

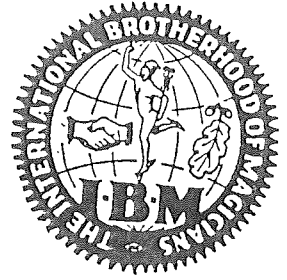


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Notice is hereby given that the next stated meeting of the Delaware Valley Conjurers Club will be held on Monday, December 12, 1994, at 7:30 post meridiem. Cue the music and flex the fingers, because it's time for the occasionally annual Night of the Contests (both close-up and stage/platform). Prez Kelly has lined up the judges, you've had plenty of warning, and there's always a good chance of winning a trophy because so few actually compete. You needn't get together a whole new routine just to compete - Reba's won twice now with the same act. C'mon out and give it a shot - it should be fun. Special note to Pons: there will be an enforced time limit (10 minutes) this year - no more just winging it for twenty minutes.

Did you all catch that magic special that was on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving? Finally, a show we can be proud of. No stupid celebrity "Circus of the Stars" stuff - just real magicians doing great magic. I was most impressed that neither Copperfield nor the Austrian Princes (S&R) were showcased. The producers presented great talent that most of the viewing audience had never heard of, but deserved to see. When do you suppose was the last time Juan Tamariz and Greg Frewin were on national TV? If I have one complaint (you KNEW it was coming), it was the Franz Harary bit with the vanish of the space shuttle. First of all, there was a lot of great magic on the show, but too much time was spent hyping the shuttle segment. Also, I view something like that as more of a puzzle, not an illusion. I think people are more inclined to wonder about the "how it was done", instead of just enjoying it. And where did that audience come from? How about that one spectator's comment: "It was there, and then it was totally not there!" I think perhaps she was not totally there, or maybe it was her brain cells that were not totally there.

Plan ahead: In March, we will be having a lecture by John Mendoza. He's a close-up magician, but very little knuckle-buster stuff. I first saw him lecture about 20 years ago, back when Marc DeSouza was running Ron's Magic Shop in Media (remember that, Marc?). You gotta figure that if he's still around lecturing, he's either got longevity and freshness, or he's counting on everybody else to have forgotten about him. I'm betting on the former.

I don't know if everybody got the flyer, but Dick Gustafson (and Co.) will be doing their annual magic show over the holidays. Naturally, I can't find the flyer to give you all of the details, but I do remember that it's at the Hatboro-Horsham mega-auditorium and that magicians get a 20% discount off the price of tickets. More details will be available Monday night, because I know that Kelly got a flyer, and he won't lose his.

Next Month: January 1995. Elections? Show and Tell?