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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
August 2015

Our August meeting will feature:
The OMC Club Stage Competition

\$150 First Prize!

\$75 Runner-Up!

Schedule for Tuesday, August 4, 2015

6:30pm Doors Open

7:15 Business Meeting

8:00 Stage Competition

Guests Welcome

President's Message

This year is really picking up speed as we find ourselves right in the middle of contest season here at the OMC. Our June close-up competition was really...fun. It seems to be what's been happening lately at our meetings – smiles, laughter, **great** magic of course, but fun! I like the direction our ship is heading.

So this month is our stage competition for OMC members. The winner of it will represent the OMC at the September Inter-Club Stage Competition.

Here are the rules:

- Open to all OMC members
- Performance must be 8-12 minutes in order to qualify

- All non-competing OMC members attending the entire contest are eligible to vote
- Guests are very welcome – kudos to Kevin Madden for bringing a great group of friends to the competition last month!

That's about it. As per the close-up contest, if you would like initiate into the club the same night you compete, that is fine this year. However, you may **not** vote unless you have been made a full member. I love this competition. It's always a great night and a whole lot of fun. Hope to see you there!

Best wishes,
Mike Della Penna

Secretary's Report

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Della Penna at 7:30 PM. He opened with Good of the Order and discussed were upcoming magic events: Magic Live in Las Vegas, Golden Gate Gathering in Foster City, The Illusionists in San Jose, Nathaniel's magic courses at U. C. Berkeley, Champions of Magic in San Francisco and Magic Camp at Playland Not at the Beach. David Facer announced that his run has been extended at the Chancellor Hotel in San Francisco. The lecturers for The

will be Tom Mullica, Michael Vincent, Steve Valentine, Dan Fishman, Allen Okawa and Ricky Smith. The performers at Champions of Magic in San Francisco, July 17-18, will be Sylvester the Jester, Dan Sperry, Dion, David Gerard and Jade. Mark Tarses said he got a 50% discount online with the discount code magi 50. Mark also accidentally received far too much yellow magician's rope and offered to give 50 feet to deserving members. Donovan Rittenbach announced that he would be updating the OMC website using Wordpress and will also be adding videos of OMC members in performance. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Byron Walker, OMC Secretary

Lloyd Jones Memorial Close-Up Competition

Held annually on the first Tuesday of June for OMC members only, performances should be 6 to 12 minutes. First prize is now \$100 with a runner up prize of \$50. The first performer was Frank Olivier who amazed and amused with about six minutes of fast-paced card work, stopped to perform his incredible boomerang rubber band, and finished another five minutes of card revelations, climaxing with selected cards taped to his chest. The second performer was Eric Szkotek with a fine card in box routine. Unfortunately, Eric was a bit under the six minute lower limitation so he did not qualify for a prize. The third performer was Magical Nathaniel (Segal), who borrowed a deck of cards and after a series of card effects finished with The Gun Trick and his lottery routine. Next up was Doug Eakin, bringing his own elevated table for better visibility. Doug performed a coin through

four ace effect, an ambitious card variant and his card in box miracle. Our penultimate performer was Kevin the Cap, also known as Kevin Madden. With our youngest member, Azlan, seated on one side and his Mother, Ra, on the other, Kevin's handling of assistants was about as good as it gets. His routines were with sponge balls, three coins across, chop cup and a reversed card effect. The final performer was Dan Chan. Dan had two lovers join him and had their signed selected cards meld into one. Dan also performed an effect with a borrowed cell phone and after a series of perfect faro shuffles showed that the edge of the deck spelled out the name of a selected card and then the name of his dinner show. Voting cards were distributed to OMC members, asking to vote for first, second and third place. While the votes were tallied we were treated by a performance from the winner of last year's close-up contest, Perry Yan.

The winners were:

Third place – Magical Nathaniel
Second place and \$50- Kevin the Cap
First place and \$100 - Frank Olivier

Byron Walker, Secretary

Upcoming Meetings

August 4th - OMC Stage Competition
September 1st– Inter Club Stage Competition & Spaghetti Feed
October 6th – Dan Fleshman Lecture
November 3rd – TBA
December 1st - TBA