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97TH YEAR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD ON 17TH FEBRUARY 2019

NEXT GET-TOGETHER  
SUNDAY  
24TH FEBRUARY 2019



INDUCTION OF THE  
NEW PRESIDENT

MR. ROHITH J SILVA



GUEST ARTIST  
AT THE  
MONTHLY MEETING ON  
SUNDAY  
24TH FEBRUARY 2019

FRENCH MAGICIAN  
'MAGO TONY',  
WITH HIS LECTURE ON  
'CHARITY MAGIC'

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SRI LANKA MAGIC CIRCLE  
CELEBRATES

97TH  
ANNIVERSARY

ON 2019.02.18

ONLY 36 MONTHS MORE TO THE BIG DAY.....!

THE CENTENARY IN  
2022

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Sri Lanka Magic Circle 97th year Annual General Meeting was held on 17th February 2019

2019-2020 Board of Management elected at the A.G.M is as follows



Mr. Rohith Silva - (President), Mr. Devsiri Fernando- (Executive Vice President & Editor), Mr. Premalal Fernando- (Hony. Secretary & Librarian), Mr. A. Wijesinghe- (Hony. Treasurer), Mr. Sumangala Silva - (Vice President), Mr. Asanka Pathirana - (Vice President), Mr. Sumittha Kuruppu - (Vice President), Mr. Shelton Jayasekera - (Vice President), Mr. Rohan Jayasekera (Immediate Past President)  
Mr. Ajith Nihal Fernando - (Committee Member), Mr. Vihan Malitha - (Committee Member), Mr. Dineth Senda Handi - (Committee Member), Mr. Mahesh Karunaratne - (Committee Member)

(02 Positions of Vice President and 01 Position of Committee Member to be appointed by the Board of Directors, if necessary).

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### Broken Wand



Gary Lee Meador better known as Gary Darwin passed away on 9th February 2019. Gary an American magician was regarded as the 'King of Thumb Tip'. He was a multi talented entertainer and author of many books. Gary had his own "Darwin's Magic Club" and a personal magic museum. He was one those who had taken pain to

analyze the 'Art of Magic' from an academic point of view and presented his classification of 'Magic' under ten Basic Principles.

## FLASHBACK



Members at an SLMC AGM in 1960s. Note the few present members among the many departed....

# Meet and Greet 'Mago Tony' from France at our monthly Get together on 24th February 2019



Members, do not miss the opportunity! Free Lecture on Charity Magic to invite local Magicians to perform Charity Shows together with our Non Profit Organization: "Magic Brothers World":

Welcome to this crowd-funding Non Profit Organization "MAGIC BROTHERS WORLD" in its project to offer Charity Magic shows in orphanages and other charities around the World from May 2017 until May 2019!

MAGIC BROTHERS WORLD (MBW) brings hope and happiness through magic shows in orphanages around the world and where it's needed the most. With its team always growing of more than 100 volunteer magicians based in the 6 continents, MBW supports children in need of dreams to grow up for a better future.

Because most orphans go back to the street at some point after leaving the orphanage, the first goal of MBW is to encourage them to find a goal in their life, to believe in it, and to work hard to achieve it some days. All of that through some stories while performing the magic show.

The second goal of MBW is to invite local volunteer magicians to perform together in local orphanages and then to keep inviting other local magicians to perform together in the future. This way they always continue to expand their "family" of volunteer magicians.

Some of the volunteer magicians from MBW are orphans themselves, others performed for the world championship of magic, others started with the magic just few months ago, and they all consider each other like Brothers.

MBW hopes that in few years some of these orphans met recently are going to take over this Non Profit Organization and continue to spread the magic, the love and the hope for others of their "Orphan Brothers".

After sharing their message of Hope and Happiness in Africa, North and South America, Europe and Oceania (Australia), MBW is now focusing on their expansion in Asia.

The Founder of MBW "Magic Tony" is traveling around Asia from May 2017 until May 2019 (February 24th to 28th in Sri Lanka) to invite local magicians to perform charity shows together and to join this great family.

Magic Tony raises money for MBW performing magic in Australia to be able to reach more privileged children worldwide.



Rohan with Tony in Bangkok along with Terry

## HONOURING THE HONOURABLE

It was announced at the Annual General Meeting the two veterans Mr. Nelson Jayawardana and Ms. Lilani De Mel who had completed 40 years of unbroken membership in the Circle were honored by elevating them to the elite group of 'Honorary Life Members'. They are the 7th and 8th to receive this honor



**Nelson Jayawardane** is one of the very senior member of the SLMC who joined the circle in 11th March 1965 after seeing Professor D'Alvo (Jr.) performed at a school exhibition, Kurunegala in 1964. He was a keen performer who received commendation from Mudaliyar Amarasekara who baptized him in magical arena as 'Professor Jayward'. Being an outstation member he could not participate regularly in Circle's activities and ceased to be a member. Rejoined in January 1st 1977 and is a member to date.

**Lilani De Mel** is the beloved wife of Late Mr. Panil De Mel, a world class magician from the SLMC. Lilani started as the life partner and stage partner of Panil and their show went as 'DEMELO & LANI'. Lilani took the membership of the Circle on 10th March 1977 and adjudged the 'Magician of the Year -1979' and won the 'National Championship' in 1984.



## The Clairvoyants are back



World No. 1 Clairvoyants duo Tommy Ten and Amelie who were here in 2016 with the 'Knight of Illusions Returns' will be back with the Cinnamon Life's 'The Clairvoyants' on 4th April 2019 at the 'Nelum Pokuna Mahinda Rajapaksha Theatre'. This is something you shouldn't miss.

For more info:

[www.cinnamonboxoffice.com](http://www.cinnamonboxoffice.com)

Hotline: +94 71 711 8111

Tickets- Rs. 4,500/=

## Report on January Get together – 27th January

The President Welcomed the members for the new year and observed two minutes silence for the departed members. The attendance was very poor and seemed to be a gloomy day, but finally it was a fruitful day. He gave a very encouraging speech on the value of magic and the benefits of becoming a magician. Many advice on manner & presentation was thought. He showed a lot of photographs of the Thailand tour on his tab including his own public shows so that the new comer's would be motivated.

There were performances by new comers. They were good in their presentation. The Magic Circle is glad to have such members and President Rohan Jayasekera vouched to groom them up for a better tomorrow.



The veterans Chandrasena Gamage and Priyantha Gamage also performed.



## MAGICIAN SHIN LIM WINS AMERICA'S GOT TALENT : THE CHAMPIONS



Magician Shin Lim has played the right cards yet again, casting a spell on Monday (Feb 18) to be crowned winner of the inaugural America's Got Talent: The Champions contest.

The 27-year-old, who was born in Canada and raised in Singapore before his parents relocated to the United States, beat 11 contenders from similar talent contests worldwide, including British singer Susan Boyle.

"It's crazy, to be honest. I still have to pinch myself. First winning AGT was crazy to me, but winning Champions was even more crazy. It's very overwhelming and super exciting," People magazine quoted Lim, who picked up US\$25,000 (S\$33,900), as saying.

Meanwhile, Lim has another card up his sleeve to please his fans - an invitation card to his wedding in August to dancer Casey Thomas in Hawaii.

## Happy Birthday to all members celebrating their birthdays in February



- 2<sup>nd</sup> KW Silva
- 4<sup>th</sup> Nelson Jayawardane
- 5<sup>th</sup> Terry Amarasekara & Ajith Jayasinghe
- 6<sup>th</sup> HDN Gunasekara
- 7<sup>th</sup> Shelton Jayasekara
- 9<sup>th</sup> Ms. Samantha Nanayakkara
- 12<sup>th</sup> Nihal Weerasinghe
- 16<sup>th</sup> MK Wimalasena
- 17<sup>th</sup> LA Senevirathna
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Ajith Fernando
- 27<sup>th</sup> Lester De Silva

## A few pictures from the AGM



President Rohith been inducted and receiving the Chain of office from past President Joy

Rohan administering the Oath of Allegiance



Observing a moment of silence in honour of members who have gone to the 'great beyond'

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