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The Oakland Magic Circle  
meets the first Tuesday of every month except July at  
Bjornson Hall, 2258 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, CA 94602  
JANUARY 2015

Tuesday, January 6, 2015  
**TOM OGDEN LECTURE!**  
6 PM – Doors open  
7:15 – Business meeting  
7:45 – Tom Ogden lecture

### **President's Message**

The January meeting will feature a lecture by the always funny Tim Ogden. Tom will perform and explain in detail his top material – items he actually uses professionally – complete with patter, gags and bits of business. He will also detail his proven methods for handling phone calls, working children's birthday and other parties, tips on booking and the follow up, etc. This will NOT be a dealer's demonstration but the "real work" from his 40 year professional career. The lecture is a bargain to non-OMC members at only \$15 and for 2015 OMC members, only \$5! That's right – pay your 2015 dues of \$20 (the lowest of any local magic club) and the lecture is only \$5. The bargain price is to simplify bookkeeping for our Treasurer and get dues out of the way at the first meeting of the year. More events are planned for 2015 that will also save OMC members money.

I extend a special thanks to new member Donovan Rittenbach and visiting photographer Sam Wolson for the photos used in this Bulletin. It's fun to see OMC members performing and I hope Donovan

will continue to take and email photos for future Bulletins. Maybe he would like the title of OMC Staff Photographer. Sounds good to me and I hope to Donovan. You elected a new OMC Board of Directors at the December meeting and they will be sworn in at the February Installation Banquet and Show. Actually, the only change will be that Mike Della Penna moves up to President and I will return to being Secretary. Feel free to send information or comments to either of us.

Byron Walker

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### **Secretary's Report**

The meeting began with the second reading for Donovan Rittenbach who was warmly welcomed into the club. Next photographer Sam Wolson introduced himself. He spoke about exploring the art of magic through photography and offered to take some photos of the night's events. Third order of business was the uncontested election. The nominees are Mike Della Penna (president), Mark Tarses (vice-president), Byron Walker (secretary), Robert Herrick (treasurer), Doug Eakin (sergeant at arms), Mike Della Penna (librarian) with Matt Warren as librarian in training, and Gary Meyer (historian). There was a discussion about Shoot Ogawa's Ninja's rings and many compliments towards Kim Silverman's version of it. This was sparked by the announcement that Mr.

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## Previews of Coming Attractions!

January – Lecture by the funny and talented Tom Ogden, with a special low price of only \$5 for OMC members who pay their 2015 dues – still a very low \$20 per year, which you are likely to save in member's discounts over the year.

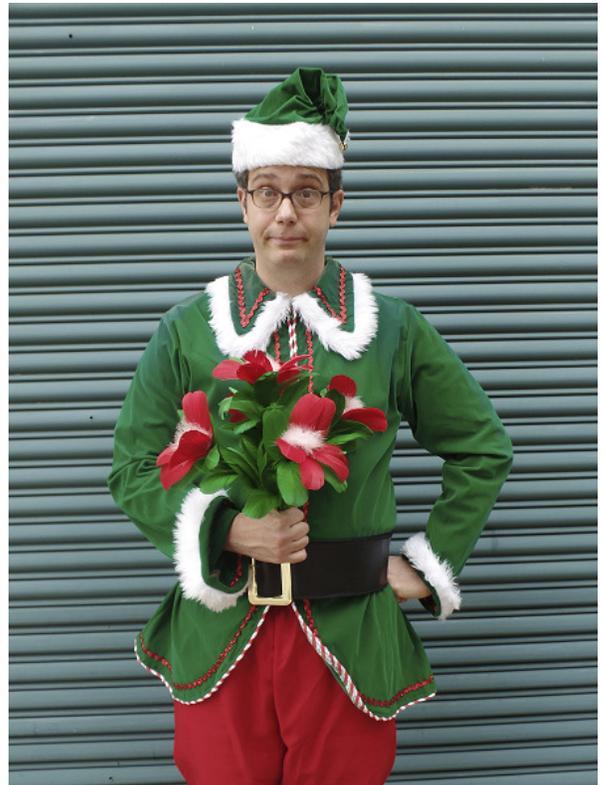
February – The Annual OMC Installation Banquet and Show. Featured will be Majinga with new illusions, the comedic Big Al Catraz, possibly with a new persona, and winner of the 2014 OMC Inter-Club Stage Competition, David Gerard.

Ogawa would be giving a semi-private workshop later in the week in conjunction with SAM 94. There was a lengthy good of the order in which many members shared upcoming shows, events, and magical experiences. Three podcasts received high recommendations- [successfulperformercast](#), [magicians-business-podcast](#), and [themagicwordpodcast](#). President elect Mike Della Penna reported out on his trip to the Magic Summit and shared some ideas for the Oakland Magic Circle in 2015. The meeting was adjourned and the rest of the night was apparatus excellent.

-Mike Della Penna, Secretary

## Magic With Apparatus Night at the OMC

This was compeered by Mike Della Penna, with a special tribute to the late Dr Robert Albo of Piedmont, who had amassed what was considered the finest collection of magic apparatus in the world. Although the good doctor was not an OMC member he was a great friend of the club – attending our shows, lecturing, donating items for auction, etc. First performer was **Donovan Rittenbach** with a block penetration. Next was **David Liotta** with his collection of Square Circles. Big ones, small ones, and one by Clint Riedel that astounded us (well, Fred and me anyway). **Mike Della Penna** showed us his Chinese lantern production box and **Glen Micheletti** showed us his trick wand and distributed some Out to Lunch cards. **James Hamilton** performed several effects and discussed several performers, displaying memorabilia of each: Houdini, Silent Mora, and of course, the Herrmanns. Closing the show was **Azlan Dubin** on stage with fine card manipulation. Your President then rewarded each of the six performers with a copy of the Dr Albo issue of Genii.



Your sophisticated President Elect, Mike Della Penna



### 2015 Dues

Please bring your 2015 dues of \$20 to the January meeting. If you will not be able to attend send your check for \$20 payable to Oakland Magic Circle to our Treasurer, Robert Herrick, 6699 Exeter Dr, Oakland, CA 94611.

