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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
MAY 2012

Tuesday, May 1, 2012
Doors open: 6:00 pm
Business Meeting: 7:00 pm
Open performance 7:15 to 7:45 pm
Lecture by Tobias Beckwith: 8:00 pm

President's Message

Hello, I hope you all had a great time at the Annual Flea Market and Auction.

Although the turnout was less than what was expected, lots of magic changed hands that evening. The club had 53 people stay for the live auction and request bidding paddles.

Our next event is a mini lecture by Tobias Beckwith. If you do not know Tobias, he is Jeff McBride's and Marco Tempest's producer. He has directed many successful theatrical events and is a major player and instructor for Jeff McBride's Magic and Mystery school. I am sure that what he has to present will improve the quality of any magicians act.

I have decided to not do a trip to the Alameda County Fair this year for the main reason of them not booking ANY magicians to perform. They have opted for a new type of interactive area where Tom Jorgensen had his kids area. The Jest in Tyme Circus will be there. They do a great show of clowning, juggling, and other related circus arts, so go see them if you can.

Back to the Flea Market. Major issue!!!! During the event, Phil Ackerly bought a "My Favorite Martian" magic set from one of the sellers during the auction. When he came to claim his bag, the instruction sheets seem to have separated themselves from the kit. If anyone wound up with them, please contact Phil at 408-781-6735. Please do the right thing and return them to him so his set can be complete.

In conclusion, I will be needing to take a medical leave of absence from presiding over the monthly meetings. As it is written in the OMC constitution, the Vice President shall take over the role. This will hopefully be only temporary. It was not my intention to have to deal with this issue on a Tuesday, but that is the ONLY time which was available for this 30 week program. If you would like to know more, you can contact me directly. I know Mark Tarses will do a fine job as acting president and I do not expect the members to stage a coup d'etat or an Occupy Movement to oust Mark. I am sure he will also provide more chocolate goodies to keep the membership happy. I may, depending on the severity of this program have to also step down from the board on a temporary basis. That will be determined after the first couple of sessions I need to attend. The board has graciously decided to move the monthly board meeting to the second Wednesday of the month to accommodate my scheduling.

Finally, get yourselves ready for the June Close-up magic competition. The club will be dark as usual in July. August brings the Intra-Club Stage competition and then September is our Inter-Club competition and Pasta-pa-looza!

Magically,

Scott Alcalay

November – Nominations for 2013 officers
December – Election of 2013 officers

Minutes of Meeting

Minutes of Meeting 6 March 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by President Scott Alcalay. The second reading was given for Mike Toy and he was voted into membership. Treasurer David Fry gave a current report on the OMC financial situation. The annual OMC Auction and Flea Market, held the first Tuesday of every April was discussed and several volunteered to help with the set-up, sound, accounting, clean-up and “whatever needs doing”.

Dick Barry was available to lecture at our June meeting and a discussion followed. However, it would conflict with the annual OMC Intra-Club Close-Up Contest. Gaddy preferred that we maintain the continuity of having the contest on the regular date. Others mentioned that we have been having a lot of lectures and not much performance time so it was decided to decline the Barry offer.

First readings for membership were given for Dave Anderson and for Matt Warren.

The business meeting closed at 7:40 PM.
Byron Walker, Secretary

May Magic at the OMC

Before Tobias’ presentation, we will have about a half hour for open performance.

So, get out there and present something you have been working on, something you have in your regular performance or something learned from your new found “My Favorite Martian” magic set instructions.

Just get up and do something!!

Future Events

May – Special lecture by Tobias Beckwith plus open performance.

June – Lloyd Jones Close-up contest for OMC Members plus open performance

July – No Meeting, Annual trip to Alameda County Fair CANCELLED!

August – OMC Intra-Club Stage Competition

September – OMC Inter-Club stage competition and Spaghetti dinner.

October – TBA

UPCOMING MAGIC EVENTS

Friday, April 27, 7:30 pm
El Cerrito High School Theater, 540 Ashbury Ave (at Eureka)
Magical Nathaniel & ECHS Illusionist Club
Star in Magical Variety Show.
Tickets are \$7 general admission.
For more information
www.magicalnathaniel.com

The OMC has the opportunity to have Williams Magic from Phoenix, Arizona bring their mobile magic shop to our area somewhere near May 19 or 20. I do not know an exact date or location yet. I asked Emory Williams, the proprietor to contact Doug Kovacich, who is president of SAM 112 about a place to park his “big rig”. Attached to the end of this newsletter is an article about this magic shop on wheels. Please let me know if you want more information on where and what day this will be available to our magic community.

All news for the newsletter is due by the 3rd Tuesday of every month.
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