

ORANGE COUNTY MAGIC CLUB



August

OCMC Magic Lecture

At the Anaheim Community Center
August 10th, 2022

250 E Center St, Anaheim, CA 92805

Doors open at 7:00 for Meet & Greet
Meeting starts at **7:15**

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July's Lecture

Our own Harrison Kaplan gave us a wonderful lecture on How to Become a Psychic Detective Overnight. It was an excellent opportunity to see how Harrison got

the entire audience to participate in four out of the five effects, and then let them relax at the end and soak up the experience where he performed what amounted to a minor psychic miracle with a single volunteer—our own Joy.

All of the routines presented were derived from Theodore Annemann's Practical Mental Magic -- originally titled, Practical Mental Effects (in the vernacular).

As the audience arrived for the evening, Harrison asked every member who came in the door to fill out three slips of a paper with numbers on them and deposit them into a sealed ballot box to be used later in Harrison's presentation of A Book Test Medley.

The first effect of the night, Jury Selection targeted our own VP Brad as the culprit, was he innocent or guilty? Harrison, got everyone involved in this dilemma.

Harrison's polled the audience, who were tonight's jurors, and with a show of hands, found Brad to be Not Guilty. Harrison holding a sealed envelope revealing his prediction of the jury's decision made before the jury's decision was made. This effect comes from page 137 of the Annemann book. It was a simplified version of 'An Original Faked Envelope'.



Relieved that Brad was found Not Guilty and that the club did not need to go find a new VP, Harrison seamlessly moved into another Annemann effect that would bring 3-members of the audience up on stage, Para-Optic Vision (pg. 224) where the volunteers would each choose a card from a shuffled deck. Harrison, who was blindfolded, was later able to divine the name of each card.

The third effect, Document Examination, was the prior mentioned book test medley, (pgs. 53-76) where Harrison had a pile of books with him. All inexpensive books costing around a dollar (that's 1958 dollars!). Harrison tossed several books out into the audience.



The last phase of the book test, Harrison opened the ballot box (OM Box, pg. 26). and had a spectator draw one slip of paper, the number was announced—that was used to determine the page of all three books. Without missing a beat, Harrison recited a line in each audience members chosen book on the page that had



been written down on the slip of paper drawn from the ballot box—
incredible.

Harrison also used the OM Box in his next effect- Forensic Accounting. Harrison has a prediction already on the table. 3 audience members

selected three billets from the box. Everyone pulled out their calculators (iPhones, Androids, etc) to calculate the total of the numbers on the slips; and then double-checked the total, which added up to a prediction that was sitting out on the table before the numbers were added up. This was a simplification of an effect called 'Familiar Spirit' pg. 204.

Harrison finished up with an Interrogating Interview. Joy had written down a name on a piece of paper and sealed it in an opaque envelope. Harrison subsequently, psychically and intuitively revealed the name. Correct. (Modernized Reading, pg. 130).



This one-on-one with Joy concluded an excellent lecture from Harrison.

It was a lot of fun, Mel Bennett, Brad Erickson and other members have commented how much they enjoyed the lecture.

In addition to great magic, July's lecture taught the beauty of using props, such as the OM Box as a segue into new part of the act. We also learned that props do not need to cost an arm and a leg, a few 2nd hand books or other objects obtained from the dime stores (or in the vernacular: Dollar Tree or 99 cent stores) can be used to enhance originality and interest in the performance. One does not need to spend a lot of money to create a wonderful audience experience. Inexpensive Dover paperback books don't cost much; yet, the information is top notch. The lecture gave good examples of how a routine can be easy to carry, set up, and break down. A

final take-away, a great routine with good audience management skills does not require any sleight of hand.

Harrison promises more of the same in the future...





Thanks to all those who paid their dues!

If you still owe club dues, visit Phil in the back of the room next to the OCMC display to pay.



Meanwhile, as Phil says, Keep Calm and Pay Your Dues!

Cash, Check, or Credit Cards accepted.

From the desk of the Treasurer/Webmaster:

If you still owe dues, here are 3 easy ways to pay them:

- 1. You can pay your club dues to Phil at this month's meeting.**
- 2. You can also pay your dues online. <http://www.theocmc.org/>**
- 3. You can mail a check to**

Orange County Magic Club
9877 Chapman Ave, Suite D #409
Garden Grove, Ca. 92841

This will greatly help us in our monthly rental payments for 2022 meetings.

Thank you, OCMC Treasurer/Webmaster

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August's Mini-Workshop/Show & Tell

August's meeting will give members a chance to show us an effect and explain how it was done.

Hope to see everyone there Wednesday, August 10th at 7:15!

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2022 OCMC Schedule



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| August 10th, 2022 | Mini Workshop / Show & Tell |
| September 14th, 2022 | Show Prep / Critique |
| October 12th, 2022 | Show Prep/Critique/Performance Polishing |
| November 9th, 2022 | OCMC Winter Show in the Larger Room |
| December 14th, 2022 | Potluck, Show & Tell |



Our monthly raffle will resume in August.



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Quote:

"Magicians have done controlled testing in human perception for thousands of years."

— Teller —