



# The Servante

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Next Monthly Assembly Meeting Thursday March 15, 2017, 7:00 pm  
Illusion Warehouse - 3917 McCart Ave - Fort Worth, Texas 76110  
Three Blocks North of Seminary Drive - Across From Rosemont School

## Money Magic!

The next meeting of the SAM Assembly 138 Alliance of Illusionists will be held at 7:00 pm on our regular third Thursday meeting night, March 15, 2018 at the Illusion Warehouse magic shop located at 3917 McCart Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas. The agenda for the evening will be Money Magic. You are invited to bring or demonstrate any money or coin magic trick. Additionally please bring any other trick or routine you're working on. We'll have a great evening of magic, fun, and fellowship! The Executive Committee will meet at 6:30 pm. All members in good standing of the Assembly are invited to attend.



### FEBRUARY FEATURED MAGIC OLD AND SELDOM SEEN

The February meeting of the Alliance of Illusionists SAM Assembly 138 began at 7:00 pm on Thursday February 15 with over a dozen members and guests in attendance. Magicians perused an array of gently used magic effects for sale from the estate of the late John Houston. Our newly elected President Mark Jones then began the meeting with the recommendation from the Assembly's Executive Committee and subsequent affirmative vote by the Assembly members that Joseph Byers be elected as our club's 2018 representative to the Texas Association of Magicians. Special thanks to Rick Burcher who served our Assembly in this capacity for 2017. Communications officer Bruce Chadwick then talked about the new online dues payment system available on the club's website.

The main core activity for the night's meeting was "Magic Old and Seldom Seen." Frank Seltzer showed some wonderful antique Brema Brasses effects that he acquired from Kanter's Magic in Philadelphia many years ago. His presentation of the Bill Tube, Nickels to Dimes, and Devil's Canister was fun to watch. Pix Smith followed with an original Edward Massey Ribbon Fantastique. In typical Pix style, his presentation was smooth and personable. Mark Jones then auctioned off a couple of books including a pristine copy of CHEMICAL MAGIC. Bruce Chadwick was next where he showed his collection of four mint Homer Hudson magic tables. He also demonstrated and talked about the Chinese Flame Clock effect and showed two versions from his collection; a mint Milson Worth rendition as well as an original Massey version. Robert Smith was next with his fast-paced Cups and Balls routine and a beautiful Rising Card effect performed flawlessly to music. J. D. Hale showed some nice coin manipulation and presented an incredible marked deck. Michael Schelp finished the evening with some matchbook magic including a subtle burned and restored match routine.

### ANNUAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP DUES

Assembly membership dues are only \$20 per person. Please go to [www.sam138.com](http://www.sam138.com) and click on "Dues."

### 2020 TAOM CONVENTION PLANNING MEETING

Joey Byers, our SAM Assembly 138 Representative to the TAOM, has called a quick planning meeting at the conclusion of the March 15 Assembly Meeting. All members of the Assembly are encouraged to attend.

## 2018 OFFICERS

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## FEBRUARY 2018 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

A quorum was present on February 15, 2018 at the Illusion Warehouse, 6:00 pm, for the first official Executive Committee Meeting of the Assembly's 2018 club year. Present was Mark Jones, Bruce Chadwick, Joey Byers, and Frank Seltzer. Absent was Bill Dunlap, Cindy Bighorse, and Bruce Roberts.

First on the agenda was a discussion about the meeting topic for the March Monthly Assembly Meeting. Money Magic was chosen as the main core activity. In addition to main core activities at your monthly Assembly meetings, the group also discussed the ongoing need to have diversification during our meetings to have something for everyone, such as adding book reviews, teach-a-trick sessions, panel discussions, and so forth.



Next the committee talked about the need for our Assembly 138 to elect a new 2018 representative to the Texas Association of Magicians to replace Rick Burcher whose term expired in December 2017. The committee voted to recommend Joseph (Joey) Byers as our Assembly's new TAOM Representative.

The Executive Committee commissioned Assembly President Mark Jones to call a Special Executive Committee at the February 15 Monthly Assembly Meeting and inform the members of the Executive Committee's recommendation. The Executive Committee also commissioned that a letter of thanks be sent to Rick Burcher.

The final notable items for discussion concerned finances for the club. As of the date of the February Executive Committee meeting, the club has zero funds. It was explained that this is about to change however with Assembly members expected to start paying their \$20 per year dues at the February Monthly Assembly Meeting. The need for a checking account and a PayPal account designated solely for the club's website was discussed.

It was also discussed that the Assembly might form a LLC as it prepares to host the 2020 TAOM Convention. It was agreed that this be tabled and discussed later at an upcoming TAOM Convention Planning Meeting.

With no final business, the Executive Committee adjourned to prepare for that evening's 7:00 Monthly third Thursday Assembly Meeting.

