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January 2008

Your 2008 dues are due. Membership dues are \$20 for regular members and \$15 for life members. You can make your checks payable to: The Oakland Magic Circle and mail to: Manya Casto, 1853 Lamplight Court, Walnut Creek, CA, 94597. Or, you can bring cash or check to the January 15th meeting.

Presidents Message

Greetings and Happy 2008!

2008 marks the 83rd year of the Oakland Magic Circle. That makes us the oldest independent magic club west of the Mississippi.

THANK YOU to David Fry for a fantastic job as last year's OMC president.

I would like to welcome two new members to this year's board of directors. Taking the office of Club Historian is Ken Taylor and Sergeant-at-Arms is Dagmar Theison.

For the January meeting, please be prepared to perform your favorite effect for the group. For the meetings to follow, we will try to have a theme suggested at the business portion of the meeting for March.

The installation banquet dinner show is set for February 5th. What a show it will be!! Joining us this year are headliners: Goldfinger and Dove, Winner of the OMC Intra-Club Competition: Bob Mackenzie and a special guest appearance by Mystery School Alumnus: Patrick Martin. We would like to have a couple of members do a bit of close-up magic for the banquet guests before dinner is served.

I would also like to thank Gary Meyer for being guest editor for the last two newsletters. Gary went above and beyond to find information to interest our membership. Gary has put out the call to our membership for articles of interest to our

members. So, if you have something you would like to contribute, please forward it to me at scottasf@yahoo.com and I will see that it gets included in the newsletter.

To start off an idea for a possible column for the newsletter, I would like to borrow an old idea called "Desert Island." It works like this: If you were stranded on a desert island, what 3 books would you take with you?

Mine would be:

1. Eckhart Tolle: The Power of Now
2. Dr. John Booth: Forging Ahead in Magic
3. John Northern Hilliard: Greater Magic

What would your 3 books be? Email them to me at scottasf@yahoo.com and put in the subject line OMC: Desert Island.

Thank you for electing me as your 2008 Oakland Magic Circle president. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns about the club, please drop me an email at scottasf@yahoo.com and I will present them at the monthly board of directors meeting.

Magically,
Scott Alcalay



Minutes of meeting 4 Dec 2007

Following a teaching session by Fred Casto on Card Warp, the meeting was called to order by President David Fry at 8 PM.

Unmailed ballots for 2008 offices were collected. Results show OMC officers for 2008 to be:

- President – Scott Alcalay
- Vice President – Mark Tarses
- Secretary – Byron Walker
- Treasurer – Manya Casto
- Librarian – David Sament
- Historian – Ken Taylor
- Sgt at Arms – Dagmar Theison

Newsletter Editor – those receiving votes declined the position. Byron volunteered to write the bulletin for 2008 with Scott to computerize it. Fred Casto indicated that he would consider the position in 2009.

David Sament had prepared a flyer for the 2008 Installation Banquet and show so copies were distributed.

Bill Austin prepared and Byron presented the third annual Oakland Magic Circle Lifetime Achievement Award to James Hamilton, for “outstanding service to the art of magic.” (The first went to Robert Albo, M.D. and the second to Byron).

Kim Silverman discussed the Jeff McBride workshop and mentioned that Eugene Burger will probably lecture for S.A.M. Assembly 94 in Palo Alto in February.

The next OMC board meeting was scheduled for 7 PM Wed 2 Jan 2008 at the Tarses cottage.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

Byron Walker, Secretary OMC

CHILDREN’S AND HOLIDAY MAGIC AT THE OMC!

Since Dec 4th was the first day of Hanukkah, SCOTT ALCALAY led off with his famous dreidel bag. He then produced gelt, which was better for eating than spending, and threw samples to the multitude. KIM SILVERMAN had all the selected cards rise from a swinging pack but one. For the final card he drew a picture of a pack and the errant card rose from his drawing. In keeping with the theme of children’s magic, RENE CASTILLO told the story of a horrible murder and sent the guilty

party to the gallows. DAVID FRY performed an Alain Nu card transposition and then a key, watch and ring prediction that we were sure had gone wrong. But David fooled us by getting it surprisingly correct. GREGG KEELING showed us his cheese trick, and Kim returned with a card to pocket.

Byron Walker, Secretary, OMC

Proposed themes for 2008

- ❖ January – perform your favorite effect and tell us why.
- ❖ February – Installation Banquet
- ❖ March – TBA
- ❖ April – THE LARGEST MAGIC AUCTION and FLEA MARKET in NORTHERN CA!!!
- ❖ May – TBA
- ❖ June – Intra Club Close-Up Contest
- ❖ July – Dark (No Meeting)
- ❖ August – Intra-club Stage Competition
- ❖ September – Inter-club contest and banquet
- ❖ October – Mentalism, Bizarre, or Story telling magic
- ❖ November – TBA
- ❖ December - TBA

Eugene Burger is coming to San Francisco

FEBRUARY 3, 2008

He will be offering two Performance Clinics.

If you have not been to Eugene’s Clinic, you are in for a treat.

SESSION I - 3 hours: 1:00-4:00 PM

Eugene will discuss how to improve your act and your performance skills. The first three registrants will be invited to perform and receive personal guidance from Eugene. This will be followed by a question and answer period. Ask about Business aspects, performing, routining, etc.

SESSION II - 3 hours: 6:00-9:00 PM

Eugene will perform one effect and then discuss eight ways to present the same effect. This will also be followed with a question and answer period.

Individual session: \$75.00

The two sessions together: \$130.00

Book both sessions and join Eugene for a no-host Dinner during the interval.
To keep these sessions intimate and personal, each is limited to 12 participants.
Sessions will be held at:

1712 Steiner Street
San Francisco, Ca. 94115
Registrations must be prepaid:

Make your check to:

James Hamilton
1712 Steiner Street
San Francisco, Ca. 94115
PH: 415 346-0480
CELL: 415 694-2498

WHO'S PERFORMING IN THE BAY AREA?

Jay Alexander at the Marin Civic Center, Showcase Theater, San Rafael, Sunday, January 27, 2008
"Step right up and see world-renown Master Magician Jay Alexander for an amazing, funny and unique magic show that will entertain children and adults alike. The Jay Alexander show is a high-energy, comedy magic show that is regularly requested across the nation by celebrities from Francis Ford Coppola to the Rolling Stones. See why *Newsweek* called it "the funniest show in town" and John Cleese said, "Tremendous...you are mind-blowing!" It was such a hit last year we have added another show." More information: <http://www.JayAlexander.com> Tickets to this event can be purchased through the Box Office. <http://tinyurl.com/2uloc4>

MAGIC AT THE MOVIES

THE MAGIC OF MELIES In Berkeley

A program of trick films by George Melies will screen in rare archival prints from the George Eastman House on Saturday, January 19 at 3pm at Berkeley's Pacific Film Archive. Included in the hour-long program are A TRIP TO THE MOON, PILLAR OF FIRE, VOYAGE A TRAVERS L'IMPOSSIBLE, LES FROMAGES AUTOMOBILES, CRAZY COMPOSER, THE LIVING PLAYING CARDS and more. The program will be accompanied on piano by Judith Rosenberg.

This is a family friendly program and the perfect way to introduce people to the wonders of magician-filmmaker George Melies. Several excellent collections are available on DVD but it is a rare opportunity to see them projected from 35mm prints. The Pacific Film Archive Theatre is located at 2575 Bancroft Way near Bowditch. Advance tickets are suggested by calling 510 642-5249 or via eticket at www.bamfa.berkeley.edu

The OMC meets the first Tuesday of every month except July at Bjornson Hall, 2258 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland, CA 94602. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. Business meeting at 7:15, Show time at 7:45 p.m.

Don't forget:

Our Installation banquet still has tickets available. This is guaranteed to be one of the best shows the bay area has ever seen! Please bring your friends so we can continue to provide you with top quality entertainment throughout the year and years to come.

Support your local brick and mortar magic shop.

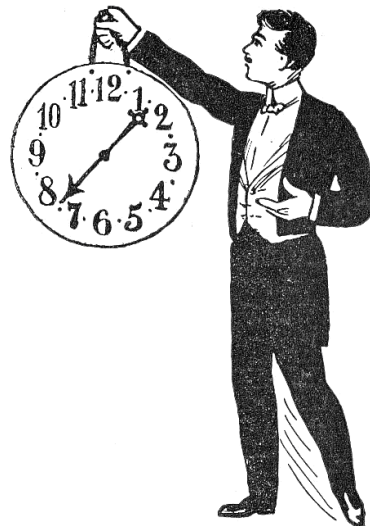
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www.calmagic.com

Misdirections Magic Shop

www.misdirections.com

Be sure to tell them that the OMC sent you!



Time flies. Pay your 2008 dues and buy your installation banquet tickets NOW!

The Oakland Magic Circle Presents An Evening of Magic & Wonder (and a great dinner)

Featuring Goldfinger & Dove!

From Monte Carlo to Tokyo, from Las Vegas to Rome, audiences around the world have thrilled to the exotic, fast paced mysteries of the dynamic team of Goldfinger and Dove. Their list of TV appearances include ABC, CBS, NBC, BBC and Discovery. See why this unique team is in such demand, and experience the unforgettable excitement of Goldfinger and Dove. This is a rare opportunity to see them at such a low price. An evening you'll never forget!



ALSO PERFORMING

Local TV reporter Bob MacKenzie presents
mysteries of the mind

The classic magic of Patrick Martin

Benny Bendini performs his incredible chapeau
act—quick-change magic, mime & physical
comedy

And Master of Ceremonies Scott Alcalay

**Tuesday, Feb. 5th, 2008, at Bjornson Hall, 2258 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland.
Doors open 6:30pm—Dinner at 7pm—And the show is from 8pm-9:30pm.
\$20 for adults, \$10 for children (12 & under), show-only (all ages): \$10.
Dinner: Baked chicken breast, Tri-tips of beef or Salmon—choose when buying tickets.
Reservations required; We will not be selling tickets at the door.**

TICKETS: (800)838-3006, OR
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/24834