

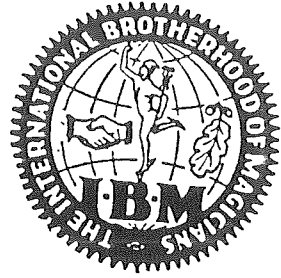


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Notice is hereby given that the next stated meeting of the Delaware Valley Conjurers Club will be held on Monday, December 8, 1997, at 7:30 post meridiem. This Monday evening is The Tour of Palace DeSouza. Thrill to the sights of his numerous awards. Genuflect before his unmatched collection of magical artifacts. Wonder at the cost of all this. Directions and phone numbers are below, so there's no excuse if you get lost.

DIRECTIONS TO MARC DESOUZA'S HOUSE

1204 LEMONTON COURT

GULF MILLS, PA 19428

PHONE: (610) 941-4132 or (610) 941-4169

FROM ROUTE 76 EASTBOUND

Get off at Gulf Mills exit. At bottom of ramp turn right onto Route 320 S. Turn left at second light (New Gulf Road). Go under overpass and make first immediate left onto Rebel Hill Road. Follow road as it curves to right. Make first right hand turn onto Lemonton Court. 1204 is the first house on the right fronting on Lemonton Court.

FROM ROUTE 76 WESTBOUND

Get off at Gulf Mills exit. At bottom of ramp turn left (follow signs 320 S) At dead end, turn left again. At first light turn left onto 320 S. Turn left at second light (New Gulf Road). Go under overpass. Make first immediate left onto Rebel Hill Road. Follow road as it curves to right. Make first right hand turn onto Lemonton Court. 1204 is the first house on the right fronting on Lemonton Court.

FROM MONTGOMERY AVENUE (320 N)

Turn right at New Gulf Road (between Tierra and Sunoco station). Go under overpass. Make first immediate left onto Rebel Hill Road. Follow road as it curves to right. Make first right hand turn onto Lemonton Court. 1204 is the first house on the right fronting on Lemonton Court.

Elections: we'll fit this in somehow. And since we will actually have a contested race (Prez: in this corner, Bryan "Dean" Toder. In the opposite corner, Aurelio "Pons" Pontarelli), it's worth the trip just to vote. The other offices remain the same, I think (you had the chance, but you're stuck with me for at least another year. Hint: yes, the newsletters aren't always timely, but we ALWAYS meet the 2nd Monday of the month. Just plan on it.).

Stage Contest was held last month. And I know someone won. Perhaps I'll let you know next month (assuming I find my notes). But Dave Kelly assures me that trophies will be presented Monday to both the Stage and Close-up winners. (Secret note to anybody - who has the big trophy? Please return it.)

Get enough magic on TV last month? Any fallout from the Masked Magician? I, for one, was pretty amused by it. When's the last time any of us actually pulled a rabbit from a hat? OK, he/she tipped the Linking Rings (by the way, I think it was a female). But I recall a routine from my Tarbell books where you actually show the gaffed ring, say "That is how some magicians do the trick, but not I," throw it aside, and then continue with the routine using a 2nd key ring. And exposing the Zig Zag illusion I see as an act of mercy. Remember when you couldn't go to a magic show or convention without tripping over 3 or 4 of them? And then there was the 2 hour World's Greatest Magic XXVII (it's getting like the Super Bowl). I thought it was a very good show, but I wonder at some of the acts included. That one guy got 5 minutes of national air time doing the Insurance Policy trick? And I know there's a lot of work in doing illusions, but it struck me that The Prince of Magic from Branson did nothing more than point and pose. And while I still marvel at Dove magic, I wonder how effective it really is. I'm watching the show with my 7 year old, and after the first 2 or 3 birds appear, Molly tells me, "See that balloon he blew up? A bird's going to come out of it. See? I was right. See those scarves he's twirling around? ..."

Next month: January 1998. New year. New board. New agenda?