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Next Monthly Assembly Meeting Thursday June 21, 2018, 7:00 pm

Mexican Inn, 1625 8th Ave, Fort Worth, TX 76104

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Spiritual, Gospel, and Educational Magic

The theme for the June meeting of the Alliance of Illusionists will feature Spiritual, Gospel, and Educational Magic. You are encouraged to bring and perform any type of "message type themed" magic to the Thursday June 21 meeting.

Since the Illusion Warehouse will not be available this month, the Assembly will meet at the Mexica Inn located at 1625 8th Ave, Fort Worth, TX 76104, just a few blocks north of the Illusion Warehouse near the hospital district. You may recall that this is the same restaurant where the installation banquet was held last January. The meeting will start at the regular 7:00 pm meeting time.

Assembly members are gently requested to dine during the meeting as part of the agreement with the restaurant to use their meeting room. However please remember that meetings are only for dues-paid-up members of the Assembly. Guests may attend up to three monthly meetings as they contemplate membership application.

MAY ASSEMBLY MEETING FEATURED CLOSE-UP MAGIC



Seventeen members and guests were at the May Monthly Assembly Meeting of SAM 138 Alliance of Illusionists. The evening featured three of our club close-up magic artists including (photo left to right) Enoch Ng, Adam Alsup, and Robert Smith. After a few announcements by Assembly President Mark Jones, Enoch took the stage first with some astounding card work with his lovely assistant Van McGee. He did a unique card box reveal of a chosen card and a comprehensive 21 card trick routine that wowed.

Adam Alsup followed with a bounce no-bounce ball routine, chosen card image appearing in a half dollar, his version of the Cornelius Thought Transmitter Pro, and other astounding feats. Robert Smith Closed the show in typical dapper form with a blank card with a cartoon drawing mysteriously appearing and disappearing in a deck of cards. He performed a nice four ace type routine, some coin work, and finished with finding a missing card crumbled in the bottom of a card case. It was a great evening of magical merriment and mirth!

ITS NEVER TOO LATE TO PAY YOUR 2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES!

All attendees at Monthly Assembly Meetings must be dues-paid-up members in good standing or have submitted application to join the club. Assembly membership dues are only \$20 per person and can be paid by cash directly to the Assembly Communications Officer at any Monthly Assembly Meeting, or paid online at www.sam138.com. Simply click on "Dues." Note that all Assembly members paying dues must also complete a Dues Payment Form. This form is available for download as a PDF from the Assembly website Dues page. Visitors are always welcome to attend up to three Assembly meetings as they contemplate membership application.

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MAY 2018 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

A quorum was not present and therefore the Executive Committee did not meet for the May meeting that was scheduled for Thursday May 17. Present were officers Mark Jones, Bruce Chadwick, and Cindy Bighorse. Absent were Joey Byers, Frank Seltzer, Bruce Roberts, and Bill Dunlap.

THE RABBIT CAN COME SAFELY OUT OF THE HAT

By Chuck Raasch St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Feds ease regs on magic bunnies, owners of small numbers of other animals. Pushed by Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced Friday that it was easing regulations on exhibitors who own small numbers of animals, including a Missouri magician with a single rabbit that McCaskill had made a cause in calling for the regulations to be changed.

The administration of President Donald Trump, which has made easing regulations on everything from banking to air pollution a central governing tenet, was available to comply.

The new rule, announced Friday, would exempt animal handlers who exhibit eight or fewer non-dangerous animals from having a federal license and government-approved disaster plan. It was a requirement of the federal Animal Welfare Act.

Springfield, Mo., magician Marty Hahne told McCaskill he had "heard from magicians all across the country who, like me, just want to do their jobs and entertain kids, but have struggled with the ridiculous amount of paperwork, surprise inspections, and required federal licenses for something as simple as a single rabbit."

He said he was relieved and thankful for McCaskill's "tireless efforts" to help get the rule changed. "Today is a good day for Mr. Hahne and his magic rabbit, Casey," McCaskill said. Over several years, she had asked successive Agriculture Secretaries Tom Vilsack and Sonny Perdue to change the rule. Hahne performs at everything from school assemblies to weddings, and advertises himself as "fun, high-energy magic and educational entertainment for kids." He has performed more than 13,000 times in a 31-year career. He dubs himself as the "Ozarks favorite family entertainer."

Here's how USDA explained its rule change: "Specifically, exhibitors with eight or fewer pet animals, small exotic or wild mammals, and domesticated farm-type animals are exempt from (animal welfare) licensing. In addition, (USDA) expanded the list of animals eligible for an existing exemption for dealers who maintain four or fewer breeding females and sells only the offspring of those animals born and raised on his or her premises, for pets or exhibition. This exemption now applies to dealers of pet animals, all exotic and wild mammals, and domesticated farm-type animals."

USDA's announcement says that it now can focus resources on humane treatment by owners of larger numbers of animals.

ARTHUR JOSEPH EMERSON JR. SUCCUMBS

Long time Fort Worth magician Arthur Emerson passed on June 2, 2018. Born on October 17, 1928, Arthur commanded a direct and to-the-point personality that he combined with a congenial, warm, and friendly countenance.



He also had both a commanding voice and stage presence that aided him immensely as a magician, magic dealer, author, historian and collector. In fact he spent some of his formative years as a radio announcer and fell in love with radio serials.

In addition to magic, he collected radio premiums from the 1930s to the 1950s. He also wrote and lectured on some of radio's magical stars such as Chandu the Magician and Blackstone.

Emerson's magic interest began in 1937 when he received an A. C. Gilbert Magic Set. He was later inspired by the magic of L. Raymond Cox, Myrus and the big shows of Harry Blackstone.

He received a Bachelor of Military Arts and Science, from the University of Maryland, Heidelberg, Germany. He served in the United States Army from 1950 until retiring in 1971 as a Colonel. Harry Swan invited Emerson to join his U.S.O. camp Show as a magician and actor.

In 1967, he met Larry West in Washington D.C. and within a year they formed "Emerson & West" presenting original ideas for sale at Don Tanners' Magic-Fest in Columbus, Ohio. The first effect which they marketed, Color Monte, was their most famous release that sold over 125,000 copies.

Arthur was a stalwart in the art of magic. He was highly respected in The Magic Circle and held the Member of the Inner Magic Circle with Gold Star distinction. He was also a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and the Society of American Magicians. He was also a past president of the Texas Association of Magicians, and served as a President and many years as a Trustee of the Fort Worth Magicians Club Inc. He was an avid member of SAM Assembly 138 and the Dallas Magic Club.

Arthur lived in Colleyville, Texas, a suburb of Fort Worth. He was preceded in death by his wife Mildred and survived by his daughter Judy and son Larry. He will be sorely missed.

