



# Society of Memphis Magicians



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

*Jeff Day - President*

Well, it's that time again! **The ANNUAL RING16 MAGIC AUCTION.** If you have "gently loved" or "still-in-the-box" magic items that are taking up room in your closets, bring them to the auction and make yourself a tidy sum of cash. You can also pick up some long sought after magic gear that you've been looking for at REALLY good prices.

All this reminds me of magician Heinrich Kellar (Harry Keller 1849-1922) who ran away from home at 10 years old. A minister took him in and was going to make a minister out of him, also. He agreed to this plan at first, but it didn't take long until he realized that kind of life wasn't for him. His life changed when he saw a magic show hosted by the Fakir of Ava. He knew right then he wanted to become the world's greatest magician, which is what happened. He spent the early part of his career as a magic assistant to many magicians, and eventually managed The Davenport Brothers and William Fay.



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## Notes from the VP

*Bill Canaday - Vice-President*

At our most recent meetings, it was very good to see not only our guests, however, members who have not been here in awhile. Dr. Jon Stanford, Mike Blumenthal, Nick Toombs, Rocky, Julian and his family, Rollie Dickerson, and Ronnie Rucker. It was also great to see Alan Underwood and his son at our last meeting. Alan, you look great; keep up the great work! We say this a lot, however, if you haven't been able to join us in awhile, we would love to see you! Onward to our July meeting next week; it is our Annual Auction, and if you have anything to sell, or are looking to buy some great Magic and Mentalism, this is your time to join us. Hope not only to have you with us, I hope you and your family have a great and safe Fourth of July and Summer with traveling, great weather, cook-outs and more!



### Ring 16 July Meeting

**Tuesday July 3rd - 7pm  
Memphis Botanic Garden  
Theme: Annual Magic Auction**

### Upcoming Lectures

**Tom Vorohajan - August 17  
Greg Wilson - Monday, October 1**

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After a couple of years, he and Fay went on their own path. Sadly, things took a sad turn. The ship they were on ran into bad seas at the Bay of Biscay and sank. They survived with the clothes on their backs, but everything else went down with the ship. Everything including ALL of their magic props and costumes. Fay left Keller after that, which motivated Keller to really start anew. He sold his diamond ring, bought some new (and used) magic props, and became the Harry Keller we all know.



Keller spent some time in Australia and met Eva Medley, who he married and helped him with his magic act. They worked on his most well-known illusion, “The Levitation of Princess Karnac”. After achieving great international fame, Harry Keller retired and “Passed The Mantle” to Howard Thurston, who also ran away from home as a young boy. Interesting how things work out if persistence and determination is on your side.

You don't have to sell your diamond ring, but withdraw a bit of cash and come to the Memphis Botanic Gardens on July 3rd. Remember, 10% of the proceeds goes to our local RING16 chapter. See You There !!



## June 5th Business Meeting

*John Sorrell*

- Lectures:
  - Aug 17 - Tom Vorjohan - Nick Trost
  - Oct 1 - Gregory Wilson - Monday before Tuesday meeting
- Possible lectures:
  - Coty Nottingham date TBD (cards, rubber bands, rings, mentalism)
  - Mike Kaminkas - Close up, Parlor ~ October 12
  - Jim Sisti - Fall
  - Ben Blau
  - Bill is talking with Banachek and Scott Wells about lecturing.

- Treasurer's Report - Larry DuFrene
- Paul Frankel - Given award in Tucson for doing magic for 20 years at the annual 3 cushions tournaments
- Jeff Day - Performed at the Fontaine House
- Grayson Smith - Botanic Garden Food Truck Wednesdays and 30 Thursdays. He's been performing at the Garden for 10 years.
- Illusionists - This weekend at the Orpheum
- Jeff Day - Interviewed by the Tennessee Tribune
- Jeff Day - Discussed the House of Cards in Nashville. [hocnashville.com](http://hocnashville.com) for menu and photos.
- Martin Seiler - Discussed his celebrity cruise and meeting with the cruise magician.
- 2018 Fellowship of Christian Magicians - Indianapolis July 8-14. Larry DuFrene going.
- 2018 IBM Convention - Grand Rapids, Michigan July 4-7. Grayson Smith going
- Welcomed back Alan Underwood
- Visitors - Doug Sparkman



# June Open Magic Photos

*Grayson Smith & Larry DuFrene*

