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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 5 PM sellers, 6 PM buyers
APRIL 2014

Tuesday, April 1, 2014

The Bay Area's LARGEST and FINEST Magic
Flea Market and Auction!

Doors open for SELLERS 5:00 pm
Doors open for BUYERS at 6:00 pm
Auction at 8:00 pm

Market tables – first come first choice. I look forward to seeing you April First (no fooling).
Byron Walker

Minutes of Regular Meeting – March 4, 2014
Regular Business:

President's Message

The March Open Performance session went well, with ten performers showing their best material. I hope you have enjoyed the photos taken by our Historian, Gary Meyer, and posted promptly on the OMC website by Webmaster Scott Alcalay. Unfortunately our Secretary, Mike Della Penna, had suffered a mild concussion so could not make the meeting. (He's recovered nicely). I would like to thank our interim Secretary for his extensive notes. However, I did note one glaring error. A prize to the first OMC member that emails me at byron.walker@comcast.net correcting the mistake. Pick up your prize at the BIG April Auction and Flea Market.

Yes, the Oakland Magic Circle Auction and Flea Market is BIG, the largest and finest in Northern California. The enclosed flyer gives details and notice I'll open Bjornson even earlier than usual – 5 PM for seller set-up, 6 PM for buyers. After two hours of Flea Market we'll have the Auction, with the Flea Market re-opening after completion of the Auction. Most sellers do not take credit cards so bring cash – not just 100s but also 1s, 5s, 10s, 20s. Auction payments to the OMC can be in cash or check – not credit card or PayPal. Although the auctioneers WILL use our microphone please keep necessary conversations very SOFT during the auction. We have already confirmed some top sellers such as Daryl, Don Wilson, Bruce Jordan and even your humble bookseller. We have 25 Flea

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by President Byron Walker. President Walker, Treasurer Robert Herrick, twenty-eight members and two visitors were in attendance.

An application for membership submitted by Leo Bleier was presented for second reading and voted on favorably. Mr. Bleier was thereupon admitted into membership.

Good of the Order: Roy Porfido announced that SAM 112 has initiated a monthly pre-meeting teach-in, giving members an opportunity to learn, perform and receive feedback on new material. Frank Biafore advised that Playland Not At The Beach will again sponsor a Relay For Life to benefit cancer research and invited OMC members to participate. Gary Meyer reported on the Balboa Theatre 80th anniversary celebration, which included a vaudeville show in which OMC member Big Al Catraz was featured. Gary also suggested that members submit material (e.g., tricks, articles, history) for publication in the Circle newsletter. Byron Walker reminded attendees of the upcoming OMC auction, close up contest, intra- and inter-club stage contests. "Big Al Catraz" advised that Alex Ramon's two-plus year engagement at the Horizon Casino in Stateline may end with the facility's closing in the near future.

Several favorable comments were made concerning the inclusion of photographs in the March

newsletter and, after discussion, it was decided that the practice should continue. Members were encouraged to submit photographs to the editor for use in future newsletters; several of those present agreed to do so.

There being nothing further, the business meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Open Performance: Ten members performed for those in attendance:

Jack Browne performed a fast paced torn-and-restored newspaper effect utilizing the entire front section of the Wall Street Journal. Fred Casto presented a rope and ring routine using Dean's Box (under psychic test conditions, with close scrutiny), in which two ropes were linked, unlinked and linked again by unseen forces. Manya Casto, in her first solo performance at the OMC, performed a psychic prediction effect using tarot cards. (Her prediction was absolutely correct.) Chuck Rubey presented his version of The Phantom Music Box, in which music emanated from a small hardwood box at Chuck's command, notwithstanding the fact that the box was entirely empty. Roy Porfido performed a quick Klik Klak Blox routine, in which the color of the ornamentation on the blocks visibly changed to match a spectator's selection. Chris McConaughy, visiting from SAM 112, presented a nicely done rendition of the Ambitious Card. David Fry performed a "burned deck" routine using imaginary cards, in which the single card not burned matched his prediction. He also presented his version of the Linking Finger Rings. (The four borrowed rings, once unlinked, were safely returned to their owners.) Big Al Catraz demonstrated his Three Tin Monte as he performs it at Pier Thirty-Nine, and an entertaining version of the Imaginary Ball and Paper Bag. Doug Eakin performed his skillful variation on Tommy Wonder's Card in the Ring Box, in which a signed card repeatedly rose to the top of the deck and then vanished completely, only to appear in a small wooden box that had been untouched and in plain view since the beginning of the routine. Frank Biafore presented the classic ABC block effect (with genuine Homer Hudson ABC Blocks) but with a novel conclusion – the vanished block appearing not in the "magic hat" as all expected but, rather, in an entirely different "magic hat".

The performance ended with rousing applause at 8:40 PM. Next month – the annual OMC auction.

Respectfully submitted,
Claude Burke, Interim Secretary

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. You will probably save that much in member's discounts at our events.

Previews of Coming Attractions!

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)

