



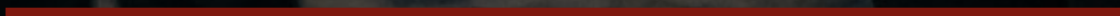
Louisville

MAGIC CLUB

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



Our next Event is the The Christmas Banquet on December 23rd! (See page 2).



DECEMBER MEETING

Saturday, December 23rd

Annual Holiday Banquet

Save the Date!



TICKETS

UPCOMING EVENTS

**BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR
FUTURE EVENTS IN THE NEXT
NEWSLETTER!**

OUT OF MY HAT | MICHAEL RAYMER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Well, this is my last “from the president’s message” and I want to personally thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as your president for the last six years. I have enjoyed being a member of the Louisville Magic Club for 42 years and following in the footsteps of Bob Escher, Sherrell Nunnolley, Jerry Oliver, David Garrard, Jim Harris, Larry Hibbs, Mac King, and the many others who served as President is a memory I will always cherish. Serving you has been a thrill for me, it is truly bittersweet as I step down. Serving as your president was not something I took lightly but was an honor of serving as president of the best magic club in the country.

I’ll continue serving by being on the advisory board, performing at some of our many fundraising events, getting us great lecturers, and working with the officers to help them in any way I can. Congratulations to Dennis Alm our incoming President, Matt Sohl our First VP, Tom Crecelius our Second VP, Alision White our Treasurer and Carl Loud our Secretary. I think we have good officers, who love magic, to continue making the club the best there is. The Louisville Magic Club is my extended family, and I will always be here to help anyone in any way I can.

One thing that has always been passed down from Dr. Bob Escher to all the other

presidents is to remember it’s all about magic. That’s why we won’t bore you with all the business stuff at a meeting. Members are always welcome to the officer’s meetings when we have them, but we don’t have them at the regular monthly meetings like some clubs do. Our dues are all-inclusive except for our holiday banquet and picnic which means you don’t pay every time we have a lecturer come in and we only charge for the banquet and picnic because of the food being served.

I hope everyone will continue to grow in their magic skills in 2024. I know I have some goals to set aside time every week to learn something new, polish up something in my repertoire, or read and re-read some of the many books I have in my library. Take every opportunity you can to perform, practice until it is perfect, and use your fellow members when you need help or have questions.

I hope to see everyone at the Holiday Banquet – it is a great way to end our magical year and get prepared for the new year. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year!

Mike Raymer

THE IMPORTANCE OF JOINING SAM & THE IBM

It is imperative to acknowledge the significance of our membership in SAM and IBM. Our club's very charter and standing within the magical community depend on a robust representation in these esteemed organizations. Without sufficient members joining SAM and IBM, we risk losing not just our charters but also the myriad opportunities these affiliations offer.

Joining SAM and IBM opens a treasure trove of benefits:

Networking Opportunities: Connect with fellow magicians, mentors, and legends in the field. Exchange ideas, learn new tricks, and get inspired.

Educational Resources: Gain access to exclusive workshops, lectures, and publications that can enhance your skills and knowledge.

Performance Opportunities: Participate in events, competitions, and shows organized by SAM and IBM, offering you a platform to showcase your talents.

Community Involvement: Engage in community service activities and outreach programs, spreading the joy and wonder of magic.

Recognition and Credentials: Elevate your status as a magician with the prestigious affiliation that comes with being a member of SAM and IBM.

It's not just about individual growth; as a club, we strive for excellence in leadership. To hold

an officer position within the Louisville Magic Club, membership in both SAM and IBM is mandatory. This ensures that our leadership is aligned with the highest standards and practices in the magical community.

Joining SAM and IBM is a straightforward process:

Visit the official websites of SAM and IBM to learn more about the membership process. Fill out the membership application forms available on their websites.

Submit the required membership fee, which varies based on the type of membership you choose.

Our choices today will shape the future of the Louisville Magic Club. Joining SAM and IBM is more than a membership; it's a commitment to the art of magic and to our community's thriving future. Let us unite and take this step together, ensuring our legacy and love for magic continue to flourish.

Magic is not just in the tricks we perform; it's in the bonds we create and the communities we build. Let's make this magic happen!



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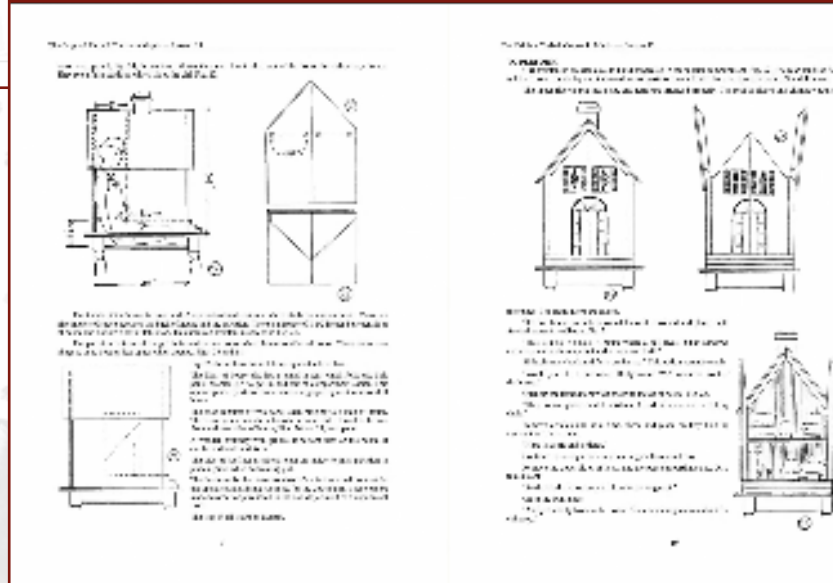
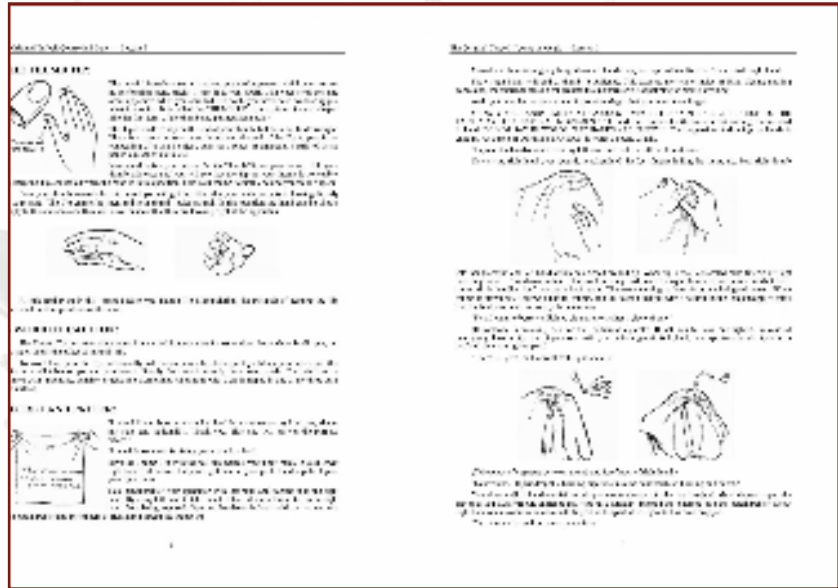
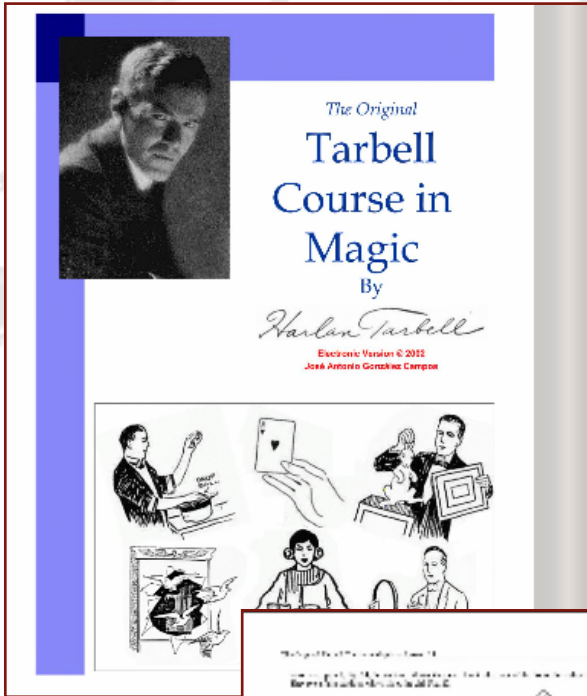
SHIRLEY'S WAY
"People Helping People"

Celebrate 2023 with an afternoon featuring four of Kentucky's best magicians, including a Vegas legend, and still have your evening free!

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PUBLIC DOMAIN BOOK OF THE MONTH

TARBELL COURSE IN MAGIC HARLAN TARBELL



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NOVEMBER PHOTOS

Photos by Matt Sohl

The annual close-up contest was well attended with a lot of great performances this year! Although we had a few drop outs at the last minute, the evening was still packed with great magic performed by members of the club! Our winners for the evening were Daniel Schaffer, Allison White, Richard Cross, and Magic Jo! Everyone start practicing for next year! I hear Michael Raymer has something fun planned.





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The Christmas Card TRICK

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FROM THE EDITOR | MATT SOHL



Hey all! As we wind down the year, this is a great time as usual to make your magic new year resolutions! It can range from practicing more, to deciding that you want to enter a contest next year! The possibilities are endless.

As for me, I think I will make my resolution to get some walk around gigs next year! And to do that, I'll need to create some walk around routines. I have a ton of tricks up my sleeves, but just need to sit down and plan out a few sets to carry with me that flow well.

I also want to perform more at club meetings. I take a lot of photos during trick nights, but rarely show anything, so I'll do that as well.

Anyway, hope to see you all at the Christmas banquet! Should be a blast.

Matt



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