



International Brotherhood of Magicians

Duties and Privileges of Membership and Code of Ethics

Section 1

- (a) It shall be the duty of every member to exercise an interest in the organization, to avoid wrongful use of its name or authority, and to regulate his/her conduct toward the organization, the fellow members, and the public, in accordance with the objects and rules of this organization.
- (b) Members shall refrain from all exposures of tricks, illusions, and magical principles, and conform to signed pledges of this organization and as prescribed in the Ritual now in effect or hereafter adopted.
- (c) Members shall not furnish information concerning modus operandi of magical effects to the lay public through the mediums of magazines, periodicals, newspapers, internet, radio, telephone, television, motion pictures, giveaways, premiums, or through the use of any other means whatsoever whereby the same may be transmitted.

Section 2

Members publishing, editing, or otherwise involved in the sale and distribution of magical literature, shall adhere to the following code:

- (a) Magical textbooks that might eventually reach the lay public must be published and sold, in good faith, for not less than Two Dollars (\$2.00) per copy.
- (b) Books, novels, or articles in which magic is merely incidental to the plot or article, and which eventually reach the public, must contain absolutely no exposure.
- (c) Books, pamphlets, etc., intended to be sold for less than Two Dollars or given away by a magician or anyone else connected with him/her or his/her performance, directly or indirectly, in and about the theater or any other place, for semi-advertising or semi-revenue purposes, exposing any tricks, are deemed an absolute violation of the Code and are prohibited. However, the Board of Trustees and the Ethics and Grievance Committee may grant a member the privilege of a specific exception if the Committee decides that the Art of Magic is not injured thereby.
- (d) Books on magic sold exclusively through recognized magical channels shall not be subject to censorship or price regulation.
- (e) Books, periodicals, pamphlets, etc., shall not bear any inference of any approval of this organization or any Ring thereof. Authors may state they are members of the organization; however, no author shall make a statement in said book, etc., that he/she holds or held any office, elective or appointive, in this organization.

Section 3

Exposure of any magical effect is prohibited. An effect that, by its nature, completely reveals its principle in the course of its presentation is a stunt. However, an effect that does not reveal its principle in its proper performance, and one that depends upon the continued secrecy of that principle for the success of its entertainment value or mystery is a magical effect.

Section 4

Members, in case of doubt concerning the interpretation of the Code of Ethics, shall consult with the Ethics and Grievance Committee. No member may be prosecuted by this organization or affiliate thereof for pursuing a course of conduct recommended by the said Committee.

Section 5

Every member shall advise the Secretary of his/her Ring, and the International Executive Secretary, of any change of address. Any notice required to be served on a member and directed to his last known address as it appears on the roster of the International Secretary shall constitute sufficient service thereof.

Section 6

All information obtained within this organization is for the exclusive use of members and no other persons. Any member disclosing said information regarding same to members not in good standing, or to nonmembers, to the detriment of this organization, or violating the Code of Ethics set forth in the foregoing Sections, shall be subject to discipline.

Section 7

Membership cards, numbered serially, shall be issued by the International Executive Secretary to all new members. The number thereof shall designate the order of admission of such member and shall never be changed or reissued to another member except that the number can be assigned to the child or spouse of a deceased member. Reinstated members shall receive their original number. Such membership cards shall be renewed annually upon payment of dues. The current card shall be required for admission to any meeting of any Ring, or of this organization, upon demand.

Section 8

A member whose dues are unpaid at the time of the Annual Meeting or Annual Election shall not be in good standing and may not vote, hold office, or be admitted to a business meeting until such time as said dues are paid to the International Executive Secretary and accepted.

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