



Society of Memphis Magicians



International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 16
December 2017 www.ring16.org

A Few Words from the President

Jeff Day - President

Have A Magical Holiday ...

With the holidays upon us, I thought I'd like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season (Christmas, Channukah, Kwanzaa, Advent, Civil Rights Day, Pearl Harbor Day, Wear Brown Shoes Day, Take It In The Ear Day, Eat A Red Apple Day, Go Caroling Day, Roast a Suckling Pig Day, Festivus, and Humbug Day) I tried to be as politically correct, in these modern times, and not leave anyone out, but I'm sure that there are many more I've not named. Who am I kidding ... I still call a female taking my order at a restaurant a waitress, and the woman who gives instructions and brings me a drink on an airplane is still a stewardess. (by the way, one of the longest typable words (on a QWERTY keyboard) just using your left hand is "stewardesses") My life is already busy without having to worry if someone is going to get bent out of shape if I say, "Merry Christmas" to them.

A long introduction, I know. I was looking at some of my magic periodicals and thought about the holidays that happen throughout the year. Some magazines mention and even highlight the holidays on their covers. Today, some remain silent and stay "uncontroversial". BUT, go back 30 years and more and you'll find a lot of magic magazines essentially advertise the holidays. I've included a few photos from some of the magazines that I pulled off the bookshelf.

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Notes from the VP

Bill Canaday - Vice-President

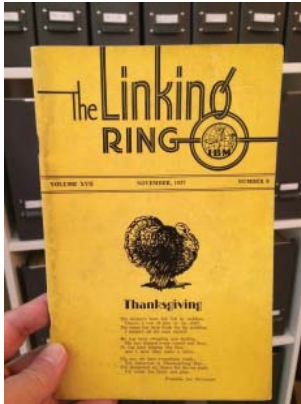
Well, here we are at the end of another great year for Ring 16. I have said this many times before, and I will repeat this: each and everyone of our members has contributed and made our group what it is! Thanks so much for all of your help, participation, input, and advice. I have enjoyed serving you this year, and each year, and am looking forward to doing so in 2018. Thanks to the Botanic Gardens staff, and Grayson Smith, as they have provided us a great place for our meetings. Thanks to Jeff Day, and John Sorrell, for their great leadership and inspiration. I look forward to working with them again next year. I want to thank Larry Dufrene for his pictures, and great photo album, and welcome him as an officer for next year. I, like all of us, owe fellow Mentalist Martin Seiler a lot, and he has been a lot of help to all of us as treasurer. Martin, thanks for everything, and we look forward to seeing you at our meetings and lectures! I hope all of you and your family and friends had a great Thanksgiving, and am looking forward to seeing you next week at Coletta's for our annual Holiday/Christmas Party. Happy Holidays, Happy Hannukah, and Merry Christmas to all of you and yours! Hope this year has been good to you, and 2018 even better!

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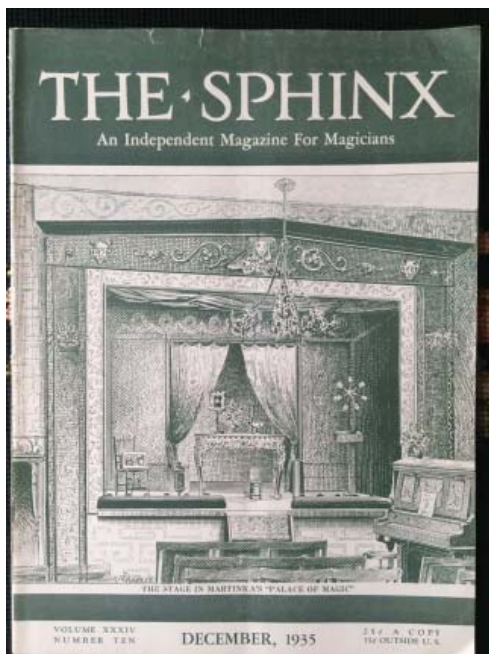
Ring 16 December Meeting

Tuesday December 5th - 6pm
Coletta's - Bartlett
Theme: Annual Holiday Party

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Thanksgiving Issue - November 1937



Conjurors Magazine, December 1947
 (first published in 1791 ..
 "revived" by Harry Houdini in 1906)



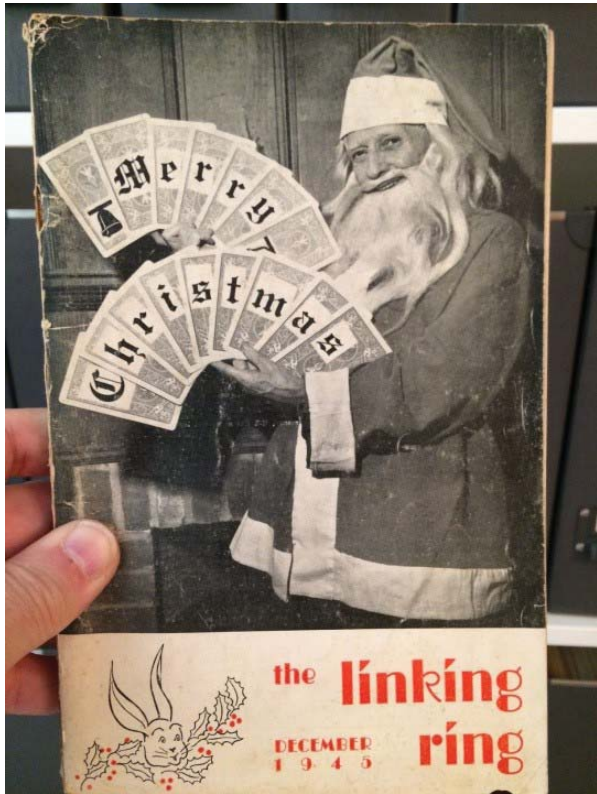
a Christmas Wizard (from SPHINX, Dec. 1935)



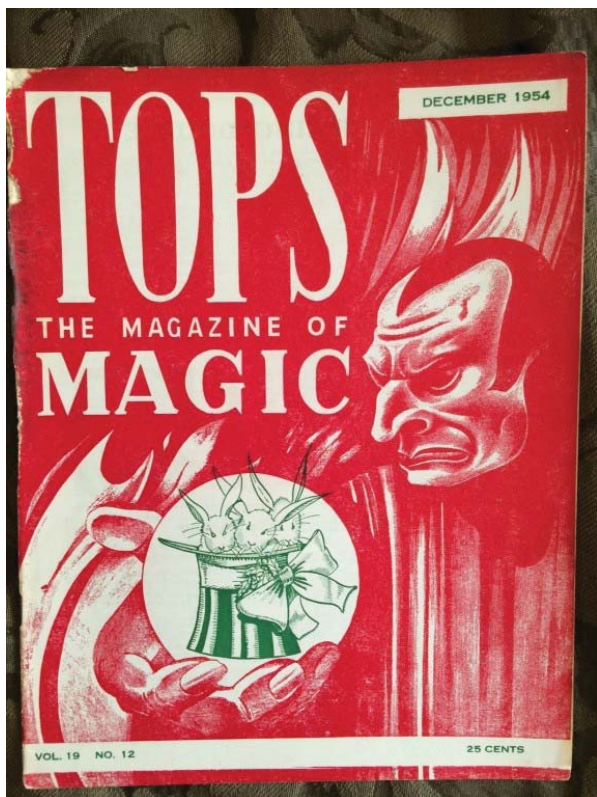
George Johnstone (above) was a popular magician who was also an illustrator

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Do YOU know who this 'Santa' is??



December 1954

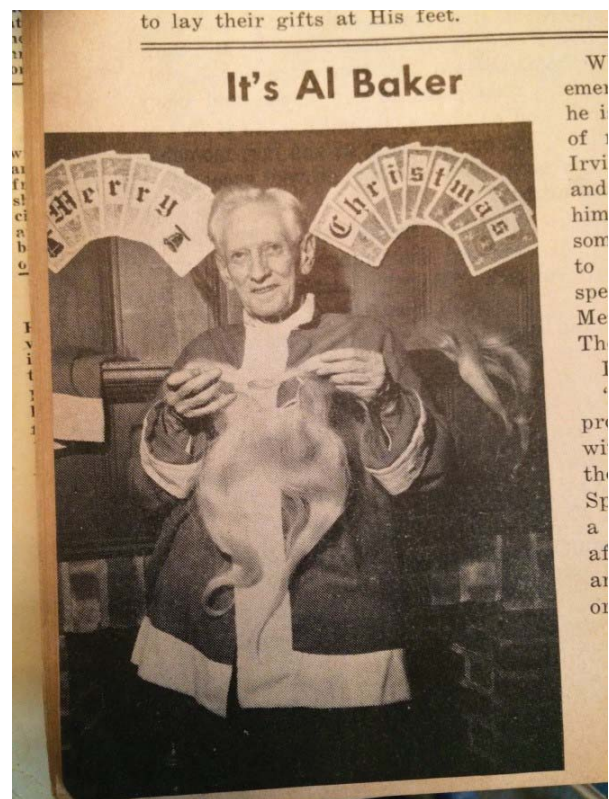
There are SO many more magazines that have a holiday theme, but I'll save them for another time.

We hope to see you at the RING16 Christmas Party at Coletta's Restaurant !

WHEN: Tuesday, December 5th, 2017 at 6:00PM ...

((they have really good waitresses there))

Kathy & I wish you and your entire family a Very Happy Holiday .. and that includes CHRISTMAS and all the other holidays that fall in December !



Linking Ring .. Dec. 1945
(Somehow they managed to convince Mr. Baker to get into the Santa suit)

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Ring16.com

The club has a new web address. We've gone from ring16.org to ring16.com. Thanks to Mike Blumenthal for his years of hosting both our domain and our website.

November Business Meeting

John Sorrell

November 7th, 2017

- * Lectures: TC Tahoe on hold, Mario the Magician in the area late March, Gregory Wilson possible
- * Martin Seiler - Treasurer's Report
- * Nick Toombs just finished ZooBoo, preparing for Zoo Lights from November 16 to December 30. Check the zoo website for schedule.
- * Jeff Day/Kathy Kalagias worked at the Fontaine House October 27.
- * Jeff Day scheduled to work at the Fontaine House for a Masquerade Ball soon
- * 2018 Elections - Membership voted to accept the recommendations of the nominating committee led by Grayson Smith:
President - Jeff Day
Vice President - Bill Canaday
Secretary - John Sorrell
Treasurer - Larry DuFrene
- * Annual Holiday Party - Tuesday, Dec. 5th, Colettas, 6pm
- * Grayson Smith - Visited with Alan Underwood. Recovering well, would appreciate calls, cards.
- * Grayson Smith - Working with Memphis Botanic Garden to schedule 2018 monthly meetings.

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Grayson Smith - John Sorrell - Larry DuFrene



Mike Clayton



Jeff Day



Doug Green



John Campbell



Nick Toombs