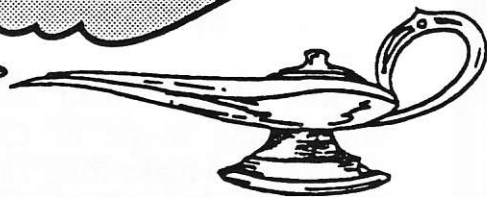


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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, I hope everyone who attended the Installation Banquet had a good time. Many of the people who were there told me they did. The food was fantastic! (as usual) If you missed it, you missed a lot of fun.

Now on to more serious business...

Dues (for our local club) were due in April. Annual dues are just \$12 (or a \$1 a month). I can't see how anyone can complain about that. But, only about 1/2 of you have paid and it's now August!!! What's the problem? It's not fair to the paid-up members to carry all of you who have been coming to meetings and getting **MAGICURRENTS** for free. Why not just pay up and help support your club???

We haven't raised dues this year, yet our costs have been going up. At the current dues rate, we can hardly pay our bills. Mike & Dick have worked hard to bring you a quality newsletter and we have been trying to get the best of lecturers we can afford. If you aren't aware, lectures are getting more expensive, the price of postage has been going up, printing costs are higher and starting last year, we began paying for the meeting hall.

Our treasury is getting dangerously low. At the rate we're going, the club will be broke before the end of the year! (and that is without any more lectures) To help offset this dilemma, the Board has decided to levy a guest charge of \$2 to help raise funds.

If your dues aren't paid by the August 17th meeting this will be your last newsletter!!

If you have any suggestions or comments about anything I've said, please feel free to write or call.

INSTALLATION BANQUET

by Tom LaChance

A mix of good food and the highly entertaining magic of Chuck Fayne combined to make Ring 76's Installation Banquet at Van Winkle's restaurant in Santee last month a delightful evening for the 72 members and guests attending.

After a delicious, and slightly messy, combination of barbecued ribs and chicken, Territorial Representative Jim Riley started the evening's activities by presenting service plaques to the outgoing officers: Brad Burt-President, Jeff Marcus-1st Vice-President, Peg Marcus-Treasurer, Sherry Luft-Secretary and Dana Law-Sergeant-at-Arms. The newly elected officers: Jeff Marcus-President, Mike Hoener-1st Vice President, Sherry Luft-2nd Vice President, Julie Dale-Treasurer, Tom LaChance-Secretary and Mary Brown, Sergeant-at-Arms were then called up and Jim performed a condensed installation ceremony.

As outgoing President, Brad Burt was called upon to announce the winner of our Member of the Year award, only to discover it was himself. Through his magic shop, classes and instructional videos, Brad has introduced many of our new members to magic and is always willing to share his advice and knowledge to those who ask. Congratulations, Brad, on an award well-deserved!

It was then show time! Chuck Fayne's magic and comedy made it obvious why he was The Magic Castle's *Lecturer of the Year* in 1988 and 13 times nominated for the Castle's *Magician of the Year* award.

With the help of a wide-eyed Tomas Hoener, Mr. Fayne performed the "Misers Dream". He then had Rich Robertson more than a little worried about the fate of his \$50.00 bill in a "Bill in Lemon" routine.

This was followed by a sucker explanation of "Color Changing Silks" and then the "Play Huge, Pack Tiny, Card Trick". In the latter, "silent" Eddie Raymond combined with Roy Armstrong, Angelica Fazio, Mike Hoener, and Mac Cruthirds to give Chuck a little more on-stage help than he bargained for!

After a "Three Cards Across" routine, Mr. Fayne called Hal, a restaurant employee, on stage to be the victim in his "Paper Balls Over the Head" effect. Hal had the last laugh though, as he announced he could see everything in a mirror hanging on the back wall!

The show ended with a "Torn and Restored String" routine. Chuck Fayne's patter and side comments to the audience throughout his performance kept everyone laughing and ensured a grand time for all.

Special thanks go out to Jeff and Peg Marcus and Julie Dale for all the work they did to make the banquet a success.

LAST MEETING or what you missed

by Sherry Luft

Our new Prez, Jeff Marcus, started the "Open Theme" meeting by presenting membership kits to Mark Flores and Rick Waterhouse. Congrats!

Greg Broulette opened with Gary Kurtz's "Trio in Three"-a great matrix with coins-with the help of Eileen Sparkes and Paul Hamra. He then entertained us with Cervon's "Vietnam" trick, a nice card prediction. Bob Stuart did a classic silk disappearing in his hands. Bob Ingalls performed "Comic Card Shuffles to Rope a Card". Next, Dana Law amazed us with "The Power of the Mind". He asked Mike Hoener four different numbers which opened up a padlock. Jeff Marcus cleverly performed Paul Harris' "Solid Deception". Eddie Raymond caused a half dollar to travel through a single card. Victor Ramler performed "Forced Thought" by Kurtz with Greg Wauson and Eileen Sparkes.

There were two charming guests from Switzerland-Petrik Hermann and Mario Prueller. Petrik did "Arm Twister" with Tom Kasner. He then had Greg Broulette choose a card from a face-down deck. The results were the card was imprinted on the box and the chosen card was underneath the card box. Next, Mario did appearing coins, coins to table, then coins to purse. Mike Hoener ended them evening with Frank Lehmann doing mental revelations of a card.

BOARD MEETING

by Tom LaChance

The Board met at J.P. Jackson's house August 3. In attendance were Jeff Marcus, Mike Hoener, Sherry Luft, Tom LaChance, David Lane, J.P. Jackson and Dick and Julie Dale. The main topic was the state of Ring 76's treasury. While the Ring isn't broke, after all expected expenses have been met, the remaining balance was estimated at \$37.00. *This is due to the fact that only 50% of the Ring's membership have paid their yearly dues.* The Board voted on and approved a measure requiring all guests (anyone who is not a Ring 76 member with current dues paid) to pay a \$2.00 charge at the door for all Ring meetings. *This goes into effect August 17.*

First Vice-President Mike Hoener announced his transfer to naval duty in Long Beach. While he hopes to still attend some meetings, he will not be able to continue in his post after the October meeting. A check of Ring By-Laws showed that President Jeff Marcus has the authority to appoint a replacement to serve until the next scheduled election. This decision will be made at a later date. Anyone interested in serving should contact Jeff.

The next Board meeting will be held at David Lane's house, 7816 Eagle Ridge Drive, San Carlos. Because of the Labor Day weekend, the meeting will on Tuesday, September 8, at 7:00pm instead of the traditional Monday.

FROM THE EDITOR

by Dick Dale

From *Precursor*: Group names, like a bevy of quail, a pride of lions, and a misdirection of magicians. Now, for some a little closer to home.

A Box of Illusionists
A Deck or Stack of Cardians
A Mind of Mentalists
A Roll of Coin Magicians
A Knot or Hank of Rope Magicians
A Bolt of Silk Magicians
A Handful of Manipulators
A Table or Pad of Close-uppers
A Collection of Collectors
A Company of Assistants
A Linking of Rings
A Mummer of SAMers
A Lamp of Genii

The meeting theme for August 17 will be "Tricks From Tarbell". That means you may perform just about anything and get away with it. Think about performing. Better yet, don't think about it, DO IT! This theme allows you maximum flexibility.

A new step in the procedure for becoming a Ring member is that the applicant's name will be published in *MAGICURRENTS* for review by the general membership. Up for consideration this month is Steven Whiting whose professional name is Steven Kingsley.

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COMING UP

August 17 Ring 76 Meeting 7:30pm
La Mesa American Legion
"Tricks form Tarbell"
Pre-Meeting Video 6:p

August 22 Day of Magic
Joe Selph
Los Angeles

Sept 8 Board Meeting 7:00pm
David Lane's

Sept 4-6 Houdini Club Convention
Oshkosh WI
Tom Weber, New Berlin WI

Sept 18-20 Magic Days, Denver CO
Mile High Magic
Lakewood CO

Sept 21 Ring 76 Meeting 7:p
Jan 4-17 Magic Hands Convention
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