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My period as President of the Sri Lanka Magic Circle terminates on Sunday 29th March 2015 the day of our 93rd Annual General Meeting. The year 2014-2015 passed off very swiftly, without much significance. Other than committee meetings and monthly get-togethers, the only important events were the Amateur and young Magicians contests held last July. Unfortunately other contests were not held due to lack of interest and unpreparedness to participate in contests by our members.

Attendance and punctuality at meetings were below standard throughout the entire year. "I DON'T KNOW WHY" Even our members residing in Colombo or suburbs did not attend meetings regularly and some have not come at all. Most probably let us hope they will be present at the AGM on 29th July.

Members are earnestly requested to settle all unpaid dues as the Magic Circle depends on

these payments for their expenses.

Generous help from all members is also anticipated so as to commence Building operations on the upper Floor of our Building by way of donations, short term loans, building materials etc.

To achieve success, collective responsibility is essential.

If you are kind and helpful to others, others in return will be kind and helpful to you. My sincere thanks to all our dear members for the support and co-operation given to me and to our executive committee members.

Come early for a sumptuous lunch and fellowship.

Joy de Silva
President



Free, Free, Free

All members are cordially invited to participate at the AGM which will be held on 29th March 2015 from 9.30 a.m. onwards at Vishmithapaya, 156 Templar Road, Mount Lavinia. The official notice of the AGM was issued last month through the WAND.

All participating members will be given lunch FREE of charge sponsored by the President. Welcome drink by the SLMC, Dessert has been sponsored by our Asst. General Secretary Gayan Wickramage and appetizers by Life Member Lalith Wickramasinghe.

Come one. Come all. It's Free, Free, Free.
Please call or SMS 072-2251420
and confirm your attendance with the
General Secretary

Please bring your copy of the WAND
to the AGM as the Agenda of the AGM and also
the proposed Resolutions are in it.

**Many Prizes
and Surprises
including
Attendance draw
Best Dressed
Member etc**

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Proposed Code of Conduct for Members of the SLMC

- 1) **Oppose** the willful exposure to the public of any principles of the Art of Magic, or the methods employed in any magic effect or illusion.
 - 2) **Display** ethical behavior in the presentation of magic to the public and in our conduct as magicians, including not interfering with or jeopardizing the performance of another magician either through personal intervention or the unauthorized use of another's creation.
 - 3) **Recognize** and respect for rights of the creators, inventors, authors, and owners of magic concepts, presentations, effects and literature, and their rights to have exclusive use of, or to grant permission for the use by others of such creations.
 - 4) **Discourage** false or misleading statements in the advertising of effects, and literature, merchandise or actions pertaining to the magical arts.
 - 5) **Discourage** advertisement in magic publications for any magical apparatus, effect, literature or other materials for which the advertiser does not have commercial rights.
 - 6) **Promote** the humane treatment and care of livestock used in magical performances.
 - 7) **To avoid** when giving a magical performance for children or using a child as an assistant, any verbal or physical behaviour which would give cause or be likely to give cause for complaint.
- ❖ Magicians should not perform under the influence of liquor or any other drug. This is applicable to both public and private performances.
 - ❖ To avoid when giving magical performances any verbal or physical behavior that may cause damages to religious or ethnic harmony.
 - ❖ Respect the rights of the organizers of magical events. Never to involve in activities that may cause damages to the property of the organizers and not to misuse their facilities.
 - ❖ Respect other Magicians and refrain from any activity (verbal or physical) that may affect the professional career of other magicians.
 - ❖ To avoid when performing an indecent or unacceptable behavior such as unethical jokes or statements that may offend the viewers.

The above proposed Code of Conduct was compiled by Committee Member Chrisantha Silva. Members are encouraged to send in their views, amendments and additions to the above. This would help the incoming Board to finalise the Code during 2015/16.

SRI LANKA MAGIC CIRCLE MONTHLY GET TOGETHER February 2015

The Sri Lanka Magic Circle held it's monthly get together for the month of February 2015 at "Vishmithapaya on 22/2 /2015 commencing around 10.15am.

President Joy requested members to observe 2 minutes silence in respect of members who have departed and it was done.

GS Devsiri said that that day was the lowest number in the attendance register and read out the names of members who wished that they be excused. He also said that some names had to be deleted from the list of member mostly for non payment of their dues and some names had to be transferred to the 'life member reserved (LMR)' list thereby the circle lost around Rs.90,000/= . He specially thanked our treasurer for being present after being discharged from the hospital after an operation. He also stated that our president also has returned after being in the hospital for one day.

The President Joy stated that he is happy to see at least one lady bring present and thanked Mrs. Thusitha Jayasekara . He continued to say that members must try to be present at these get togethers as every member knows that we meet on the last Sunday of every month. He thanked our GS Devsiri for the effort and enthusiasm and the excellent work he is carrying out. President also spoke about the raffle draw to be held in May. He said that he will make every effort to sell tickets. He requested the members to help in selling tickets and immediately some members got some ticket books to be sold.

VP H.D. N. Gunasekara was then called to speak about the book on the S.L.M.C. he is going to publish. H.D.N. said that he is making every effort to complete this as soon as possible and requested the members to contribute with past articles, photographs etc: He thanked all who have already done so.

GS then thanked a few Guests who were present namely Hiran Senaviratna, a member in 1994, Mrs. Anusha who was present with the two children aged 10 & 6 to be enrolled as members. He reminded the members about the AGM and mentioned that there are volunteers to provide items as follows. Lunch will be provided by the President, appetizers by Lalith Wickramasingha and dessert by Gayan Wickramage.

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For the days performances Lalith Wickramasingha opened with a rope routine which was well done followed by a card trick with a card frame where a card instantly changed. Rohan came up next and performed a card trick with a pack cut into two. Two members were asked to select a card (1/2 card) and the two halves matched to form the complete card. Next was Dinesh who did a few coin sleights followed by a card trick. President Joy borrowed a Rs.500/= note and gave it to a member and it changed to a picture.

The star performer for the day was Dharmapala. He started with a vanish of a silk followed by a silk to rose. Next he got a member to sign on a coin and put it into a bag of similar coins, He mixed the coins and put his hand into the bag and took out the marked coin. He borrowed a Rs.20/= note and put it in a bag (Change bag) and when taken out it had become big with the same number. He also performed the 'vanishing sugar'. He then performed a card trick , rising card from a pack in case followed by a mental trick where he wrote a number on a piece of paper and gave it to a member. He requested members to call out a few more numbers and when the numbers were totaled up it matched the predicted number. His next trick was with a rope. He showed a long rope and folded it several times and cut the top part of every strand. When the rope was released it was completely restored. His last trick was "Coins across" with four coins, where a coin returned from pocket to hand and a few times at the end all coins disappeared. Before he started this trick he said that he learnt it at the special training class and said that the credit should go to VP training Shelton. He did the trick successfully.

The days proceedings came to a close around 12.30pm after a treat of refreshments brought by the Birthday boys.

Report by Shelton Jayasekara (VP. Training.)

Happy Birthday our March Birthday Boys and Girls

- March 6 Banuka H. Silva
- March 10 Ranjith Bulathsinhala
- March 17 S. K. Dharmapala
- March 28 Ranjan Jayawardana



Bring your B'day treat when you come for the AGM next Sunday



The 2015 FISM World Championships of Magic arrives in the magical Rimini, Italy from the 6th - 11th July 2015. FISM was created in 1948 and today consists of more than 80 magic societies, both national and international, as well as national Federations which represent over 50,000 magicians from some 50 countries.

When will a Sri Lankan compete at FISM??

Nishika due to attend FISM 2015

Our award winning member Nishika Peiris is due to attend FISM 2015. To the best of our knowledge she would be the first Sri Lankan Magician to attend two consecutive FISM events.

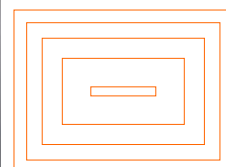
Incidentally Nishika is studying for a degree in Medicine at Sapienza University of Rome, Italy which is the largest University in Europe. Nishika is following the course of Medicine in English which spans a period of six years.

We wish her well both at FISM and in her studies.

SPECIAL TRAINING CLASS 2ND SUNDAY OF MARCH

The special training class was held on the 8th of March 2015. The following were present. Asanka Pathirana, Chenul Sandunu, Vishan Malitha, Dr.

Keerthi Weerawardana, Ajith Fernando & Dinesh Thangavel. Few others got excused. They learnt and practiced a few coin sleights and rope flourishes.





Haggar's Ramblings!!

Leonard Nimoy 1931-2015 RIP

I remember watching Star Trek as a child and being totally awe struck by this futuristic series. I would spend minutes at a time gazing into nothingness (space) and wonder if the future might indeed have any Star Trek similarities in store for us. This thought has been ever present in my mind both during adolescence and adulthood. Since Leonard's 'departure into the unknown' I have been reminded of an assembly that I did at school many years ago; Star Trek technology and how it has influenced our lives in the real world.

Without Star Trek we may not have ever been able to make phone calls whenever and wherever we please. Mobile phones are a direct descendant of the communicators created on the show. In fact, Martin Cooper has said that it was Captain Kirk's gold flip communicator that inspired him to create the first ever mobile phone.

One of the first pieces of technology to come out of Star Trek was the automatic door. When an Enterprise crewmember approached a door, it would automatically open. Today, you can find the futuristic technology of yesterday at any supermarket or public building.

While Spock and Kirk found themselves in many dangerous situations, Starfleet's Prime Directive was that of exploration and observation. With that, came the understanding of other alien languages thanks to the series' universal translator. With apps like Google Translate, we can type in and understand any conversation but now with tech like Microsoft's "Skype" translator, today's users no longer have to fear the language barrier.

The giant view screen on the bridge of the Enterprise allowed Captain Kirk to communicate with other space ships and people on nearby planets. Today, giant high definition televisions equipped with video cameras allow us to speak with people across the globe in real time.

Doctor McCoy could measure someone's vital signs by waving a sensor over someone's body and looking at a read-out on his tricorder. Today, "tricorders" really exist. The "Scanadu" works by placing a tiny sensor on a patient's forehead. Through its sensor, and in a matter of seconds, the Scanadu measures heart rate, temperature, blood pressure, oxygen level and provides a complete ECG reading.

Dr. McCoy might have been cantankerous, but he didn't stick patients with needles. Instead, he used a device called a hypospray, which sprayed medicine into a patient's blood stream directly through the skin. Hyposprays exist today, though they're called jet injectors. They're expensive, so they're still not as commonly used as needles. But they're less painful.

Before beaming people up, the crew of "Star Trek" had to first locate the likes of Kirk and Spock and the many red shirts on distant planets. Crew location could be seen as a precursor to the Global Position System technology that many around the world now use daily. GPS location technology may seem like a standard way of life, but back in the late sixties when the show first premiered, it seemed as if it only belonged to the U.S.S. Enterprise.

There's a lot to remember when flying through space, which is why "Star Trek" used a PADD. The "Personal Access Display Device" was a computer notebook of sorts. This tech is almost identical to the dozens of computer tablets like the iPad and Microsoft Surface that people use today. While today's iPad's are a bit more thin and sleek than their "Star Trek" counterparts, PADD looks to have been a huge influence on today's tablet world.



Leonard Nimoy's lasting role as Spock was loved by Trek fans and we know that Leonard

himself was helped in his daily life by Spock's rational thinking. I remember an interview he did when he spoke about things that he used to think about/do and Spock would intervene and perhaps suggest a different way!

What Have I learnt from Leonard? I don't let life and its many twists and turns freak me out; a whisky and some measured thinking always helps put things into perspective.

And finally I'll leave you with Leonard Nimoy's last tweet a few hours before he died.

'A life is like a garden. Perfect moments can be had, but not preserved, except in memory.'

AGENDA OF THE 92ND AGM – SRI LANKA MAGIC CIRCLE

29th MARCH 2015 9.30 a.m.

1. Call to order
 2. Observe a one minute of silence in memory of past members
 3. Read the notice convening the Meeting
 4. Renewal of the Oath of Secrecy
 5. Minutes of 91st AGM 6th April 2014 – presentation and adoption
 6. Minutes of SGM held on 31st August 2014 – presentation and adoption
 7. Secretary's Report
 8. The Treasurer's Report – Final Accounts & Balance Sheet 2014/2015
 9. CIA's Report
 10. EVP's Activity Reports for 2014/2015
 11. VP's Activity Reports for 2014/2015
 12. VP Rohan Jayasekera VP Shelton Jayasekera VP Suranjith De Soysa
 13. VP Chandananda Jayatillake VP C. Gamage VP H D N Gunasekara

 14. Resolutions- if any for which due notice has been given
 15. President's Report
 16. Keynote Address
 17. Awards Ceremony
 - a. Presentation to Honorary Life Members
 - b. Presentation of Plaque of Appreciation
 - c. President's award to Most Useful Member

 18. Appointment of Protem Chairman
 19. Election – Post of President
 20. Election of General Secretary
 21. Election of Vice President – Special Projects
 22. Election of Vice President – Contests and Administration
 23. Election of Vice President – Training
 24. Election of Vice President – Welfare
 25. Election of Vice President – Marketing
 26. Election of Treasurer
 27. Election of Assistant Treasurer
 28. Election of Assistant Secretary
 29. Election of Chief Internal Auditor
 30. Election of Librarian
 31. Election of Editor

 32. Appointment of Members volunteering to serve on the Committee

 33. Appointment of Accountant
 - i. Chartered Accountant
 - ii. Chartered Secretary
 - iii. Patron and 2 Vice Patrons

 34. Vote of thanks by General Secretary
 35. Termination
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Shelton & Thusitha in India



VP Training Shelton Jayesekera and his wife Thusitha took part in the **Maya Maya Magic Convention** held from 28th February to 1st March in Bangalore. They were afforded VIP treatment by the organisers. Picture shows Shelton (in turban) been honoured by the Indian Magicians

Terminations and Transfers

It is deep regret the WAND informs it's Readers that a total of 10 Members were terminated and another were transferred to the Life Member Reserve list during the past year. Details are as follows.

14 Life Members were Transferred to Life Member Reserve list on 28th February '15. They are

Oshan Fernando
C.Arangala
C.Weliwatte
Vijay Silva
Ranjini Gunasekera
Manuja de Silva
Sambuddika Ratnayake
A.T.A. Karunasena
Royston de Zilva
A.Wickremasinghe
Mchael Cabudsan

The total outstanding due from them is Rs.24,000/-

8 ordinary members who were terminated as at 28th Feb 2015 are as follows. Arrears due from them in terms of Subscription and Service Fees total Rs.57,500/=

Thangavel Dineshan
Harsha Kumara.S.A.
Cooray M.U.D.
Goonewardane Lahiru
Nanayakkara. Samantha
Weerakody. D
Fernando Hirangani
Perera Randima

The following 02 Junior Members were terminated leaving an outstanding of Rs. 7,000/-

Himarshi Peiris
Sudashka Fernando

The total amount that had to be written off due to the above defaulters is a massive Rs. 88,500/- which would have covered the running cost of the Circle for almost one year.

Resolutions for adoption

Many Resolutions for adoption at the coming AGM were discussed at the Board Meeting held on the 13th of March which was adjourned and continued on 16th March. The following were approved to be tabled at the AGM. Please study them carefully prior to coming for the AGM.

There were several far reaching resolutions which were proposed by the AGS Gayan. However, some of them were not approved for presentation at the AGM as it was felt that the composition of the SLMC membership was not yet ready for same. They were however laid by to be considered at an later date.

1. Persons being proposed for the post of President should fulfil the following criteria.
*Be a life member *Have been an active Office Bearer for a minimum 2 years *Be a member of good financial standing
2. The period of a single President to be limited to a maximum of three years.
3. The maximum number of posts one person can hold during a year be limited to two.
4. The Vice President posts for the coming year to be limited to five. The subjects be as follows. Training, Contests and Administration, Special Projects, Welfare and Marketing cum Fund Raising.
5. Since the registration fee has not changed for twenty years, it is proposed that the current Rs. 250/- be increased Rs. 2,000/- or Ordinary Members and Rs. 1000/- for Junior Members. The Transfer Fee of Ordinary Members becomeing Life Members be increased to Rs. 10,000/-. The annual Service Fee be made Rs. 1200/- per year.
6. The Financial Year be changed from to start on the 1st January and end on 31st December.
7. One Patron and two Vice Patrons to be appointed as follows.
Patron to be the Minister or Junior Minister of Culture & Arts
Vice Patron 1: Mayor- Dehiwela / Mt.Lavnia Municipality
Vice Patron 2 : Provincial Secretary, Mt.Lavnia
8. Only members having at least one year of membership are eligible to seek nomination for election to Executive Committee.
9. Any vacancy occurring in the Executive Committee except that of President, may be filled by the Executive Committee from among the members of the association. In the case of a vacancy in the post of President, a Vice President nominated by The Executive Committee shall act as the President until the next Annual General Meeting.