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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
Doors open at 6:00 pm
MARCH2014

Tuesday, March 4, 2014
Open Performance!
Doors open: 6:00 pm
Business Meeting: 7:15 pm
Open Performance 7:45

President's Message

The February Installation Banquet was both an artistic and financial success, with attendance up considerably from last year. We started the event with the official installation of your 2014 officers by Past President of both the OMC and the International Brotherhood of Magicians, Fred Casto. This was followed by my presentation of the Honorary Life Membership plaque to Scott Alcalay. Winner of the 2013 Inter-Club Competition, Mike Della Penna, led off the show with his top material and his duck routine was outstanding. Timothy James was funny as always and his Rocky Raccoon seemed to have a few new gags thrown in. Quazar, The Electric Man dazzled us with a completely original act. We all love our Linking Rings, Egg Bag, Six Card Repeat and Professor's Nightmare but if magic is to progress someone has to dare to present something totally original and Quazar certainly did that. As usual, Scott Alcalay mastered the ceremonies perfectly and even threw in an amusing effect using his teeth.

It requires the assistance of many to keep the banquet and show running smoothly. I would like to acknowledge the help of Russ, Karen, Scott and Calvin Sanborn; John Owens and Akal for the table and chair set-up. Also to Akal for manning the lights and spot, to Frank Biafore for handling the sound system, to Manya Casto for acting as stage manager, to Fred Casto for performing the Installation Ceremony, to Mike Della Penna for being raffle coordinator, to David Fry and Robert Herrick for being door greeters and ticket takers, to

Mark Tarses for handling the beverage and cookie tables, and to Dagmar Theison for selling a record number of raffle tickets and for always being available to do "whatever needs doing". Putting on the dinner and show is expensive and it's our raffle that keeps the OMC solvent. I put out the call for donations of raffle prizes and received a magnificent response. We received fine donations from Larry Callaghan, Doug Eakin, Rick Allen and Lee Grabel, Marge Albo, Terry Robinson, Mark Tarses, Frank Biafore, Dagmar Theison, Mike Della Penna and Bill Ragsdale. Especially generous was Paul Gross of Hocus Pocus Magic in Fresno. Thank you all!

I undoubtedly omitted someone from the above acknowledgements but the evening was too exciting to take notes and I'll try to get you next time.

Contact me anytime at byron.walker@comcast.net or 510-276-1854

Byron Walker

Open Performance at March Meeting

That means it would be great if you would perform, demonstrate or discuss a magic effect. Please bring whatever you would like. If you would like a critique, please mention it before performing and it's likely our brain trust can come up with an idea or two you might be able to use. But, there will be no critique unless specifically requested – we're just there to have fun!

Previews of Coming Attractions!

March – Open Performance!

April – The largest and finest Magic Flea Market and Auction in Northern California.

May – To be announced!

June – Annual Members Only OMC Intra-Club Close Up Magic Competition - \$75.00 and a trophy as first prize. – (paid-up members only)

Secretary's Report 4 February 2014

**No Secretary's Report due to Installation
Banquet and show**

Dues for 2014

If you have not paid your dues for 2014 please send your check for \$20 payable to Oakland Magic Circle to the OMC Treasurer: Robert Herrick, 6699 Exeter Dr, Oakland, CA 94611 now. Thank you!

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Walt Anthony's San Francisco Magic Parlor is now starting its 18th month at The Chancellor Hotel Union Square Theatre. Located at 433 Powell Street (between Post and Sutter) it is an easy BART ride or parking at the Sutter Street Garage. For detailed information go to: <http://sfmagicparlor.com>

**Some photos of the OMC Installation Banquet by
Stu BunnyBadger Jones**

