



The Servante

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Next Monthly Assembly Meeting Thursday February 21, 2018, 7:00 pm
Illusion Warehouse, 3917 McCart Ave, Fort Worth, Texas
Three blocks north of Seminary Drive and Across from a School

FEBRUARY MEETING FEATURES FREE LECTURE FOR DUES-PAID-UP MEMBERS

The February Monthly Assembly Meeting of SAM 138 will feature a free lecture by Bronson Chadwick, pro magician from Midland, Texas. Bronson started performing magic as a child and became a professional in 2008. He recently completed a ten month performing tour across the northeastern part of the United States. To date he has performed thousands of programs and is in high demand for banquets, meetings, and parties.



Bronson will present his brand new lecture called "Magic You've Never Seen Before: A Collection of Fine Mysteries for the Parlor." The lecture will consist of an array of unique and original effects that deal with cards, coins, silk handkerchiefs, mentalism and more.

The lecture is free for 2019 dues-paid-up members of SAM 138. Others may attend by paying \$20 cash, credit or debit card at the door, which if so requested can be applied toward Assembly membership application for the 2019 Assembly year. Assembly members who have yet to pay their 2019 dues may also do so at the door, or simply go to the Dues page of the club's www.sam138.com website.

JANUARY MEETING FEATURED ANNUAL INSTALLATION BANQUET

About three dozen magicians and guests were in attendance at the January 2019 Alliance of Illusionists Annual Installation Banquet. After a few opening remarks and invocation from outgoing President Mark Jones, guests in attendance ordered the meal of their choice from the Mexican Inn restaurant located on 8th Avenue in Fort Worth.



After dinner Mark recognized each outgoing officer with a framed certificate. Outgoing officers include Frank Seltzer as Vice-President, Joey Byers as Administrator, Cindy Bighorse as Sergeant at Arms, Bruce Chadwick as Communications, John Hale as Historian, Bruce Roberts as Member at Large, and Mark Jones as President.



New officers were then installed for the 2019 fiscal Assembly year. They include President Joey Byers, Vice-President Mark Jones, Administrator Lisa Fulce, Communications Officer Bruce Chadwick, Sergeant at Arms Cindy Bighorse, Historian John Hale, and Member at Large Jimmie Fulce.

After the officer installation, incoming President Joey Byers bestowed a plaque to outgoing President Mark Jones to convey the Assembly's gratitude and appreciation (photo above, Jones on the left and Byers on the right).

The entertainment for the evening was Dallas Magic Club's Magician of the Year Mike Squires. Mike performed a very professional act with torn and restored newspaper, Chinese sticks, Linking Rings, a rope routine, and some wonderful card work. At the end of his performance, the club honored Mike by giving him an Illusion Warehouse gift certificate and voted him into the Assembly as a new member for 2019.



Hello friends and family of SAM Assembly 138 Alliance of Illusionists! I hope this issue of the Servante and this introductory column of "Outlook 2019" finds you well!

I chose the title for this column because I would like to discuss the outlook of our club for the upcoming year. Additionally I want to use the column to gauge development and match the accomplishments of our club to our goals over the course of my presidency. I'm extremely excited about the opportunities we have before us. My hope is that if I share my outlook with you, you in turn will feel the excitement.

This first edition of the article will be a bit longer than the subsequent columns in order to set expectations and introduce what we will be covering in months to come. First of all, I encourage all of you who are not familiar with the history of our assembly to check out the History tab on the Alliance of Illusionists website at www.sam138.com. In this quick read, you will find a brief and rich history of the Assembly. The article outlines the phases, growth, and renewal of its 17 years as a club. If you spend just a few moments with that write-up, you will see that our Assembly 138 decided to again start meeting separately in July 2016 from the Fort Worth Magicians Club and IBM Ring 15. All three clubs have the difficult task ahead of running successful clubs, while affecting each other and our society in a positive way.

Since July 2016 we have focused on restructuring and rebuilding our Assembly. Countless hours have been spent modifying Bylaws and revising the policies that will pave the road to the growth, prosperity, and success for years to come. It's been hard and difficult work for our club members, and it will continue to be work as we realize our goals in the upcoming months. Our group is up for the task and realize that nothing worth accomplishing comes easy. We began taking dues payments again in 2018 and grew the club to 27 paid members. We just had a very successful Officer Installation and Banquet on January 17th to kick off our new 2019 year. We have built up a great deal of momentum and we have high expectations for the coming months. The vision cited below should help us capitalize on that momentum and carry us through the rest of the year so that we can move into 2020 to host from a position of strength the Texas Association of Magicians convention.

I'm excited to share with you all some of the important goals I shared with the Executive Committee during our Annual Business and Planning meeting in January. I also want to emphasize that although I am the President of the club this year, and although we have contributors on our Executive Committee like Mark Jones and Bruce Chadwick who have put their heart and soul into the club since it was chartered, the club does not belong to Joey Byers, Mark Jones, Bruce Chadwick or ANY other one person. This club belongs to YOU as a member. The Bylaws have been written to ensure that the club is run by an elected committee. We follow the Bylaws and we do things the right way. If the Bylaws no longer serve the interests of the club, then we amend or rewrite them so that they remain practical and up-to-date. Also this is not Joey's club. It is an Assembly run by an elected committee. While many of these goals were created by me and they no doubt represent my vision for the club year, these goals were agreed upon and in some cases modified by the Executive Committee during the Annual Business and Planning meeting. My vision for our club in 2019 includes the following:

1. **AGGRESSIVE GROWTH:** We want to double the club membership from last year. With exciting programs and member contributions, clever planning and hard work, we can and will do this!
2. **COOPERATION WITH OTHER CLUBS:** We want to work in cooperation with other magic clubs in the area to accomplish mutual goals. Fundraising, talent-sharing, and mutual programs not only give our members greater opportunity, but they also foster relations between the members of all local clubs. Too long there have been

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geographical and social barriers holding back the proliferation and sharing of magic and magic opportunities in the DFW area. If we work WITH our neighbors, we can accomplish great things. Opposing them, none of us can be as great as we can collectively.

3. **PERFORMING:** Let's get our club members performing and gaining experience. We want to look for opportunities to perform and hone our craft. We want to find opportunities for our members to perform and for our pros to make money. We are planning to put on a public show in July at the Illusion Warehouse. At our club meetings I would like to see our people performing on the stage area in front of our audience (Some have been informally performing at their seat.) Performing in front of an audience for our people is important. Additionally I would like to designate a different person each month to act as the emcee during any "open mic session" so that they get experience announcing club members. My theory is that if club members formalize their practice, they will professionalize their performance.

4. **PUNCTUALITY:** The committee wants our club to start Monthly Club Meetings promptly at 7:00 pm. This is an example of rule by committee because I suggested that the club group might want to socialize and chit-chat for a bit before Assembly Meetings. However the committee suggested that we should formally start the meetings promptly at 7:00 pm and then have a break mid-way in the meeting to socialize and have refreshments. So . . . let's do it!

5. **CLUB SUPPORT:** We want to emphasize the "club" aspect of our Assembly. I mentioned fund-raisers, we will discuss this task with the club members to glean ideas. We want to build-up our club finances so that we can provide better opportunities and environment for our members. Additionally we need our members to serve on committees, help at our TAOM convention, contribute to meetings, programs, live shows, and even bring a dish of food when we have pot-luck meals. Please remember that people pay their dues to be club members. It's not an open meeting for anyone to crash at will. Visitors get three visits to try out the Assembly. After that visitors are asked to join or cease visiting meetings. Our Assembly does its best to provide great magic, fellowship, instruction, and opportunity. Our club supports its members and members support the club by paying yearly dues.

OK club members. Help us out here. Get behind our mission and our goals, pay your dues, attend our meetings, participate in our activities, fundraisers and fun. Share our vision, help make us successful, and we will do the same for you!

Joey Byers, Your 2019 President

UPCOMING MONTHLY ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

FEBRUARY: See the front page of this month's Servante for an overview of our February 21st meeting, which will consist of a lecture by Bronson Chadwick entitled "Magic You've Never Seen Before: A Collection of Fine Mysteries for the Parlor." Bronson will have some products to sell, so be sure and to bring cash or card.

MARCH: On March 21st we will be treated to a presentation by Bruce Chadwick on **Stagecraft 101**. Don't take the narrow view of stagecraft as being only how to stand, or speak on stage. Instead it is the entire technical aspect of stage production. I'm excited about this because we will no doubt be getting the opportunity to see what goes on in producing magic tricks, from backstage to prop building. You won't want to miss this.

APRIL: The April 18th meeting will be feature a presentation by **The Magic Mayor**. Wylie Mayor Eric Hogue is also a professional magician, an excellent public speaker, and author. He personally hosts the Wylie Magic Festival during Magic Week brings his unique brand of magic to the Illusion Warehouse. Mayor Hogue will not only treat us to a performance, he will also enlighten us on House Resolution 698, "Recognizing magic as a rare and valuable art form." Additionally, he will be doing a short Q and A on that topic as well.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS AND PLANNING MEETING, JANUARY 27, 2019

The Annual Business and Planning Meeting of the Alliance of Illusionists Executive Committee was held at 3:00 pm on Sunday afternoon January 27, 2019. at the Illusion Warehouse. Six of the seven officers were in attendance for the Bylaws mandated meeting. Attending were President Joey Byers, Vice-President Mark Jones, Communications Bruce Chadwick, Sergeant at Arms Cindy Bighorse, Administrator Lisa Fulce, and Member at Large Jimmie Fulce. Absent was Historian John Hale.

In accordance with section 8.11 of the Assembly Bylaws, each officer's role, duties, and responsibilities was discussed. Also a tentative budget for the new fiscal year was discussed and approved. Also a tentative schedule for many of the main core activities for the year's Monthly Assembly Meetings was approved.

Upcoming Monthly Assembly Meeting main core activities include a lecture by Bronson Chadwick at the February meeting for dues-paid-up members and \$20 at the door for guests. Guests have the option to also allow the \$20 payment at the door to apply toward 2019 Assembly membership application. The March Monthly Assembly Meeting will be a lecture by Bruce Chadwick called Stagecraft 101. In April, the Assembly will host Eric Hogue, Honorable Mayor of Wylie, and talk about Texas House Resolution 698."

The Committee voted to approve the payment of \$15 for www.sam138.com domain name renewal and \$30 for trophy/plaque expenditures for 2018 outgoing President Mark Jones.

Cindy Bighorse was chosen to chair the Public Show Exploratory Committee, with Joey Byers, Mark Jones, and Lisa Fulce as members on the committee. Various locations for the show were discussed, as well as ticket sales, concession, and related matters. It was tentatively agreed that the Illusion Warehouse party room would be a good location for the club's first foray into the public show business. The show is tentatively slated for July.

Rather than use of paper tickets, the idea of online ticket sales such as Eventbrite should probably be used. It was noted that AOI member Bronson Chadwick has good experience with online ticket sales and that he should be contacted to get his perspective. It was also discussed that with the maximum occupancy of about 50 people in the Illusion Warehouse Party Room, that the Assembly might consider two shows on a particular day; perhaps a matinee at about 3:00 pm and an evening show at 7:00 pm. Chairman Bighorse will provide additional details about the show as they become available.

It was discussed that the Assembly should begin providing refreshments at the Monthly Assembly Meetings. Cindy Bighorse was volunteered to help ramrod the monthly refreshment activity as needed. The idea of providing club members and guests with a can of soda and two cookies for a dollar was agreed upon. Cindy suggested that sometimes cookies can be homemade while at other times they can be purchased. She also suggested that other deserts such as brownies and the like may also be substituted for cookies. President Byers suggested that his daughter Ava is a great baker and that she might be willing to assist. It was agreed that sales of the cookies would be used first to pay for the cost of the refreshments, with any profit going into the Assembly's treasury for future magic lectures.

Communications officer Bruce Chadwick was chosen to chair the Bylaws Committee to suggest changes and additions to the current Bylaws. Bruce requested that Joey Byers and Cindy Bighorse also serve as committee members. Bruce was commissioned to present his findings to the Executive Committee at the March Executive Committee Meeting.

Discussion was made about visitors who come to Monthly Assembly Meetings. Officers were reminded about the visitation policy of the Assembly as delineated in Bylaws "5.01 Visitors - Visitors may attend up to three regular Monthly Assembly Meetings. Thereafter visitors must either apply for membership or cease attendance." In 2018, some visitors attended more than one meeting without making application to join the Assembly.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS AND PLANNING MEETING, JANUARY 27, 2019 (Continued)

The Committee renewed its commitment to better enforce the three meeting visitation limit. The Sergeant at Arms was reminded that it is her responsibility to keep an attendance record of all visitors, their contact information, and enforce the visitation limit. For visitors who overlook the three meeting visitation limit, it was agreed that the Assembly will enforce "gently and in a nice way" AFTER the first offense. Officers were reminded that visitors do not vote and may not attend Executive Committee Meetings.

It was noted that unfortunately some club members never paid their 2018 annual dues. The committee agreed that greater effort must be made to encourage members to pay their yearly dues. Also the Assembly must enforce the fact that members who dues are past due after March 1 of each year must first pay their yearly dues before they can attend subsequent Monthly Assembly Meetings.

President Joey Byers has scheduled a Standing Executive Committee Meeting for 6:30 pm every month except February, immediately prior to the regular assembly meeting. If there are changes to calling an Executive Committee Meeting for any particular month, the Assembly members will be notified. With no further business, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted, Bruce Chadwick, Communications

TAOM 2019 NEWS

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



Current convention stars include Richard Turner, Oscar Munoz, Nick Lewin, Scott Pepper, John Cornelius, Stuart MacDonald, Joe Givan, Carol Lee Massie, James Dimmare, Mahdi Gilbert, Chris Capeheart, 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. Seating is according to registration date. For more details, <http://taom.org/2019>

ANNUAL DUES PAST-DUE ON MARCH 1

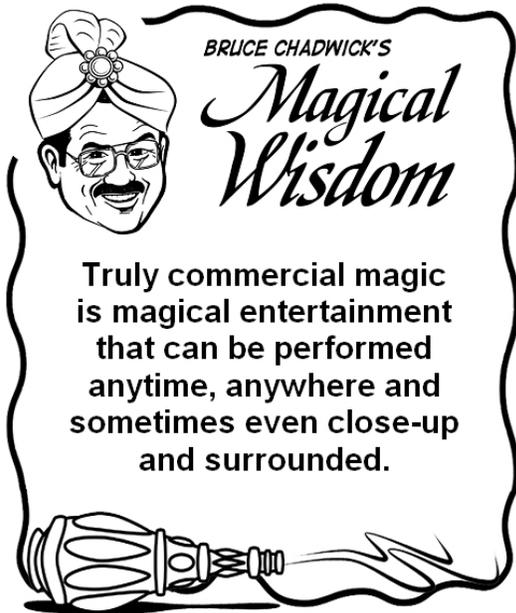
Active, Associate, and Junior members pay Yearly Membership Dues to the Assembly to help it fulfill its purpose. Money amounts for dues are set by the Executive Committee and are payable the first day of January of each fiscal year. Dues are currently only \$20 per person.

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. Members 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.

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DFW AREA MAGIC HAPPENINGS

BRUCE CHADWICK SAM 138 ALLIANCE OF ILLUSIONISTS

Meets on the third Thursday of each month, 7:00 pm at the Illusion Warehouse magic shop located at 3917 McCart Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76110. Contact communications@allianceofillusionists.com or go to <http://sam138.com/alliance/> or Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/162025544420781/>

FORT WORTH MAGICIANS CLUB INC

Meets on the first Thursday of each month, 7:00 pm at 4055 International Plaza, Fort Worth. Contact President Dr. Geoff Grimes for more details at ggrimes1@aol.com or phone 972-740-3125.

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Meets concurrently with the Fort Worth Magicians Club. See the information above.

MID-CITIES MAGIC CIRCLE

Meets monthly at the Humperdink's Restaurant located near Six Flags in Arlington. Guests arrive at 7:00 pm for dinner with an informal meeting at 8:00 pm. See Mid-Cities Magic Circle on Facebook or <https://goo.gl/uDqdQa>

DALLAS MAGIC CLUB, SAM ASSEMB 13 & IBM RING 174

Meets monthly at 7:00 pm, Crossroads Christian Church, 2425 Parker Road, Carrollton, www.DallasMagic.org

IMPROV COMEDY CLUBS IN ADDISON AND ARLINGTON

Both comedy clubs periodically host weekend comedy magic shows with headliners such as Mike Williams, Mike Squires, and others. For more details go to their respective websites at either www.ImprovArlington.com or www.ImprovAddison.com.

MAGIC IN THE LIVING ROOM

Periodic magic shows at The Line Public House, 940 E Beltline in Richardson. ww.MagicLivingRoom.com