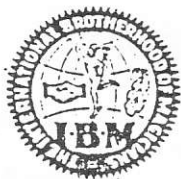
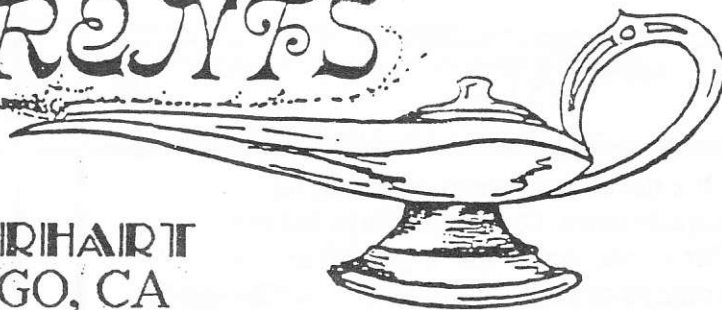


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PREZ'S MESSAGE

Hello again and Welcome to the New Year!

I hope that all of you had a terrific holiday season. The club Banquet was a real blast. The food was wonderful and the entertainment great. I'd like to thank everyone involved in making the event so successful. One thing that really impressed me: I had been worried about the clean up at the end. I have been involved with other organizations whose members pretty much in mass desert the scene when finished. The clean up the night of the Banquet was almost like watching a magic trick or movie played on fast forward. The unconscious team work displayed was awesome! Thank you all for a very pleasant evening.

It is always difficult to come up with a topic for the Prez's Message. Not wanting to sound either preachy or trite, I and others in this spot pummel our intellects for subjects of both help and concern to a general readership. If YOU, any of YOU have a subject that you would like addressed, please let me know with either a verbal or written message.

One idea that I have had is this: The space here could be used to outline routine ideas that Club Members would like to share with the rest of the membership. I suggest that the ideas be, if possible, restricted to common magic items that are readily available. In this case I think the widest possible application would be the best.

Here is a quick bit of information that came to me at the last minute: Joe Givan, "World Champion Supernaturalist" will lecture for the Orange County Magic Club on Tuesday, January 21st at 8:00 PM. Joe is the only performer in history to win both FIRST PLACE IN CLOSE-UP at FISM and the IBM GOLD CUP INTERNATIONAL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE. The cost is \$5.00. For information contact me here at the magic shop or call Todd Reis at 714-522-4519.

ALL THE BEST! Brad Burt

It's never easy when one loses an acquaintance. Only three days before Christmas, magic lost a good friend when Tony Andruzzi quietly died in a Chicago hospital at age 66. His death followed that of his wife, Gloria, by exactly 17 months. Knowing Tony, he probably would have preferred 13 instead. It's so much more dramatic and mysterious.

He left a rich legacy of friendship, magic, and mentalism. Whether you saw him as Tony Andruzzi or as Tom Palmer, you knew that you were watching a consummate professional. One who knew that presentation was so much more important than method. He never hesitated to state this, either, in all of his writings. Writings found in his book on comedy magic, illusion plans, in *MAGICK*, or in *THE NEW INVOCATION*.

Johnny Thompson freely admits that Tony was the one who got him going with his now-famous comedy act.

Tony was a generous, kind, loving, talented, thoughtful and creative man. He will be missed.

COMING EVENTS

January 20 Ring 76 Meeting--Gary Kurtz
Video Pre-meeting 6:30pm
La Mesa American Legion

February 3 Ring 76 Board Meeting
7:00pm Brad Burt's

February 4 Magic Guild Meeting
Carlsbad Lutheran Health Facility
7:00pm

February 14 & 15 F.C.M.--Riverside
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February 17 Ring 76 Meeting
La Mesa American Legion
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CROSSTALK

BRD. MEMBER ABDICATES

Jan Eastman, Ring 76 Board Member has decided to hang up her clown hat (See Classified Section) and tour the world. Her first stop will be for six months in Mexico, then some time spent in the east, and then she'll travel to Australia, realizing a life-long ambition to see the world.

Jan is a mainstay of the local clown community, not only as a busy performer as Sandy Jay, The Sailor Clown and other characters, but as an instructor of both adults and children at Grossmont Community College.

A regular attendee of Ring 76 meetings, both Board and General, Jan will be missed. She has promised to send back regular reports of her circumnavigation of the globe. Ring 76 wishes her well, safe travelling, and Godspeed.

TEETH ARE NEAT

February is National Children's Dental Health Month and will be celebrated in San Diego on Saturday, February 8. A dental screening for kids (500 went through last year) will take place at the carousel in Balboa Park from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. For this annual function, Ring 76 has again been asked to volunteer some magical entertainment. This may be in the form of stand-up or close-up. We had a good time last year, let's do it again with some more people participating. Performers are needed for any length of time within the time block. Call Dick Dale at 562-7379 if you'd care to help.

LAST MEETING

...or what you missed

Reported by Sherry Luft

Over 65 people attended our wonderful Christmas Potluck. Thanks to everyone who helped with the dinner and the decorations. Now, on to the show! Our charming M.C., **Bob Ingalls**, got us in the spirit with his Santa Claus socks and magic tie. The opening act was "**The Amazing Armstrongs**". Red, white, and blue silks disappeared from a tube to transform into flowering silks and sparkles. Next, they performed a Jap Hank box by Thayer. **Roy** amazed us by using Beads of Prussia in a glass with corresponding silks in a tube which eventually changed into a feather plume and then into an umbrella. Blackstone's Dancing Handkerchief effect was done with **Janessa Law**. It went into a change bag and ended up with a hole in it. He tried to shrink the hole, but it remained in the handkerchief. **Roy** took out his bandanna and, using Dell O'Dell's Sun and Moon effect, placed both handkerchief and bandanna in the change bag and restored both of them. Great trick!

Next was **Rick Gorecki** who did a jumbo Prediction Card trick with **Bryce Hammond**, **Ryan Halbach**, and **Tara**. The next entertainer was the "**Amazing Wizard**", **Mike Hoener** and his son, **Thomas**. **Thomas** placed a simple picture in a dove pan and produced a hamster (The dove called in sick). Out came tattered handkerchiefs and a flower and a rubber chicken from a lit production box. Lastly he placed pearls in a mat and produced "Thank You" in pearls on the mat. Nice job, **Mike** and **Thomas**! **Bob Ingalls** did a beautiful floating cigarette routine. Next, **Eddie Raymond** started with an egg in a napkin and the egg changed into sparkles. Red aces and black aces switched in his hands. Another effect was a Jap Production box not only with silks but with flags, too. Then, our M.C. did an hilarious routine using a banana instead of a bandanna while following instructions on a tape. **Bob** thought he was supposed to use a banana in a handbag.

Finally, the banana disappears from the handbag that was borrowed from a spectator.

We had a guest from Georgia, **Mr. Fox**, "**The Human Seal**". He balanced a broom on his chin, then to his mouth; then nose to his shoulder; then balanced a chair while walking. Non-stop balancing! For his finale, he balanced **Thomas Hoener** on a chair on his chin!

Next, **Skipper Frank Herman** started with his multiplying hot dogs. Then, his famous Whiz Whistle and then he performed with **Ryan Halbach** with cutting and restoring a napkin. Our M.C. entertained us with Needle Through Balloon with **Billy** and **Bobby** balloons. Our final performer was **Don Hall** complete with turban and flute and friend, "**Stanley, The Intelligent Cobra**". **Bryce** selected a card but the incorrect card was shown. The telephone rang and **Stanley** is on it and flings out the correct card. Truly entertaining!

A nice added touch was the gift certificates given out by **Brad Burt's Magic Shop**. It was another fun-filled evening that everyone, even the children, enjoyed!

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