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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 6:30 pm

December 2008

Our next meeting is
Tuesday, January 6, 2009

Tickets once again for our Box Office. Raffle prizes will include posters and other cool stuff.

President's Message

Thank you to all who attended the Lee Grabel lecture. We had a turn out of over 50 people to see and hear the wonderful history of magic Lee had to share with us. I would also like to give a big thank you to Gary Meyer, David Fry, and Kim Silverman for providing excellent audio visual technical support for Lee's media presentation

We start the New Year with an incredible guest lecturer: John Calvert. John will be visiting the OMC before he goes to the World Famous Magic Castle for 21 shows in the Palace of Mystery.

John has quite a career in the entertainment field. John Calvert could have been Errol Flynn, Tyrone Power or Douglas Fairbanks. Instead, despite appearing in over 40 movies, Calvert chose magic. Calvert was the first magician to perform a big magic show in Las Vegas and on Broadway. He came to Las Vegas years ago to see Lynette Chappell, Siegfried & Roy's leading lady, who was a member of his troupe during her teen years. It was Calvert who trained Ms. Chappell.

Our February meeting will be our Gala Installation banquet and show. This year we are featuring the Quick Change Artistry of Stoil and Ekaterina, The Comedic Antics of Frank Olivier, the inter-club stage magic winner Jonathan Steigman and a special surprise guest. Tickets will go in sale in January. We will be using Brown Paper

There will be another survey put on line to get member's input on what you want to see happen in the coming year. Our set events are; February: Installation Banquet; April: Northern California's Largest and Finest Magic Flea Market and Swap meet; August: The Lloyd Jones Close-up Magic Competition; September: Inter Club Stage Contest and Spaghetti Dinner. All other meeting themes will be determined by your input on the survey.

For your information, the board of directors meeting is open to all members and is held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the home of Mark Tarses. You are more than welcome to attend and provide input to the running of the club. The Oakland Magic Circle depends on the input of the members, not just a small circle of elected officers to do all the work.

Finally, I just received the 2009 membership cards from Dan X Solo. Dan hand engraves each OMC membership card with the basic information and then leaves it up to me, your current president to personalize each and every one. Hats off to you Dan for providing such a valued service to our club. With that being said, 2009 dues are now due and you can mail your dues to our treasurer, Manya Helgerson Casto. Dues information follows this President's message.

Thank you for allowing me to be your 2009 Oakland Magic Circle President.
Magically thine,
Scott Alcalay

Minutes of Meeting 2 Dec 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Alcalay at 7:20 PM. There being no further ballots for officers for 2009, Secretary Byron Walker announced the results of the mailed ballots. The OMC Board of Directors for 2009 is:

President – Scott Alcalay
Vice President – Mark Tarses
Secretary – Byron Walker
Treasurer – Manya Casto
Historian – Fred Casto
Librarian – David Sament

Sgt-at-Arms – Dagmar Theison
Scott announced that John Calvert will give a lecture/performance at our January meeting. The cost will be \$20, but OMC members who have paid their 2009 dues by that evening will be admitted for only \$10, saving half of their yearly dues immediately.

Kim Silverman announced that S.A.M. Assembly 94 in Palo Alto will sponsor lectures by Shoot Ogawa Jan 23 to 25th. He will bring flyers to the John Calvert lecture. Kim also mentioned that he, along with magician David Hirata and juggler Stefan Fisher, will be performing at The Marsh in San Francisco on Sundays during December (www.themarsh.org). Richard Tuck announced an enlarged schedule for his Playland Not At The Beach in El Cerrito for December (www.playland-not-at-the-beach.org).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45, followed by a lecture by Lee Grabel. Byron Walker, Secretary, OMC

2009 Dues

Your 2009 dues of \$20 for 2009 are due by the January meeting, Tuesday 6 January 2009. (Life members are \$15 which is to cover the ever increasing printing and postage rates.)

Make your check payable to The Oakland Magic Circle and mail it to your Treasurer, Manya Helgerson Casto
1853 Lamplight Ct.
Walnut Creek, CA 94597.

If your dues are paid by the night of the January Meeting, you will receive a discount for the John Calvert lecture, a \$5 discount for a table at the April Flea Market, and other advantages during 2009. And, you won't want to miss any of our exciting bulletins and events planned for 2009!!! Please, mail it in now or bring it to the January meeting.

Back for its Second Smash year, Absolute Magic! is the PERFECT post holiday's event. Hosted masterfully by the ebullient Big Al Catraz, Absolute Magic! is an evening of mystery, wonderment and laughs. Set in the intimate SF Playhouse 2, you are up close and personal with every flick of the wrist and wave of a hand. Big Al has assembled some of the finest magicians the Bay Area has to offer for this hour and a half show. **December 26 - 30, 2008 & January 2-3, 2009** Nightly at 8:00pm, Sundays at 7:00pm
SF Playhouse 2
533 Sutter Street, Second Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102

No. 105

The Human Volcano.



This trick is put in a neat box and contains all the necessary material for the wonderful trick of eating a quantity of tow and afterwards ejecting myriads of bright sparks and volumes of smoke from the mouth. Can be done with perfect safety by anyone that will carefully read and follow the accompanying simple directions. Included with this is the great secret of how to blow jets of flame from the mouth. Price.....25c.