

JANUARY 2017



FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Dear Friends in Magic,

It is, quite to my amazement, 2017, and time to kick off another year of magic and astonishment. While I was brainstorming about what to write in this letter, I was reminded of how my kids always ask me to tell people the story about how I got started in magic. So, for them, here it is... one more time.

Though I can trace back my love and interest in magic back to my childhood (watching my uncle perform at my birthdays or the rare TV special), my more serious study of the art only began recently. Oh, sure, I pulled the occasional coin from a child's ear, but that was about the extent of my expertise as a performer. It was about three years ago I got bit by the magic bug (or perhaps that was a mosquito).

I was returning home from a play with my family, and my daughter, four at the time, NEEDED a Sherlock Holmes hat and pipe, so we stopped by Grand Illusions. While my daughter and I hunted for the costumes, my son, not so desperate to become the next Baker Street sleuth, perused the magic counter. He eventually picked up a Zig-Zag-Pencil, and I, remembering the wonder of my youth, decided to grab a Scotch and Soda set. We went home. I sat at the kitchen table and learned my trick while my daughter searched for clues, and my son dismantled the Zig-Zag-Pencil to learn the secret of the gimmick.

The next day, I performed my new trick for a student of mine. Laughs. Surprised looks. Smiles. Needless to say, I was hooked.

Since then, I have been actively studying all manner of magical arts: reading books, watching lectures, going to shows, practicing, and performing for anyone who will watch. I am excited to continue this study with all of you this year. I hope we can inspire each other to go about our lives and make memories... make MAGIC!

Joshua Ray



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Meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM. We meet at Ronald McDonald House, 2555 49th Street.

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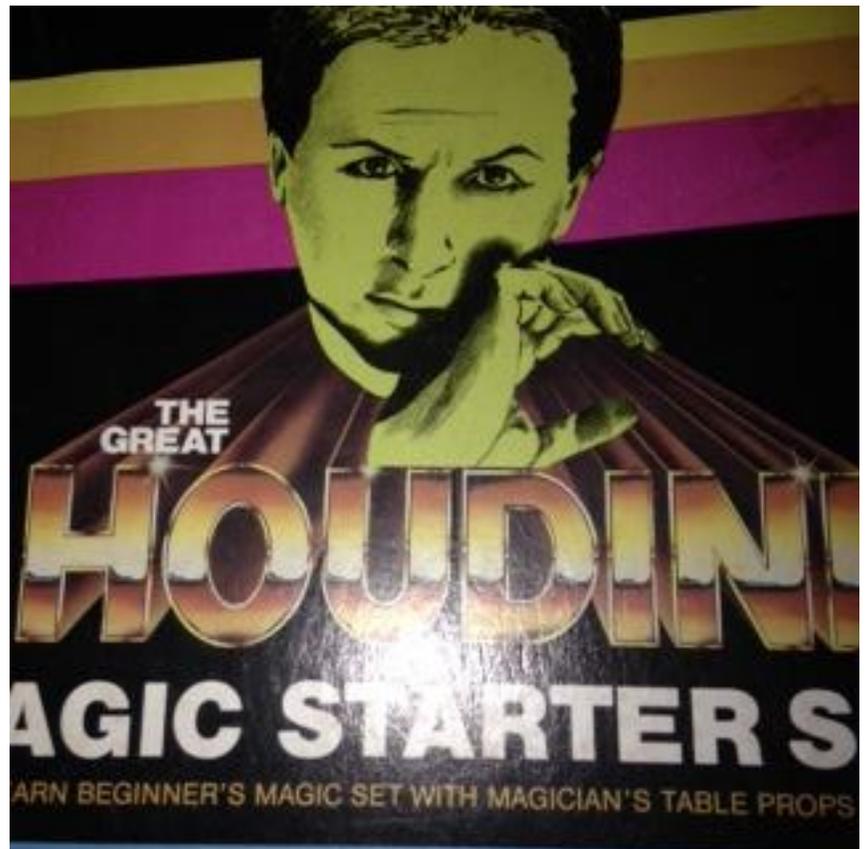
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2017 SAM Assembly 72 Calendar of Events

Meeting/Activity Themes

Date	Performance Theme/Event	Additional Meeting Activities
January 4 th	Shawn Farquhar Lecture	(Elk Grove Grange Hall)
January 25 th	Your Favorite New Trick	Discussion: Resolutions/Goals “How
February 22 nd	Gift Magic	Teach-a-Trick
March 22 nd	Borrowed Objects	Mini-Member-Lecture: Dale Lorzo -
April 26 th	Hands Free Magic	Workshop/Discussion: Junk Drawer
May 24 th	Annual IBM/SAM Close-up Competition	(Ronald McDonald House)
June TBD	Annual IBM/SAM Magic Auction	(Location TBD)
June TBD	Annual IBM/SAM BBQ	(Location TBD)
June 28 th	An Old Dog, A New Trick	Teach-a-Trick
July 26 th	My Pride and Joy	Workshop/Discussion: “What makes
August 9 th	Annual IBM/SAM Stand-up Competition	(Mission Oaks Center)
September 27 th	It’s in the Bag	Mini-Member-Lecture: TBA
October 25 th	Holiday Magic (Not just the obvious one)	Teach-a-Trick
November 29 th	????? No Meeting ?????	
December 13 th	Joint IBM/SAM Holiday Magic Meeting	
December TBD	Dale & Elaine Lorzo’s Annual Holiday Party	
December 27 th	No Meeting – Happy Holidays	

This calendar is subject to change and additional activities will be added as necessary. For up to the minute information, please phone an assembly officer or check our website at www.magic1.org/sam72