



The Servante

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Next Monthly Assembly Meeting Thursday December 20, 2018, 7:00 pm
Illusion Warehouse - 3917 McCart Ave - Fort Worth, Texas 76110
Three Blocks North of Seminary Drive - Across From Rosemont School

A MAGICAL CHRISTMAS PARTY - DECEMBER MEETING

It will be party time at the December Monthly Assembly Meeting of the Alliance of Illusionists! An evening meal will be provided by members, with Sergeant-at-Arms Cindy Bighorse being the "point person" for the sign-up list. For information on what food is needed, please contact Cindy at cabighorse@gmail.com or phone her at 817-846-4062. After the meal and election of 2019 officers, the event will include a Chinese Gift Exchange, meal, and entertainment by Al Fox. Attendees are requested to bring a wrapped quality magic gift worth at least ten dollars for the gift exchange.



Magic HOLIDAY

NOVEMBER MEETING FEATURED HOLIDAY MAGIC

Over a dozen magicians and guests were in attendance at the November SAM Assembly 138 Alliance of Illusionists Monthly Assembly Meeting. Vice-President Frank Seltzer emceed the evening and introduced our newest member candidate Mark Bynum (see photo). Mark talked briefly about his magical history and then performed a multiplying coin routine and magically "quartered" an unopened banana. Young magician and visitor Toby Hayes was introduced along with his mom Teresa Hankins. Toby then performed his flea circus rendition of the stiff rope.

Seltzer performed a Snap card effect that he learned from the Other Brothers, his "Miracle on 34th Street" card effect, and a torn card corner trick. Enoch Ng proudly presented his Heinz Ketchup coin effect, his favorite card trick, and a matching card in his wallet routine. Lisa "Magic Nana" Fulce performed a cut and restored rope effect and a four ace assembly.

Pierce Brooks performed a Thanksgiving card effect, some very well done rubber band magic, and then proceeded to shove a Sharpie up his nose. Joey Byers did a very nice Chinese coin type of hopping half routine. Bruce Chadwick performed a Gozinta Boxes routine, showed his jumbo Tree of Hearts routine, and his vintage Supreme Little Indian One Way effect.



Mark Bynum performs his Qualification Demonstration

JANUARY MEETING TO FEATURE INSTALLATION BANQUET

The January 2019 installation of officers banquet will be held once again at the Mexican Inn restaurant located at 1625 8th Ave, Fort Worth, TX 76104 at 7:00 pm on January 17, the Assembly's regular third Thursday meeting night. You may recall that this is the same location where last year's Installation Banquet was held. Attendees can attend the banquet without reservations. Guests simply order and pay for the food they desire at the restaurant. As part of the agreement with the restaurant for free use of their meeting room, everyone in attendance is required to buy a meal. Also a small admission charge of \$5 per person cash will be collected at the door to pay for the various banquet costs. Special entertainment for the event is being planned.

NOVEMBER 2018 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The November 2018 Executive Committee meeting of the SAM Assembly 138 Alliance of Illusionists commenced at approximately 6:30 pm on Thursday November 15 at the Illusion Warehouse. In A quorum was present with Vice-President Frank Seltzer, Administrator Joey Byers, Communications Bruce Chadwick, and Sergeant-at-Arms Cindy Bighorse in attendance. Absent were President Mark Jones, Historian John Hale, and Member at Large Bruce Roberts.

With the absence of President Jones, Vice-President Seltzer presided over the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting as written in the November 2018 Servante newsletter were approved by acclamation. Treasurer Byers reported no change in the Assembly's finances since the last meeting.

Next the December Monthly Assembly Meeting was briefly discussed. It was decided that the event will include a Chinese Gift Exchange, pot-luck style meal, and magic entertainment. Attendees are requested to bring a wrapped quality magic gift worth between ten and twenty dollars for the gift exchange. Bruce Chadwick was commissioned to determine the rules for the exchange. The meal will be provided by members, with Sergeant-at-Arms Cindy Bighorse being the "point person" for the sign-up list. Frank Seltzer and Joey Byers have both volunteered to bring pulled pork for the event. For information on the other food needs of the event, please contact Cindy at cabighorse@gmail.com, phone 817-846-4062. Entertainment for the evening may be provided by Bruce Chadwick and/or Al Fox.

The January 2019 installation of officers was briefly discussed. It was decided that the January installation would once again be a banquet and held at the Mexican Inn located in the hospital district of Fort Worth, at 1625 8th Ave. The event will be held on January 17, the Assembly's regular third Thursday meeting night. With the event held at a restaurant, this means each attendee can attend without reservations, order and pay for the food they desire. Everyone in attendance is requested to buy a meal, so that our Assembly can get free use of the meeting room. An admission charge of \$5 per person will be collected to pay for various banquet costs.

Next entertainment for the event was discussed. With the recent move of Mike Squires to Saginaw, Texas, the committee has agreed to invite Mike to be the feature entertainment for the banquet. The committee agreed to give Mike a \$100 gift certificate to the Illusion Warehouse (the cost of which would be reduced to the actual wholesale cost of the items chosen by Mike), plus free dues (\$20 value) for 2019 Assembly club year, pending his acceptance into the club. It was also agreed that the committee would wait till December to contact Mike, to give him time to settle into his new Saginaw residence.

The final order of business for the meeting was a report from President Mark Jones who is also head of the 2019 Nominating Committee. Mark reported that the following officers and members have volunteered to officiate for the 2019 club year:

PRESIDENT:	Joey Byers or Frank Seltzer	SERGEANT AT ARMS:	Cindy Bighorse
VICE-PRESIDENT:	Mark Jones	HISTORIAN:	John Hale
ADMINISTRATOR:	Lisa Fulce	MEMBER-AT-LARGE:	Pierce Brooks
COMMUNICATIONS:	Bruce Chadwick		

With Joey Byers and Frank Seltzer both vying for the 2019 club Presidency, each gave officer gave a brief overview of their vision for the club and its 2019 fiscal year. It was noted that with a contested election, each candidate will be given the opportunity to present his vision for the Assembly at the December Monthly Assembly Meeting. The election will be by secret ballot in accordance to the Assembly's Bylaws. Additionally, additional nominations for any of the positions can be made from the floor at the December meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Chadwick, Communications

2018 OFFICERS

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5. COMMUNICATIONS:	Bruce Chadwick	chadwickillusionist@yahoo.com	817-832-6062
6. HISTORIAN:	John Hale	x@jdsworld.com	214-783-1350
7. MEMBER AT LARGE:	Bruce Roberts	brucerobertspainter@gmail.com	817-300-7250

SAM ASSEMBLY 138 BYLAWS SECTION ON 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 November and December 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. If officers are not elected at the December meeting, the election is held as soon as possible.

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.



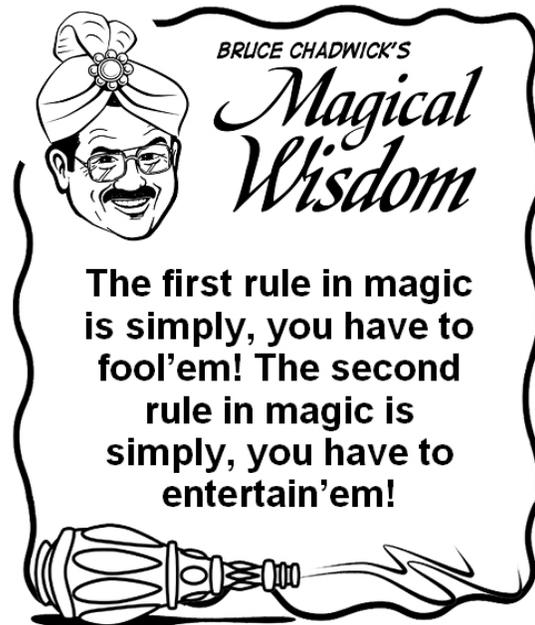
TIME TO PAY 2019 ANNUAL DUES

Active, Associate, and Junior members pay Yearly Membership Dues to the Assembly to help it fulfill its purpose. Money amounts for dues are set by the Executive Committee and are payable the first day of January of each fiscal year. Dues are currently only \$20 per person.

So that dues are handled in a consistent manner and current contact information can be maintained for all members, dues and membership information are collected exclusively online through the Assembly's Internet website. Simply go to www.sam138.com and click on "Dues."

Assembly Bylaws state that members who fail to pay their Yearly Membership Dues before the first day of March are automatically suspended from the Assembly. Suspended members are no longer members in good standing and their name badge shall be removed from accessibility. Suspended members may not attend Monthly Assembly Meetings or other Assembly sponsored events until past dues are paid.

A member whose dues are unpaid for less than two years may pay his back dues and thereby be reinstated and retain continuous membership. A member in arrears for two years or more must reapply for membership and previous membership is no longer continuous.



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TAOM 2019 NEWS

The 2019 annual convention of the Texas Association of Magicians will be held in San Antonio, Texas next Labor Day Weekend, August 30 through September 2.



Current convention stars include Richard Turner, Oscar Munoz, Nick Lewin, Scott Pepper, John Cornelius, Stuart MacDonald, and Earl Nelson.

The convention will be held at the beautiful Hilton Palacio del Rio, set on the banks of the San Antonio River Walk. Use the discount code TAM for the special \$149 room rate. Also the hotel is just down the street from the Magik Theatre where the evening shows will be held. Seats are reserved and pre-assigned according to registration date.

The sooner one registers, the closer they are seated to the action on the stage. Current registration is only \$225 per person and can be made online at <http://taom.org/2019>