

December 2014

# Nashville Magic Club, IBM Ring 37 NEWSLETTER



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## Watch Close, Don't Blink Show a Success!



The Nashville Magic Club's first public show since *Magicpalooza 1, 2, and 3* was a success! *Watch Close, Don't Blink* featured the following magicians from the Nashville Magic Club (clockwise from upper right corner): Albert Sautner, Chris Rayman (second show only), Jason Michaels, Kevin King, Dr. Gary Flegal, Greg Slate, Emcee

and Show Director Eric Tyree, and Tom Gibson (first show only, not pictured).

Both the early and the late shows were well attended and all of the performers did an outstanding job!

-JM

## Bargatze's Musings – Christmas Shows



*“About 20 years ago one of the kids told me I was mean like the Grinch!”*

Can you believe it?!? Christmas shows are here! I hate to say it, but as of writing this article I only have two shows on the books. I'm hoping to confirm one more and get a call or two or three for others.

Someone asked me if I ever put a show together just for Christmas. I said no, but that is wrong. I will be doing a show on the first Saturday of December for the staff and kids of a hospital that I have been doing for over 23 years. I first got the job from Rick Harman, God rest his soul, then worked it for ten years with Tommy Hart, God rest his soul.

I have to do about six shows, which are back to back, while the kids are doing Santa and balloon animals. About 20 years ago one of the kids told me I was mean like the Grinch. I loved it and ever since then I wear a big Grinch shirt as my costume and I tell the kids that I am his brother. They love it! If they know beforehand you are going to be mean, then they deal with it so much better. The really enjoy the play.

I don't do Christmas tricks anymore. I used to do the trick where the washing machine tore up socks as a

kid turned the handle, but that trick broke. I loved it though. I told them they were Santa's socks and I was going to tell Santa on them. Now I just do my show as the Grinch's brother.

I hope to keep these things in mind throughout the Christmas season and into the new year...which is right around the corner.

- Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
- When in doubt, just take the next small step.
- Your job will not take care of you when you are sick, your friends and parents will, stay in touch.
- Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
- If a relationship has to be a secret, you should not be in it.
- Everything can change in the blink of an eye, but don't worry; God never blinks.
- What other people think of you is none of your business.
- God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything that you have done or didn't do.
- Don't take yourself so seriously, no one else does.

## Upcoming Meetings, Shows, Lectures and Conventions

**Nashville Magic Club, Christmas Banquet** – Tuesday, December 9th, 2014 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at The Old Spaghetti Factory, 160 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Nashville, TN.

Scott Cantrell has taken the reigns for the annual Christmas Banquet and has several surprises in store for us.

**The Magic Cabaret** – December 12<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm at Logue's Black Raven Emporium, 2915 Gallatin Pike, Nashville, TN, 37216. Big Daddy Cool and the Bombshell Kittens return!

Magic!

Music!

Comedy!

Burlesque!

For tickets [www.themagiccabaret.com](http://www.themagiccabaret.com)

**The Magic All Stars at The Magic Lounge** – December 27<sup>th</sup> from 8 pm until ??? at Bongo After Hours Theatre, 2007 Belmont Avenue, Nashville, TN.

The Magic All Stars floor show will begin at 8 pm and the theatre will transform into The Magic Lounge where performers will share interactive close-up magic with guests immediately following the show at approximately 9:30 pm.

The December show will be brand new for the holidays and will feature some of your favorite mystery entertainers.

[www.facebook.com/magicalstars](http://www.facebook.com/magicalstars)

[www.bongoafterhours.com](http://www.bongoafterhours.com) for tickets.



## December's Meeting Theme is...Holiday Celebration

Every year we celebrate the holidays with our annual banquet. We hope that you and yours will join us for wonderful company, food, and more (!) this December 9<sup>th</sup> at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Nashville. (see above for details)

## Help Us Reach More Magic Enthusiasts

If you are receiving this newsletter, you qualify as a magic enthusiast. I know I certainly am.

I want this newsletter to get out to as many people who enjoy the art and craft of magic as possible.

We need your help! Make sure we have your correct email address, mailing address, etc. Right now, the newsletter is strictly electronic, but who knows, maybe one day we'll even send out a hard copy newsletter as well.

You can also help the cause by forwarding these newsletters to anyone you know that might be interested in magic. That's right, anyone!

We all have to get started somehow. It's my hope that these little newsletters may help spark the interest, then fan the flame of this great art that we enjoy sharing with each other.

Don't hesitate! Forward this newsletter to some of your friends, then make

sure you invite them out to the next club meeting.

We want to make as many new friends as possible and spread the fun!

-JM

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### **Classified Ads Tricks for Sale**

**Hospitality Trick (as performed by Lance Burton)**

**Rabbit Ringer Deluxe**

**Blades Through Arm**

**Twisting Arm Illusion**

**Abbott's Sword Basket**

**Kaboom Box**

**Flying Carpet Illusion**

**For more information about these magic tricks for sale, contact Wayne Clemons at [magicwayne40@gmail.com](mailto:magicwayne40@gmail.com).**

## From the East by Tom Vorjohan



Happy holidays! I had the tree up on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, and all the presents were wrapped by December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Now I have a few shows to do, and it will start feeling a lot like Christmas! I wish all of our brethren in Nashville and the central part of the state a very warm and magical greeting.

Speaking of warm, eleven members of Ring 58 were able to run up to Dupont Lodge in Cumberland Falls, Kentucky to enjoy the 40<sup>th</sup> consecutive Unconventional Convention hosted by Lexington's Ring 198 a few weeks ago. This year's guest of honor was Nick Lewin – and they worked that poor man to death! He was on Friday night's kickoff show, did his Vegas show Saturday morning, lectured at lunchtime, kicked off the close-up show, and then made two appearances on the Saturday night show. I had never seen Nick...but I can't say that anymore! Great fellowship and fun, including a hysterical performance as Elvis the Magician by Roger Reeves.

Things are really going strong over in Pigeon Forge. Ring

58's Ben Young is demonstrating magic in the Smoky Mountain Opry after every show, and Tony Wilhelm who used to be the host at the Magic Beyond Belief show has now grown a Santa-white beard, and I think he could easily fool the real Mrs. Claus if the lights were dimmed just a little bit. Terry Evanswood has his Christmas show going at Wonder Works, and there is just a feeling of magic in the air.

Everyone is starting to get excited about the Winter Carnival of Magic, March 5-7. If you are a subscriber to MAGIC or Genii, then you will see the ads inside the front cover of the December issues for Darren Romeo's new show which kicks off March 7 as part of the WCM. The ad is also in The Linking Ring along with Ring 58's ad for the WCM. It's still months away, but I feel like we are rounding the corner and heading for home.

See you all soon! I hope you have a Merry Christmas! And best wishes for a great 2015!

## Down in the Boro - by Alan Fisher



As the year starts to come to a close, we in Murfreesboro will be “going to the polls” at our December meeting to elect the 2015 slate of Officers for Ring 252. I’ll officially be passing the Sacred Quill of Secretary to someone else (3 ½ years running is more than enough, thank you very much). But, if your kind Editor will permit, I’ll keep writing this column.

A lot happened in the local magic community this year. Both 252 and 37 hosted some great lectures. Our spring & fall shows, *The Razzle Dazzle Magic Show XXIII* and *The Fall Festival of MAGIC 2014*, were both big successes as was your show at Bongo Java. We had loads of opportunities to attend regional & national conventions that were not all that far away (some right in our own back yard). And both Rings welcomed new members. All in all, not a bad year for magic in middle Tennessee! I hope you took advantage of every opportunity to get involved and share the art form we love.

At 252 we’re putting

the final touches on our 2015 Magic Calendar (which will be available at any of our meetings or events next year), working with the Center for the Arts to nail down dates for our 2015 spring & fall shows, and looking forward to upcoming lectures (we’re hosting Barry Mitchell on January 13<sup>th</sup>) and conventions (MagiFest in Columbus, OH from January 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> and Winter Carnival in Pigeon Forge from March 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>).

From all of us to all of you, no matter how you say it in your home (Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Blessed Kwanzaa, or a Festivus for the rest of us) may the spirit of the season fill your heart and may joy & peace be yours throughout the coming year.

We hope to see you in the ‘boro soon for one of our meetings (first Tuesday of each month – the December meeting will be on 12/2), at any of our shows, or at any of our other events (check our web site at [www.IBMRing252.com](http://www.IBMRing252.com)). We love visitors. Remember, the magic red carpet is always rolled out for you at I. B. M. Ring 252!