



# The Servante

Official Newsletter of the Alliance of Illusionists Bruce Chadwick SAM Assembly 138

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Next Monthly Assembly Meeting Thursday December 15, 2016, 7:00 pm  
Illusion Warehouse - 3917 McCart Ave - Fort Worth, Texas 76110  
Three Blocks North of Seminary Drive - Across Street from School

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## DINNER AND A SHOW



### THURSDAY DECEMBER 15 FESTIVITIES

The December meeting of the Bruce Chadwick SAM Assembly 138 Alliance of Illusionists will feature a pot luck dinner and show featuring the magical artistry of Bronson Chadwick and Robert Smith.

Members are encouraged to bring one or more covered dish entrees and deserts. Drinks and dinnerware will be provided.

Also the proposed election process for the 2017 club year will be discussed. If you are interested in serving the club in one of our vital leadership roles, please be at the meeting. See the additional proposed information on back.

The meeting will start at 7:00 pm at the Illusion Warehouse, 3917 McCart Ave, Fort Worth, 76110, across the street from the Rosemont 6th Grade School. Additional parking is available at the school.

### NOVEMBER MEETING FEATURED CATEGORIES OF MAGIC

The November meeting of the Bruce Chadwick SAM Assembly 138 Alliance of Illusionists commenced on November 17, 2016 at the Illusion Warehouse magic shop. Twenty-one members were in attendance for a main core activity on the categories of magic.

After a couple of brief announcements and some discussion about the ongoing Assembly officer elections, Bruce Chadwick introduced the topic for the evening with a quick discussion about magic categories such as appearance, vanish, transposition, transformation, etc. Multiple performers presented a magic effect or routine and then the group discussed the performance and the category or categories of the various effects.

Bruce opened up with his version of the Don Alan Chop Cup routine. Hal Hudgins showed a remarkable idea on how to make a marble appear in a salt shaker. Other members suggested other ideas on how to use this unique principle.

Bronson Chadwick did a very nice routine to music that integrated the chameleon glass and silk trick, Abbott Transformation Cage, and hammering a large wooden die into a cylindrical block. Enoch then presented a unique mentalism routine.

Bruce Roberts presented his version of the Hopping Half routine followed by Michael Dimsdle with his sponge balls and color changing handkerchief routine. Michael Schelp then performed "Think," a Shin Lin effect. Robert Smith concluded the meeting by performing the vanishing napkin, and a burned and restored napkin routine.

The group stayed behind after the meeting for sometime for fellowship, gossip, and to pour over some of the exciting merchandise in the Illusion Warehouse magic shop!

## 2017 OFFICERS

It is time to elect 2017 Officers our SAM Assembly 138. It is important for the Assembly to have a fair election process that gives all area national SAM members a chance to interject their opinions, ideas, and contribute to the election. At the December 15 Monthly Assembly meeting, the following election criteria and procedures will be discussed.

1. All officers nominated and elected to serve as 2017 officers for SAM Assembly 138 should be members in good standing with the national Society of American Magicians organization.
2. All officers nominated and elected to serve as 2017 officers for SAM Assembly 138 should be affiliated with the Bruce Chadwick SAM Assembly 138 Alliance of Illusionists.
3. Following the Assembly's Bylaws, the seven officers to be elected should include a President, Vice President, Administrator, Sergeant at Arms, Communications, Historian, and Member at Large.
4. There should be a nomination process to include nominations from all national SAM members in good standing and who have reasonable affiliation with the SAM Assembly 138 Alliance of Illusionists.
5. The nomination process should be left open for a reasonable period so nominations can be tendered. However there must be a nomination deadline prior to the election period so that an official ballot can be created.
6. In addition to voting in person at the election and according to Assembly 138 Bylaws, ample time for early voting should be allowed so that homebound Assembly members, those that have occupations that cause them to travel extensively, and others not in physical attendance at the election for other reasons, can vote in absentia. Ballots may be tendered at the time of the election or submitted by US Mail or other currier.
7. Votes should be cast only by official paper ballot. Voters should be required to indicate on their ballots their name, contact information, and reasonable evidence that they are both national SAM members in good standing and also reasonably affiliated with the Bruce Chadwick SAM Assembly 138 Alliance of Illusionists.

## PROPOSED TIMETABLE

### **December 15, 2016 Monthly Assembly Meeting:**

Invite all national SAM members in the area to determine an election and nomination process. Then begin nominating 2017 officers. To allow plenty of time for additional nominations, it is proposed that officers can be nominated at both the December 15 and January 5 Monthly Assembly Meetings.

### **January 5, 2017 Monthly Assembly Meeting:**

Receive final nominations and then close the nomination process so an official ballot can be made and early voting can commence. Early voting ballots may be submitted at or in advance of the February 16 election by US Mail, currier, or other method.

*(Note the Fort Worth Magicians Club has scheduled its installation banquet on January 19, the night which would normally be the Assembly's regular third Thursday Monthly Assembly Meeting. To compensate, Assembly 138 has moved its January meeting to the Fort Worth Magicians Club's normal first Thursday meeting night on January 5).*

### **February 16, 2017 Monthly Assembly Meeting:**

Tabulate all submitted early voting ballots. Allow any Assembly members who did not vote in absentia a chance to submit their ballots. The candidates with the most votes win and are immediately installed into office.