

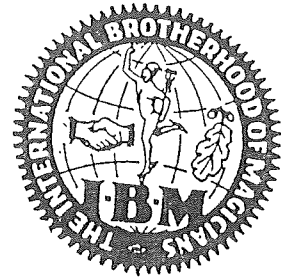


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Notice is hereby given that the next stated meeting of the Delaware Valley Conjurers Club will be held on Monday, December 9, 1996, at 7:30 post meridiem. This Monday evening will be Lemon Night. Any trick that you've either bought at an auction or from Jack Chanin probably qualifies. These are the tricks you buy because You Just Have To Have It, and then discover that your money would've been better spent on bus tokens. But we all have these Magical Effects buried in a drawer somewhere (because we're too embarrassed to throw them out - that would be admitting defeat). So, delve into your drawers, dust off those beauties, and show them off Monday night. Maybe you can trade with someone.

Part of Monday night's agenda was to have been the ever-enthralling Election Process. But since every nominated position went unopposed, we're stuck with the following for at least the next year:

Madame President.....	Marisa Leva
Colonel Vice President.....	Dave Kelly
Corporal Punishment.....	Dolph Lundgren
Bursar.....	Bob Jensen
Private Secretary.....	Greer Cheeseman

I suppose we ought to set aside some time Monday night to do one of the time-honored traditions of all magic clubs - trash the latest magic special that was on TV. Overall, I thought it was entertaining. But a few questions: Didn't Dave Williamson do that same routine last year (or the year before)? And who was the guy who was on stage for maybe a minute, and the only thing I remember is that the stage was cluttered with junk, and he had a neat prop that was a leaf blower with toilet paper on the end? Of course, he's on TV, and I'm just watching - who's the winner here?

Looking for that last-minute gift for the magician in your life? Which in most of our cases is ourselves, but what the hey? To mark the 70th anniversary of Houdini's demise, the Magnes Museum has commissioned a trick medal. It is really two medals that fit together (how that makes it a trick medal is anyone's guess, but it caught my eye in the press release). One side is Houdini surrounded by playing cards, and the other side has his name and a set of handcuffs. When you open the medal, a scene of "Halloween revelers" appears (their words, not mine - when's the last time you used the word "revelers" in a sentence?). The medals are numbered, and are available in bronze (\$50) and silver (\$175). For those of you with more money than brains, there is a 10 karat gold one for \$1000. Direct your inquiries to the Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley, CA, 94705.

Next month: January, 1997. Any ideas out there?