowd laughed and we of the Wand, having paid up, went cheerfully on our way. There is nothing wrong with Magic. Next time you pass a strolling wizard, who knows anything of his business, just glance at the faces in the crowd; and then compare those faces with a similar assembly elsewhere. Truly, it is the man of merriment and mystery who can accumulate the shekels. The public will never tire of good magical entertaining. It may be a case of pennies in the East End and guineas in the West – but it is paying for our wares all the time.”

– George Johnson, editor



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