



Sacramento Area Magicians

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# Magic Flash

Newsletter of the Society of American Magicians Assembly 72

## Holiday Party Announced for December 17th Food, Fun and Magic Promised For All

The members of SAM Assembly 72 and IBM Ring 192 will get together this year for their Annual Holiday Potluck dinner on Saturday, December 17th. **Dale Lorzo and his wife Elaine** have graciously offered their home again for the evening which is always a fun evening for magicians and their families alike. The Lorzo's address is 2609 Greenwood Avenue, in Sacramento. Complete details about the Potluck and what you should bring will be announced later, but if you want to make an early RSVP, please call the Lorzo's at (916)481-2595 or e-mail Dale at dalelorzo@aol.com.

## Assembly Election(?) & Raffle, this Wednesday, Oct. 26th

We are scheduled to hold our election for 2006 Assembly Officers at the October 26th meeting. Because no one has volunteered to serve as an officer in 2006, it is important that Assembly 72 members attend this meeting and volunteer to serve the club as an officer if they haven't for awhile. Some of the positions require very little time. This is the only new item of business to take care of so the business meeting this month should be very short if no one volunteers.

We will also be holding a raffle at this meeting. **Joe Chez** reports that he will be bringing a few items he received from **Leo McCauley**, and he would like to see them go to club members. Thanks, Joe!

## Special November 2nd Meeting - In One Week!

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the first November meeting we have held in years! In past years, our November meetings were always cancelled because they fell the day before Thanksgiving. This year, the members present at the September meeting voted to hold a November meeting on the first Wednesday of the month -- November 2nd.

We're going to make this a fun meeting. Let's have a "Show and Tell" night -- bring in one or a few things that the others might find interesting. Books, posters, a magazine with an interesting trick or review, an unusual gimmick or trick, anything a magician could find interesting qualifies!

The theme for the evening will be "My Favorite Tricks." Perform a couple of your favorite tricks -- the tricks you have performed for years because they are easy to do, fun to do or for whatever reason.

## Wednesday, December 7th - Another meeting!

The first Wednesday in December, December 7, will be the date of our special meeting in December! We will have more information about this meeting later, but plan to join us on December 7th for the first December meeting Assembly 72 has held in many years. We want this to be a fun meeting, too. If you have an idea for an activity or theme for this meeting, please talk to any Board member.

## Dr. Zomb ... We Will Miss You

**In Memoriam, Ormond McGill, 1913-2005, Dean of American Hypnotists**

I am saddened to report that Ormond McGill passed away in his home in the US, on Wednesday, October 19, 2005. He has been affectionately known as the *Dean of American Hypnotists* for a number of years due to the high respect that so many people pay him. He's been around for a very long time, over seventy years performing hypnosis, mentalism, and stage magic professionally as well as teaching and practicing hypnotherapy. At one time, he was performing a stage seance

**Ormond McGill, continued**

mentalism show and used the stage name Dr.. Zomb for long enough for it to be readily associated with him. However, most folks today know him as Ormond McGill and think of him as a kind, gentle, and giving person.

In his professional life, Ormond traveled the world and more. He is very well known for his stage shows and his "Concert of Hypnotism" is still the primary model from which so many folks structure their own stage hypnosis shows even if they are unaware of the origins of the structure they use.

He was an extremely prolific author of magic and hypnosis related books.

Tom Silver tells me that he spoke with Ormond just a few days ago and he was in high spirits. Marlene was with Ormond at 3:00 a.m. when he performed his final disappearing act and she tells Tom that he was at peace and even joked about leaving, when his vitals became normal and he just left. Exit, one of the greatest stage hypnotists of the modern era.

All who knew him knew him to be gentle, giving, and very loving. His influence upon contemporary hypnosis will be long felt but his impact upon the lives of those who he touched, in person and by proxy, will be felt for an eternity.

There is a "memorial" forum for folks to post their thoughts at <http://www.ngh.net/MemberForums/ShowForum.aspx?ForumID=31>

Dr. Zomb, thank you for sharing yourself with us. *Brian David Phillips*



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Local dues for **2006** are due by Dec. 31, 2005. Please pay your dues as soon as possible. You can pay at any meeting or you can mail a check for \$20.00 to our Treasurer:

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All members must also pay \$12.00 a year for membership to Mission Oaks in order for us to use their meeting facilities at no cost. Please show your receipt from Mission Oaks to Allen Greenberg.

**Monthly Meetings**

Assembly 72 of the Society of American Magicians meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District Senior Citizen's Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr., in Carmichael. Prospective members are encouraged to visit us anytime!



GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

October 25, 2005

**Society of American Magicians**

I am pleased to extend warm greetings as you gather to celebrate Magic Week.

California is honored to be home to performers and entertainers who share their talents and artistic skills to enrich the lives of others. I salute the many magicians in your Society for generously donating their time to serve worthy causes, including *Operation Hocus Pocus* and *Magic for Special Education*.

You are helping to provide uplifting entertainment to those recovering or living in VA hospitals across the nation. Your innovative program for cognitively challenged children uses magic to build their self-confidence and invigorate their imagination.

I thank you for your service and offer my best wishes for every future success.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger

**September 28, 2005 Minutes**

I. Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Rick Hill

**II. Attendance**

Officers - All four present; Guests: 3; Members: 11

**III. Reminders**

- a. Pay dues and Mission Oaks fees. 2006 Dues are due by end of year. Show your 2006 Mission Oaks receipt to the Treasurer.
- b. New members get free local dues for 2006!
- c. Member bringing in the most new members in 2005 will get their National and Local Dues paid by the Assembly.
- d. We are looking for members to present workshops at future meetings. They will be rewarded with a Gift Certificate from Murphy's Magic Supplies.

**IV. Announcements**

a. Various newsletters were circulated around the room **Don Banks** brought in a box of magic magazines for people to take home.

**V. Old Business**

- a. *The show* at Mission Oaks was a big success. No word yet on \$\$ made.
- b. *Auction* - We made about \$40 from the Magic Auction.
- c. *Paul Gordon Lecture* - He will be in the area in January, from the U.K.

Are we interested in scheduling a date? Think about it.

**VI. Treasurer's Report**

\$2,338.05 - Includes auction & new books bought.

**VII. New Business**

a. *Meet in Nov. 2nd?* Members said Yes! Terry Robinson will perform winning act.

b. *Meet on Dec. 7th?* Yes! Lots of interest. Any ideas for themes, workshops?

c. *Newsletter* will be combined for Oct/Nov meetings and be short in December for meeting reminder.

d. *Holiday Party* is December 17th (Saturday) at Dale Lorzo's home. More info coming.

e. *Jones/Wild Lecture* - We will wait until they come back to the US later for their lecture.

f. *Library Additions*

i. Books - We purchased *Syzygy* - a five-year collection of Mental Effects and *Mark Wilson's Course in Magic* at a great price from Murphy's because of a few "dents". **Joe Hogan** donated a book about Houdini. Thanks Joe!

ii. Videos - The library count is now at 51! **Rick Hill** has been doing a lot of work getting all of the new DVDs organized and ready for circulating. We received donations from **Joe Hogan** and **Dale Lorzo**.

g. *Web Site*

The contents of the Library are now listed in the "Member's Only" section of the web site. **Rick Hill** will be adding some great Links to the web site very soon. **Ven Mendoza** has been running a small web site for the club -- he will now point his site to the new site. Don't forget to take a look at them -- one site has video instructions on hundreds of tricks.

**h. Elections**

i. *Nominations* - **Rick Hill** talked to the Assembly about the importance of Nominating themselves for Office. He has been an Officer for eight years and wants to be a "member" for a while. After all the talk about serving the club, not one person nominated themselves for Office. No one would even volunteer to be a Board Member, which requires very little work. We will need to figure out what to do if no one is willing to serve as an Officer in 2006. If anyone would like to nominate themselves for an Office but was not present in Sept., please contact **Rick Hill** or **David Wright**.

ii. *Election* - We are supposed to hold our election at the November meeting -- With no one running for office, the election may not take place.

VIII. Meeting adjourned for a break and performances.

**The following magicians performed:**

**Don Banks**

**Joe Hogan**

**Charlie Fass**

**David Wright**

**Leland Eiben**

**Joe Hogan**

**Bill Etgen**

**Rick Hill**

**Joe Hogan was voted as the crowd favorite and presented with a Gift Certificate to Murphy's.**

# **SAM Assembly 72 • 2005/2006 Magic Calendar**

**Meetings begin promptly at 7:00 PM.**

**Free Refreshments! Check out our new library on line!**

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| <b>October 26</b>  | <b>Election(?) Meeting Theme – Spooky Magic, Bizarre Magic, Creepy Tricks, Disappearing Things, your choice!</b> |
| <b>November 2</b>  | <b>Show-and-Tell, My Favorite Trick</b>  |
| <b>December 7</b>  | <b>Card Tricks and Card Tricks</b>   |
| <b>December 17</b> | <b>Holiday Party – RSVP with Dale Lorzo</b>  |
| January 25         | First meeting of 2006! Happy New Year!   |
| February 22        | Meeting themes TBA - Suggest your favorites!   |

Visit our web site for the latest news, library lists and newsletters at  
[www.magic1.org/sam72/](http://www.magic1.org/sam72/) – – Visit SAM National at [www.magicsam.com](http://www.magicsam.com)

## **The Magic Flash**

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Next meeting:

**October 26th • 7:00 P.M.**

Meeting Theme -

**Spooky Magic, Bizarre Magic,  
Creepy Tricks, Disappearing Things**