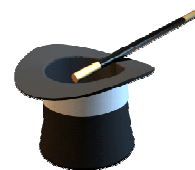




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December Holiday Party and Stage Contest!

The December meeting will be our annual Holiday Party and Stage Contest. It will be a great time and I hope that we have many entrants into the Stage Contest. There are some rules for the Holiday Party food this year. Pay close attention as you have a two specific duties. First is what you should be

bringing to eat. If your last name starts with the letters A-H, please bring an appetizer. If your last name begins with I-P please bring an entrée. If your last name begins with Q-Z please bring a dessert. Well that takes care of the first task. The second is to please call K. L. Chan and let him know how many will be

coming in your party to the party. He can be reached at 610-789-2110. Please, please let him know by the 8th of December so he has a valid count. The meeting is on Monday, December 11th, 2006 starting at 6:30. Bring your food, your appetites and your Stage talents. It will be a very enjoyable time for all.



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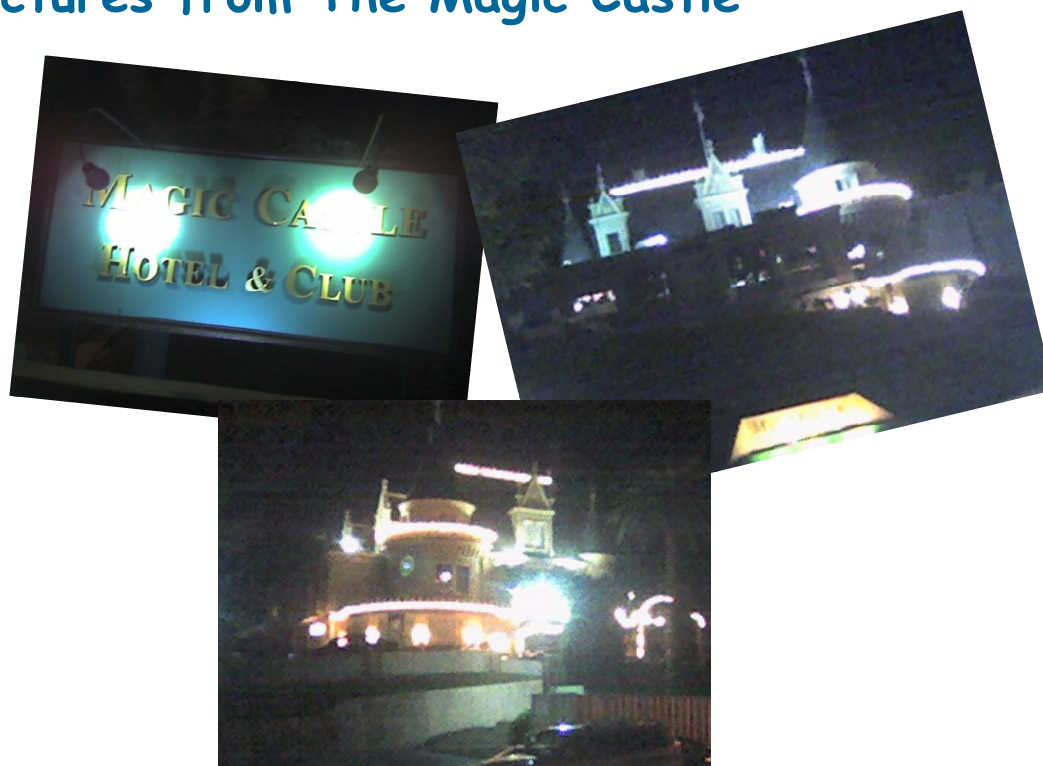
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My Night at the Magic Castle in Hollywood

Well, it has been a goal of mine for over 20 years to be able to go to the Magic Castle in Hollywood, CA. I had heard all about it from my brother years ago when he went for his first time. For those of you who don't know, my brother is also a magician and is 5 years older than I. So I have always had a built-in mentor.

I went to California this week with my Wife for work and a bit of leisure.

One thing that I wanted to do while I was here was attempt to get into the Magic Castle. It is not an easy thing to do if you don't have a membership or a guest pass. I sent an email to the Castle to request the ability to go with my Wife. Since I am a member of the IBM and the SAM and live out of state, I was granted permission and I made a reservation for dinner for Sunday night.

As you might be able to tell from the first page of the newsletter, the approach to the castle is quite impressive. I am sorry that the pictures are not better quality, but that is what I get when I photograph with my cell

phone camera. Upon entering the castle, there is a small reception area and a very small gift store. There seems to be little else. On the left is a book case built into the wall. Once I checked in with the reception desk, what is to be done next is to approach the book case and say "Open Sesame". The book case magically opens to reveal the entrance to the inner sanctum.

I attended two shows with my Wife, one before dinner and one after. The show that we saw first was in the Parlor of Prestidigitation and was showcasing the talents of Matt Marcy. Matt was quite entertaining and was as polished with his comedic wit as he was with his magic. I would highly recommend seeing him if you ever get the chance. You can check him out also on the web at

<http://www.mattmarcy.com>.

Following that show, Janet (my Wife) and I had dinner in the main dining room. The food was good, but obviously is not why people come to the Magic Castle. The cost is moderate

and the portions are ample.

Following dinner we attended the main stage show in the Palace of Mystery. This show included the Magic Castle's own Handsome Jack, who performed and also acted as M.C. He is very funny and did some effective tricks. Following Jack was none other than Arthur Trace. I feel very lucky that I got to really see him at Bob Little's Super Sunday in mid-November. I was also happy that Janet got a chance to see him perform at the Magic Castle. He was phenomenal as always.

Following Arthur was a classic magician named Amos Lefkowitz. Amos did a great Dove routine and did it in the classic magical style. The style that truly befits the grandeur of the Magic Castle.

I am now in the process of applying for membership and if accepted, would be happy to offer interested parties guest passes to the Castle if you are in the Hollywood, CA area.

David S. Hale

Bob Little's Super Sunday Review

On November 19th, the latest Bob Little's Super Sunday was held. It was one of his best to date. There is always a lot to do and there is a great deal of magic to be learned and purchased.

This time Bob treated us to the extremely talented and generally impressive, Arthur Trace. Arthur was a winner at the last FISM and he is one of a kind. His style and talent in manipulation is, in my opinion, second to none. I have seen quite a few of the standard manipulators with the typical

"tuxedoed magician", but Arthur brings a new life and vitality to the art. To paraphrase him, Magic is an art form all its own and creativity defines it. Well, he certainly gave manipulation a new definition.

The auction was great, but went a little long. Hank Moorehouse always does a great job as auctioneer. He has a great breadth and depth of knowledge of magical effects, so it is always useful to get his opinion on effects before bidding on them.

There was also a guest auctioneer in the person of Marc DeSousa. Great job Marc!

The lecture with Arthur Trace was entertaining and I learned quite a bit of new magic.

The stage show was the best one I have seen at a Super Sunday. Well worth the \$30.00 all by itself. It is the best bargain in magic today. The next one will be on June 24th in 2007. Put it on your calendar and come to have a great time.

Not Just Routine "Online Lie Detector Card Trick"

I have encountered quite a clever card trick online that is different than you may have previously seen. This trick actually lets your participant pick any card they want as long as you know what it is. It also appears to have them control the entire trick with them at the computer. It is quite ingenious.

To read the instructions on how to actually perform the online trick, you must go to the following site, <http://www.jbum.com/liedetector/decoderring.html>. There the entire trick will be explained. Do this without your participant present. Once you have read and understand the instructions, go to the web site of <http://www.heaven.com/liedetector/>. This will start the trick. Remember on the first screen to click slightly outside of the button so the trick will be unlocked.

The basic premise of the trick is that the spectator you are working with will be able to select any card in the deck. They will write down the card they selected on a Post-it note and stick it on the computer screen. At this point the computer will ask the spectator "yes or no" questions about their card. The spectator can either lie or tell the truth. The computer will be able to know whether the spectator is lying or telling the truth. At the end of the trick, the computer will reveal the card of the spectator. It can be repeated as many times as the magician wants to repeat it. It can definitely work with any card and the magician can even force a card if they do not want the spectator to think the magician knows what it is. I am very impressed with this

particular internet trick. Many times tricks on the internet in which the spectator must use a computer are a bit lame. This one has been engineered in a very clever and deceptive way, to truly make it easy for the magician and amazing to the spectator.

Another good trick for the mentalist with a computer is Meta Scope. This was created by the same person as the previous trick in this article.

Meta Scope is a screen saver that you download to your computer that acts as a Mind Reading Oracle. To have it perform effectively you will need to have an active internet connection while doing the trick. I would recommend that you also download the instruction manual to get the full effect of the trick.

Basically what happens is that the spectator sees your screensaver running on your computer. You, the magician, would say to the participant to think of anything in the world and tell you of what he is thinking. Once the spectator has told you what they are thinking about, you tell them to concentrate on the screensaver intently and to picture the subject of which they are thinking.

As the spectator concentrates on the screen saver, the display changes to random pictures of the subject of the spectator's thoughts. It is quite clever and very effective. It is a good addition to your bag of computer magic tricks and really brings magic effectively into the computer era.

Have fun with these effects.

**December 11th
Meeting has a
Special Bonus!!!**

**We will be
raffling off some
special items
from the one and
only Magic Castle!
This is a one time
raffle and you
don't want to miss
it!**

**See you on
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Please remember
to call K. L. Chan
(610-789-2110)
and let him know
how many people
will be attending
in your party!
See page one for
more info.**

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Submit Articles to "The Apparition"

The Apparition is your newsletter as much as it is any other member's of Ring 6. We encourage you to submit your ideas, articles, tricks and anything else that you may think of to make it better for all. It is a big job to create the entire newsletter all alone every month. I am happy to do it, but all of your voices will make it more enjoyable to the membership. Feel free to bring your articles to any Ring 6 meeting and I will include them in the next issue. You can also email your content to me at :

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The newsletters are going to be published two weeks prior to each meeting. This will allow time for the post

office to deliver them to the recipients that receive them through the mail. That means that the deadline for any contributions from the members is the last Monday of the month. Articles that are submitted after that date will be placed in the following issue.

It may take a village to raise a child, but it takes an entire Ring to produce a great newsletter.

David S. Hale—Newsletter.

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