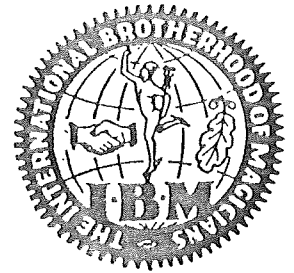


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Notice is hereby given that the next stated meeting of the Delaware Valley Conjurers Club will be held on Monday, August 12, 1991 at 8:00 post meridiem. This month we're doing silks - care and feeding of, how to fold, when to throw out, etc. If you have any tips on any of this, bring them Monday night and share them with the class.

MAES update: Carlisle, PA. September 12 - 14. Talent booked so far: David Ginn, General Grant, Harry Allen, Daryll, Rich Cowley, Helene, Bob Solari, Irv Cook, Meir Yedid, Ron Geoffries, and Martin Castle. For more info, contact Bob Remaly at 215.432.3612.

Lotta news from Philadelphia Magic - pay attention. (1) Darwin Ortiz will give a lecture and gambling expose on Wednesday, August 21. (2) The inaugural Close-up/Cabaret Convention will be held Sunday, September 22. Two lectures, dealers, and shows. Location as yet undecided. For \$20, you can see the following people: Tim Conover, Eric Decamps (2nd place winner, along with our own Marc DeSouza, at the recent IBM convention), Ray Mertz of Buffalo and Fechter's FFF, and probably more. (3) Spectacular III is set for March 29, 1992. 100 tickets have been sold to date, with 300 left - don't get closed out. As always, call Marty or Danny for more info at 215.627.5128.

As most of you know, we lost one of our friends last month, when John Wade died on July 17. I've enclosed a copy of the obituary from The Philadelphia Inquirer of July 19, and also a copy of the Broken Wand ceremony that was performed prior to the mass.

I'm not sure if John was one of the founding fathers of our club, but if not, he should have been. He was president a couple of times (1986 & 1988), and vice-president once (1985). In going through what passes for DVCC archives, the first mention of his name is as stage manager for a Family Night back in 1981! Come to think of it, I think he owned that position, because I can think of no one else ever being backstage working the curtains and the music except for John, whether it was a Family Night or one of the big shows we did on a real stage.

We all have our favorite memories of John, and it would probably be fitting to share them with each other Monday night. When I think of John, I picture this guy old enough to be my grandfather acting like high school class clown, wearing a tie that plays some Irish song and a name badge with flashing lights. If the bumper sticker is true that "He who dies with the most toys, wins," here's betting that John placed in the top ten.