



# The Servante

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Next Monthly Assembly Meeting - Thursday October 19, 2017, 7:00 pm  
Illusion Warehouse - 3917 McCart Ave - Fort Worth, Texas 76110  
3 Blks North of Seminary Dr - Across From Rosemont 6th Grade School

## Going Mental and Other Spooky Stuff!



October is the “things go bump in the night” month! Such will be the case at the October meeting of the Alliance of Illusionists. The meeting will feature spooky magic effects, mentalism, and other bizarre magic. A series of mini lectures by our many members will complement the evening. Also you are invited to bring your favorite “Halloween” effect or routine, mentalism effect, and join us for a fun evening of magic and mirth!

*Don't worry about  
walking a mile  
in my shoes,  
just try a day  
thinking in my head*

### 2018 OFFICER NOMINATIONS

In preparation for electing 2018 Officers of the Assembly at the December Monthly Assembly Meeting, a Nominating Committee has been formed. All officers are elected yearly and all officers except the President can be re-elected. New officers will be installed at the January Monthly Assembly Meeting, which traditionally is an Installation Banquet. Any member with an interest in serving as an officer for the 2018 club year should contact club President Larry Brown at lbrown@stateofficial.us or Communications officer Bruce Chadwick at 817-832-6062 or by email at communications@allianceofillusionists.com. See the next page for information on requirements.

### JACK MC COY FEATURED AT THE SEPTEMBER AOI MEETING



Twenty-five members and guests were in attendance at the Thursday September 21 Alliance of Illusionists meeting to hear and see Jack McCoy, one of the most respected magicians in the magic community. Jack covered an array of magic routines with cards, coins, paper, and rope. Jack talked about his biography, history in magic, literary works, and philosophy of magic performance. Jack is knowledgeable, a noted magic writer, and a skilled sleight-of-hand artist. Everyone left the meeting overwhelmed, dazzled, and ready to take on the magic world! Thank you Jack for a great meeting and your devotion to magic.

### THE SAM SELECTS A NEW EDITOR FOR M-U-M MAGAZINE

The Society of American Magicians has selected Alan Howard to succeed Michael Close as the new editor for the organization's monthly periodical M-U-M magazine. Howard was previously the editor of Juggle Magazine and associate editor of MAGIC Magazine. Howard will work to assemble his design team and columnists this month. He will work with Michael Close to transition the publication's editorial responsibilities. Michael's last issue will be the December 2017 issue, with Alan's first issue the January 2018 issue. The Society thanks Michael Close for his nine years at the helm of M-U-M magazine where he brought interesting features, diverse columns, tricks and magic product reviews to SAM compeers.

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**9 - ELECTIONS**

9.01 Nominations - Before the conclusion of the September Executive Committee Meeting, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Nominating Committee to seek out Active and Honorary Life members in good standing to serve as officers of the Assembly for the next fiscal year. The nomination process begins with the Nominating Committee asking current officers (other than the President 9.04) if they would be interested in continuing their officer role for another year. The Nominating Committee then reports its recommendations to the general membership at the November and December Monthly Assembly Meetings. Other recommendations can be made from the floor during the October and November Monthly Assembly Meetings.

9.02 Elections - Officers of the Assembly are elected by a majority vote of the Active and Honorary Life members in good standing at the December Monthly Assembly Meeting. As an alternative, Active and Honorary Life members in good standing not in attendance at the December meeting may vote in absentia during the thirty days (or other period determined by the Assembly) prior to the official election date. All absentia ballots must be submitted in writing to the Assembly Communications officer prior to the official election tabulation and they must include the submitter's name and contact information. All nominees receiving a majority of all votes are declared elected.

9.03 Ballots and Tabulation - A secret ballot is required for the election of an office if there are two or more nominations for a particular office. All balloting is normally tabulated by the Administrator and verified by the Sergeant of Arms.

9.04 Term - All officers are elected yearly. Officers serve for the fiscal year for which they are elected and until their successor is sworn in. All Officers except the President can be re-elected and serve back-to-back terms. Assembly members in good standing may serve up to two elected offices simultaneously during the same fiscal year. As such, Assembly members serving two officer roles simultaneously have two votes on the Executive Committee, one vote for each office they hold (7.04 and 8.05).

9.05 Installation - The newly elected officers are installed at the January Monthly Assembly Meeting, which traditionally is an Installation Banquet.

9.06 Vacancy - When an elected office becomes vacant, the Assembly shall call for a Special Executive Committee Meeting at the next available Monthly Assembly Meeting and receive nominations from the floor to fill the vacancy. Only Active and Honorary Life members in good standing may be nominated. The members in good standing and in attendance at the meeting then vote and immediately install the new officer to fulfill the remaining unexpired term.

