



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: It was great to see you at our first Meeting of 2020! I am sure that this will be another great year for us. I would like to let you know that Criss Angel was at The Horseshoe Casino in Tunica; Bluesville, to be exact, last month. I was there, and I got to see Grayson Smith, and Nick Toombs there, too. If, by chance, some of our other Members were there, sorry we missed you. This was an excellent show! Chris related well with the audience, and from start to finish, he proved why he is considered one of the very best in our Art. The show was sold out; Standing Room Only, was what we were told. We are glad that he chose our area to kick off his current tour. He did not disappoint! A pleasant surprise came when he took a break, and said that he had The World's Greatest Mentalist with him, and then he introduced none other than Banacek! This was really a surprise, and he performed some great Mentalism, as we know from his reputation, and having him here for a great Lecture awhile back. A great way to spend a Friday Night! Let's hope that they can come back our way again. Well, all for now; looking forward to seeing you this Tuesday Night! - Bill Canaday.



Ring 16 Meeting Time has been changed from to 6:30pm– 8:30pm effective immediately. The February Meeting will be at the new time! Please visit our website www.ring16magic.com for more information.

Notes from the VP

Mike Waits—Vice President

Nothing was submitted.



*Ring 16 Dues are collected every January.
The cost is \$15 for the year! Please see our
Treasurer Don Berry at the meeting to pay your
dues if you haven't already.*

RING 16 FEBRUARY MEETING

Tuesday February 4th 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Memphis Botanic Gardens

Theme: Valentine's Magic, Packet Tricks,
and MENTALISM

January Ring Report



Our first meeting of the new year was very well attended. RING16 had a healthy crowd and we were all looking forward to a fun and magical 2020. November is the month when we elect new officers for the new year. I thought it was time to step aside and let someone else sit in the president's seat. After being the president of our Memphis Ring for 4 years running, it was odd not handling the meeting as I had been doing the last many months. However, the incoming president, Bill Canaday, did a superb job. He had been president in the past, so I know that he will do a fine job in this new year. Our new vice-president is Mike Waits. His duties will primarily be to get in touch and organize our guest lecturers. Our new Ring16 treasurer is Don Berry, who will have the responsibility of maintaining our financial accounts. Returning as our secretary is Kathy Kalagias. She does a wonderful job with our newsletter and keeps the Ring16 website looking so nice and organized. Finally, I (Jeffrey Day) will be taking the job of Ring Reporter. I want to thank all outgoing officers for their dedication to our Ring for the last year.

Our business section of the meeting dealt with our meeting place (Memphis Botanic Gardens) and the time when we meet (7-9pm). We will be looking at changing the time of the meeting to 6:30 – 8:30pm beginning at the next meeting in February. The Memphis Botanic Gardens have for nearly 20 years generously offered a meeting place for RING16 at no charge! In return, to say THANK YOU, we perform at their annual Easter Egg Hunt, which brings thousands to this event. If you ever get to the Memphis area, you must really take some time to visit this beautiful place. You will be able to see the official time change on our Ring16 website, www.ring16magic.com. Next, we discussed about who might be performing in the upcoming days. Grayson Smith and I will be performing some magic at the annual fundraiser for St. Jude at the historic Peabody Hotel in downtown Memphis, TN on January 17. Later this month (Jan 24/25) I will be performing my one-man show, "The Mesmerist", at the Woodruff-Fontaine House (built 1871). It is a historic magic show that features the magic and magicians of "The Golden Age of Magic". The discussion moved to magic lectures, with New York mentalist, Kent Axell coming to present his lecture on February 8, 2020.

At our meeting for the month of January 2020, our theme for magic was, "Magic that you received for Christmas ... and Mentalism". One of our members, Joey Butler, was having a birthday on this day. However, he was running a bit late. So, we finished our business portion of the meeting, (still no Joey) so we moved right on with the magic. I started off with "Astor Mental", by Astor Zoltan Csiki-Fogarasi (magician and magic creator from Hungary). Joey was hoping to see my handling of this great mental effect using ESP cards. I explained the creation and purpose of these ESP cards (Zener/Rhine 1930) in the exploration of psychic ability. I asked our guest, Charles Nelson, to help me with this trick. Mr. Nelson is a member of Ring193 and was visiting from Salt Lake City, UT on business. The first sequence resulted in two rows of matching pairs of cards. In this effect, you get to perform it a second time. Just as I was about to proceed with the second round, Joey Butler walks in! So, he got to see this trick in someone else's hands, after all. When the trick was over, we all sang Happy Birthday to our fellow magician. I followed this with a recent acquisition. I found a long sought-after illusion that had been displayed in a magic shop in Rome, Italy. It was a beautifully made "Celestial Card Star". I had been wanting one to use in my historical show, "The Mesmerist". Finally, it arrived. Five cards are chosen and placed into the deck. Cards are shuffled and then sprung toward the star. All five selected cards mysteriously, and instantly, appear on the points of the star. Next, Grayson Smith (The Amazing Grayson) stood up on chair, took out a Super Gun, and "made it rain" all sorts of US currency. He demonstrated that it works with playing cards! The birthday boy, Joey, decided he had better perform something. He got Drew Steele & Mike Waits to assist him. Drew thought of any two letters, and Mike thought of any two digits. Nothing was written down. After some excruciatingly rough thinking, Joey was able to write down both thought of letters and numbers. Our secretary asked what the name of that effect was. Joey simply said, "Mind Reading". Nicely done, Joey. Next up was our president, Bill Canaday. Using Doug Green as his assistant, Bill performed Lior Montier's, "Five Alive". It was a baffling effect with a deck of cards. Doug Green stayed up front to perform, what he called, the "Birthday Card Trick", with Joey Butler, naturally. It was a fun trick that included some playing cards spelling out Joey's name at the end, finding his chosen card. Well Done, Doug. As a quick turnaround, Joey kept Doug up front and did a very clever Lie Detector trick ... twice. It was an exceptionally fun meeting, to say the least!

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. Once there, you can get all kinds of information regarding lectures, meetings, and Magic Jams. - Jeffrey Day, Ring Reporter

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