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The International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring # 6
 "The Delaware Valley Conjurers Club"
www.magictalk.com/dvcc

February 28, 2001

March Meeting 3/12 - 7:30 p.m.

Hello fellow magicians. We have a great line-up of talent for you this month coming! The program will be on **Bizarre Magic and Mentalism!** I know many of you are interested in this and it should be very informative!

So far we have **Don Camp & Francis Minotti** doing some "bizarre" stuff. **Pont** will speak on mentalism and **Marc DeSouza** and **KL Chan** may be able to share their experience on the subject as well(TBA). These folks will be showing us what they do and more importantly, why. If you have any experience in these subjects, please feel free to bring something along and share it with the club. These workshops are designed to be as interactive as possible!!!

We also have a fairly new member, **Corey Palasch**, doing our teach-a-trick segment. Corey is a wonderful example of "jumping in with both feet" and responding to the call. He is a little nervous about doing this but yet he volunteered. He also has taken on the refreshment commitment for the year! Thanks a bunch Corey for all your service!!!

I'd also like to officially thank both **Reba and Archie** for all their years of service to the club! Thank you very much and you definitely deserve a break!

Club Business

I realize that the business meetings have been running way too long. With a new regime coming in, there has been a lot of housekeeping to take care of. Now we are on track and I'd like to try to keep the boring stuff to a minimum and get right into the meat of our evening(it is a school night and all).

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I thought we'd try a few new things:

- 1) I will try to keep some of the business to this newsletter. Now that I have your correct contact info, it will be easier to keep you posted.
- 2) We will now have a bulleting board and literature table in the back of the room. This is for you as a member to use. If you have anything of interest to the club, you may hang it on the board or put copies on the table. Hopefully, this will cut down on some of the time we spend on announcements.

Member Profile

This month our past President and Vice-President will interview yours truly. Next month you can look forward to meeting Marisa Leva.

Eric Paul by Aurello Pontarelli

Like most of us, Eric started in magic at a very early age. When he was 10, a magician came to his school and he thought to himself, "That's what I want to do!" He immediately went down to his local library and started reading all about magic and related arts. His first "professional" show was at age 11 in the basement of his church. He was booked for a 1/2 hour and was so nervous that he did the whole show(20 some tricks) in less than 15 minutes. There was an auction following the show and he bid on a rabbit. Much to his mother's chagrin, he won it and has never stopped the magic thing.

He started doing shows all over the area, from churches to schools; to shopping malls and restaurants. His mother would assist him(loading the birds and such) and she would take him all over the country to different magic conventions. He considers this time of "meeting the masters" the best opportunity of his career.

Since then, he has performed all over the world with his act of comedy, magic & juggling. He opened up Sesame Place Amusement park as their house magician, was the star of a show at The Aruba Concorde Hotel & Casino and was a bartender magician for many years in between the "big" gigs.

Approximately three years ago, Eric decided to concentrate his efforts on nothing but magic and went into performing full-time. With much advertising and promotion, he has risen to doing 50 shows a month all within the Philadelphia area! I'd say it was a good choice to go full-time. He recently wrote a course on children's entertaining for magicians that is selling very well and publishes a monthly newsletter online called "Success in Magic".

Apart from the magic business, Eric is very involved in the community. He is involved at his church as an usher and children's teacher. He volunteers at local prisons and institutions. But most importantly, he is the father of three girls. He and his wife Suzan have Nika-11, Jocelyn-15 mo. & Jordan-3 wks. He considers them his true motivation and strength in all he does!

Members in the News

George Hample will be lecturing at The Delaware Knights of Magic on March 7th. If you have never seen George lecture, you certainly should! He is a wealth of information and a great guy too! You can contact him at GTHMagic@aol.com for directions and any other information about the event. I'll probably be going down and would be willing to drive a few of us down, drop me a line if you're interested. *(8th \$8.00 with 13th card)*

Marc DeSouza is getting all kinds of press these days!!! He is in this month's Linking Ring, Magic Magazine & Genii. I haven't gotten my MUM yet, but he's probably in there too! He was one of 20 magicians performing at The Presidential Inauguration Galas and proposed to his girlfriend at center court of a Temple Basketball game!!! (she's a big fan) Be sure to congratulate Marc and also keep him in your prayers, he is recovering from surprise knee surgery. He contributes too much to the magic community and we need him back on his feet soon!

Norm Klar was recently on FOX-TV morning show. He did a segment with Grover Silcox on Good Day Philadelphia. I didn't see it, but I understand he actually did some magic. Wow! Congratulations Norm!

Members appearing locally:

John Cassidy can be seen on Wednesdays at The Magic Jungle and Sundays at Gators.

Michael Grasso is doing walk-around at Valley Forge Pizza in Phoenixville on Mondays & Tuesdays.

Eric Paul is back at The Magic Jungle on Tuesday evenings.

Marc DeSouza is looking for magicians interested in helping out at The Franklin Institute this spring. Please contact him if you are interested - fkaps@aol.com

Please contact me if there is anything you'd like posted here by the 25th of each month prior, thanks.

Magic Online

Each month I will give you a few websites to go check out. Let me know if you find some cool ones too!

www.magictalk.com/dvcc This is our site run by Bryan Dean. He does a great job and you should certainly check it out!

<http://magic.about.com/hobbies/magic/> This is Bryan's other site. It is a wealth of information for the magician! I find myself here often!

www.magicauction.com This is an auction site that I enjoy. Of course you have to be careful about buying things in an online auction, but even the pictures are fun to check out. It reminds me of what a wierd buch we are. Almost every illusion here has somethingto do with dismembering an assistant!

www.magictimes.com This is Meir Yedid's fabulous site on everything that is happening in magic. It is updated all the time and you should go visit. You might even get to see Marc's face on a picture taken by our own Don Camp!

Well, that's it for this month. We'll see you all on March 12th at 7:30!!!

Eric

P.S. April- Children's Magic Workshop, May - Ray Kosby Lecture! Just booked - Cody Fisher in September!!!

Eric Paul, P.M.

(Professional Magician)

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