



Sacramento Area Magicians

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# Magic Flash

Newsletter of the Society of American Magicians Assembly 72

Assembly 72 of the Society of American Magicians meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. for business and 7:30 P.M. for magic. We meet at the Ronald McDonald House, 2555 49th Street behind the UCD Med Center in Sacramento.

### Assembly 72 Dues Are Due!

If you have not paid your local dues for 2011 yet, please pay them as soon as possible. You can pay at the meeting or mail a check for \$20.00 to Treasurer **Allen Greenberg**, 5500 Oak Hill Court, Carmichael, CA 95608-6644.

We are also updating our Roster. Please e-mail your current e-mail and mail address with your phone number to Viktor Berry, viktor@viktor.com or leave a message at 916-362-8355. Thanks!

### 2011 Assembly Officers

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**Please volunteer! We need two!**



*Wright Writes ...*

## Tis the Season

By David Wright, President

It is the holiday season and the perfect time of year to share the magic. To this end, we are hosting a special joint SAM 72 / IBM 192 club meeting on December 7th at the Ronald McDonald House. This event will start at 7:00 PM as usual. The performance theme is **Tell Us A Story**, magic with a dramatic narrative. Also planned for this night is a Teach-A-Trick clinic where anyone can teach a magic routine to the rest of the group.

One other event this season you may be interested in is the **Annual Dale and Elaine Lorzo Holiday Party** now scheduled for **Saturday, December 17th**. This event is RSVP only. Seating is limited and should fill up quickly. You can get yourself on the list by contacting Dale directly. All the details are on page five.

The slate of officers for SAM 72 for 2012 was voter approved at our last meeting. It is: **David Wright** for President, **Lloyd Shaffer** for Vice-President, **Viktor Berry** for Secretary, **Allen Greenberg** for Treasurer, and **Richard Aylward** for Sergeant at Arms.

*Share the Magic, and Happy Holidays!*

Please visit our web site at  
[www.magic1.org/sam72](http://www.magic1.org/sam72)

# 2011-2012 Magic Calendar

## Society of American Magicians • Assembly 72

December 7 (1st Wednesday)	Tell Us A Story	Teach-a-Trick
December 17	Dale and Elaine Lorzo's Holiday Party	
January 18	Chris Manos Lecture	
January 25	Classic Renditions <i>Your Interpretation of a Classic Effect</i>	Talk About Magic Books
February 22	Book Learning <i>Perform a trick from your favorite magic book.</i>	
March 28	Pasteboard Prestidigitation	Teach-a-Trick

This calendar is subject to change and additional activities will be added as necessary.

For up to the minute information, please phone an assembly officer or check our web site at <http://www.magic1.org/sam72>

## Meeting Notes What you missed on October 26th

Everyone met on the patio at the Ronald McDonald House at 6:30 PM for a barbecue and enjoyed some great hamburgers before the meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

We began the meeting with a raffle for all of the SAM 72 members who were present. **Allen Greenberg** won the \$50 gift certificate from **Murphy's Magic Supplies**.

### New Business

We ended up not having lights and sound available for our Annual Fund Raising Show at Mission Oaks and **Dale Lorzo** lent us his equipment at the last minute. We voted to pay Dale \$50 for generous use of his equipment. As reported earlier, the show at Mission Oaks was a rousing success.

It was also suggested that we award a \$50 gift cer-

tificate to **Viktor Berry** for getting the newsletters out each month. A vote was held and passed. (*Thanks, everyone! Vik*)

It was announced that our first lecturer for 2012 will be **Chris Manos**, which will be held on **January 18th at 9275 E Stockton Blvd. in Elk Grove**.

Chris has performed in more than 26 countries and has authored several magic books. He conducts lectures around the world on the use of magic in child safety and educational programs, educator workshops on creativity, and more. His specialty is family-style entertainment, corporate and promotional events and his award-winning con games programs. You can visit Chris' web site at <http://www.safetymagicshows.com>

Nominations for Assembly Officers for 2012 were made as follows: **David Wright**, President; **Lloyd**

## Meeting Notes, continued

**Shafer**, Vice-President; **Allen Greenberg**, Treasurer; and **Richard Aylward**, Sgt. At Arms.

**Tom Allen** and **Mary Mower** came to sell tickets for the show they were presenting at the Fox & Goose in Downtown Sacramento in November. I understand it was a sell-out and very enjoyable.

Raymond Lee introduced the club to his new wife **Christine Lee**, who came to the meeting as his guest.

**Treasurer Allen Greenberg** reports that SAM Assembly 72 has \$3,795.25 in the bank.

A big thanks to new member **George Thoma**, **Dale Lorzo** and **Allen Greenberg** for cooking our dinner on the barbecue. The food was great!

## Performances (Our Halloween meeting.)

**Joe Chez** was up first and surprised us with a joke! Joe showed us five \$1 bills and turned every other one upside down. He turns the stack of bills around and then all of the bills were facing up again!

**Lloyd Shafer** was next – Lloyd showed us a clear plastic rod with different colored spots on it. One color was chosen by **Mary Mower** and in a flash, all of the spots changed to that color! Then, he used the rod as a divining rod to find a ghost (which he did locate) and covered it with a handkerchief and held it on table. We saw the handkerchief move several times as it tried to escape.

Lloyd showed us some ESP cards and asked an audience member to choose one. He was told to let Lloyd know when he saw his card coming up in the stack. The card matched a prediction Lloyd made before the meeting that the volunteer would pick the star.

**Dale Lorzo** was on stage next and opened with a couple of funny stories. Dale told a story about **Glorpy**, a spirit that was coming to visit him. Glorpy hid in his house which Dale brought with him but Glorpy kept hiding, running back and forth between his house and his school as Dale tried to find him.

**George Thoma**, our newest member was up next. (George was presented his SAM membership card and other materials tonight, too.) George did some great sponge ball tricks.

**Raymond Lee** – Raymond just bought a gold key at **Great Illusions** and is working on a new routine with it. The blade of the key could be manipulated while he talked, but when given to an audience member, it could not be changed at all!

**David Wright** – David talked about *The Expert at the Card Table* and about its mysterious author, **Erdnase** and all of the recently discovered information in the recent *Genii* story about his true identity. David showed us how one trick from the book could be performed. He shuffled the cards and dealt out four straights! **Erdnase** (appearing in spirit) wanted to play too, and he ended up with four aces!

**Gary Berard** – Gary told us that he has a haunted Kennedy Half Dollar. While it would stay in one of his pockets, it melted out of a second pocket!

**Tom Allen** – Pulls a silver dollar out of his haunted coin purse. Bent it and stuck his finger through it, too!

**Richard Aylward** – Rich tied two handkerchiefs together to demonstrate how **Harry Houdini** could work an escape – and he magically pulled the handkerchiefs apart. No matter how hard someone tried, they could not tie the handkerchiefs together tight enough! Afterwards, he summoned the spirit of Harry Houdini to bend the handkerchief in many different directions.

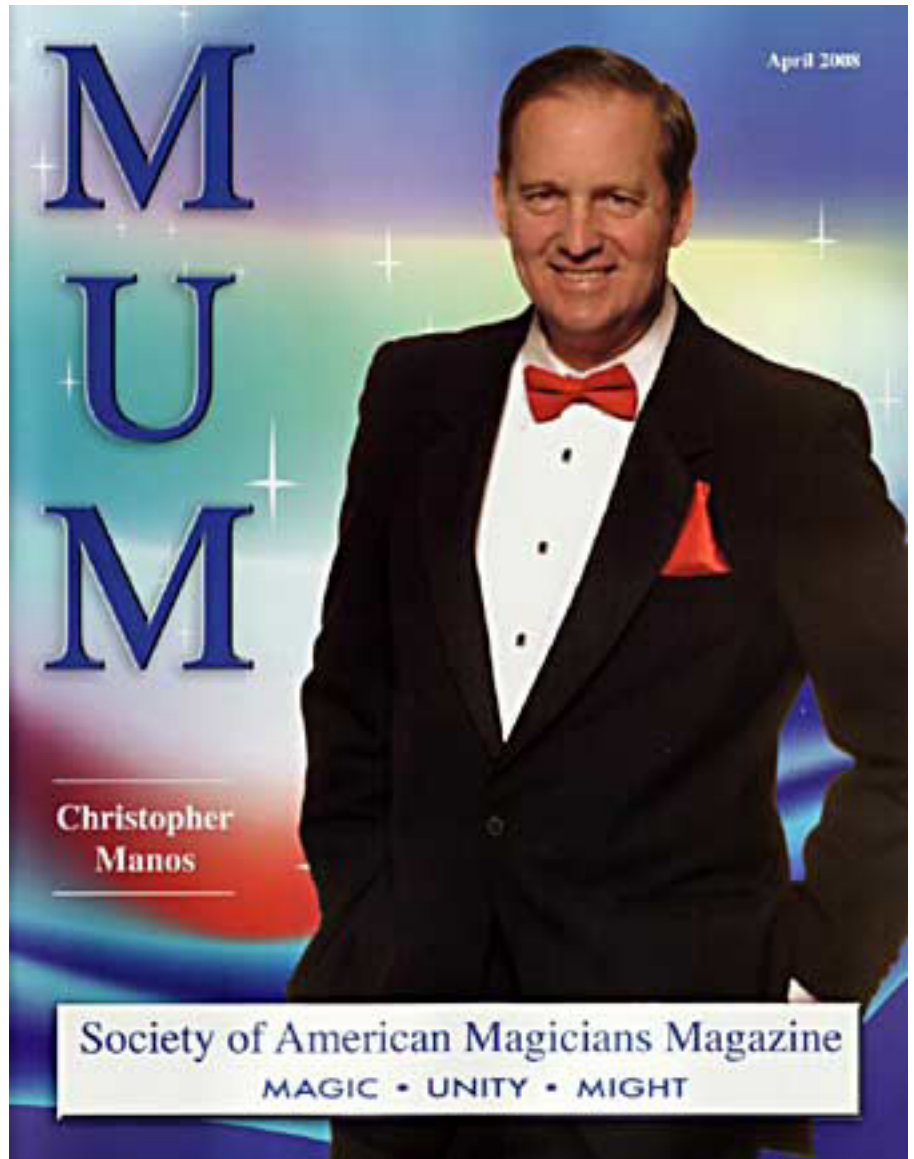
**Rick Hill** – Rich began with another funny Halloween joke. Then he performed a trick where he pulled out the best card hand he could out of a deck of cards. He gave the cards to **Raymond Lee** and asked him to pull out his best hand. Rick won, but then each of them got to pull out four more cards to improve their hands. There was nothing Raymond could do – Rick had all of the face cards! Rick showed us the King of Spades – there was no face on the card – it was missing! This was part of a story Rick told us about meeting a mysterious magician in a cemetery.

We drew two more times for \$50 Gift Certificates from **Murphy's Magic Supplies** for the evening's performers. The winner of these certificates was **Rich Aylward** and **Rick Hill**.

The Society of American Magicians Assembly 72, International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 192  
and the Magician's Circle of Elk Grove presents:

# Chris Manos Lecture

**Wed.**  
**Jan. 18**  
**7:00 PM**



## 9275 East Stockton Blvd. • Elk Grove, CA

Take Highway 99 South to the Laguna exit. Go east over the freeway. Turn right at the second light onto East Stockton Blvd. Lecture Annex is the 1st building on your left. Park just south of the Annex in a parking lot where a large statue of a horse is located.

For more information, please call:  
David Wright at (916) 944-8454  
Rick Hill at (707) 678-8807 or  
David Ogden at (916) 687-6977

Admission: FREE for members of SAM 72, IBM 192 and MCEG members. \$20. for non-members.

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*The Best Party of the Holiday Season is fast approaching!*

# **Magic Holiday Party**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2011**

7:00 PM to 10 PM?

**Location:** Dale & Elaine Lorzo's home

**Address:** 2609 Greenwood Avenue, Sacramento

**RSVP to (916) 481-2595 or [dalelorzo@dalelorzo.com](mailto:dalelorzo@dalelorzo.com)**

**Now is the time for guests (ages 10 to 110) wishing to attend this year's party to made your RSVPs.** Reservations are limited for our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Magic Holiday Party, that means if you wish to be among the exciting guests at this year's party, Call Now! The cutoff date to RSVP is Dec. 11, unless reservations are already filled.

**Once again this Magic Party will be Pot Luck**, here is what to bring when your last name starts with:

**A - G**      **Hot Dishes-** with vanishing food

**H - K**      **Hors d'oeuvres-** chips & dip, cold cuts, finger foods

**L - R**      **Salads-** a bunny's dream

**S - Z**      **Desserts-** magically sweet

If you have a specialty you would like to bring, let us know what when you RSVP, or ask what is needed the most. Each person attending should bring enough food for six people. Because of food allergies, please label your dish if they contain shellfish, nuts or types of meat. Thank you for your consideration.

**THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE EVENING WILL ONCE AGAIN BE THE HOLIDAY MAGIC SHOW.**

Plan now to practice a short and fun routine to present on the show. When you RSVP, let me know if you wish to perform.

Please try to arrive not more than about fifteen minutes early! Remember to label your containers and serving utensils so that they can appear back home at the end of the evening.

**RSVP NOW, Elaine and I look forward seeing you on December 17<sup>th</sup> for another great Magical Celebration with friends!**