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# The "Encyclopedia of Magic" is no more

Internationally renowned magician and our Past President Noel Wickremasinghe passed away on Sunday 23rd September at his home after a brief illness. He was almost 75 years at the time of his demise.

Noel Wickremasinghe who performed under the name of "Prince Noel" joined the Magic Circle on 8th August 1973. There onwards he continued to perform thousands of shows both here and abroad. He has performed in the United States, Nepal, Malaysia and continuously for nearly 12 years in the Maldives. He won the coveted Gate Mudaliyar A.C.G.S.Challenge Shield for Magician of the Year Contest in 1977. He became the President of the Magic Circle in 2005. He is the only Sri Lankan whose magical invention was accepted and published in the "Encyclopaedia of Dove Magic" Vol. 13 edited by the world famous magician by Ian Adair.

He was a voracious reader and possessed a vast amount of knowledge not only about magic tricks but also regarding the history of magic, names and details of foreign magicians and their inventions and was easily the most knowledgeable person on the subject in Sri Lanka. His vast knowledge and ability to recall details in a flash earned him the name "Encyclopedia of Magic".

Noel was not only a performer of Magic. He was also a great Teacher. Besides that he fabricated magic items which were exported to the USA and other countries. Our members too had an opportunity of buying his products.

His funeral took place on Monday the 24th September at the Mt. Lavinia General Cemetery at 5.00pm. Members of the Magic Circle assembled at the Mahinda Funeral Parlour, Mt. Lavinia at 3.30pm and conducted the farewell rituals.

The breaking of the Wand was done by the President Ronald.



Thereafter the coffin was ceremoniously draped (as shown above) with the Circle flag prior to the funeral procession.



Paying the last respects



Members carrying the coffin to the crematorium

**NEXT MEMBERS DAY**  
**SUNDAY Sept. 30th**

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The SLMC flag been given at the crematorium to Noel's widow Indra by President Ronald

*"Good-night, sweet Prince; And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest"* ( From Act V, Scene ii of Shakespeare's Hamlet )

Noel  
during  
happy  
times



With family members  
on the occasion of the  
unveiling his portrait  
at SLMC

Report by Devsiri Fernando-Editor

## SLMC MEETING AUGUST 2012.

The monthly get together for the month of August 2012 was held at '156' on 26/08/12 around 9.00am.

In Attendance: (26 Members ) Ronald De Alwis, Priyantha Gamage, Chandrasena Gamage, Kamalshantha Silva, Mathew Phelan, Hirangani Fernando, S.K.Dharamapala, W.A.K.Weerawardane, Suranjith de Soysa, Trevor Anthony, Franklyn Hewavitharane, A.Wijesinghe, M.U.d.Cooray, Ranjan Jayawardane, Shelton Jayasekera, Thusitha Jaysaekera, Devsiri Fernando, Ranjith Salpitikorale, M.M.S.,Puspakumara, M.K.Wimalasena, Avishka Perera, Chrisantha Silva, Samantha Nanayakkara, K.W.Silva, C.Heendeniya,Dinesh Thangavel,  
Excused : (06 Members ) Terry Amarasekera, Ranjitha Ratnapala, Nihal Weerasinghe, Michael Fernando, A.N.Kumarage & Noel Wickremasinghe.

Guests : (02) Himarsha Nelum Kumari & Thushari Fernando

The main item was the mini contest on Rope Magic. There were a record number of nine contestants who submitted their applications that day. It would have been ten if not for the fact that one member who wanted to contest arrived late and the lots to select the order of performance had been drawn.

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As soon as the sad news was received the message was passed on by phone, SMS and email to the membership. Asst. Sec HDN as usual rose to the occasion. This resulted in many members been present even though they received a very short notice. Members who were present at the funeral were Ronald , Rohan, HDN, C.Gamage, K W Silva, P.Gamage,Terry, Alex, Sumangala, Ranjitha, Wasantha, Suranjith, Joy, Botheju, Dinesh Thangavel, Palitha Jayasinghe, Aviska, Wijesinghe, Michael, Devsiri, Wimalasena, Puspakumara, Jeromy, Hirangani, Franklin, Dharmapala, Ranjitha, Kamal and Ranjith Dharmapala. Past Secretary Sivanandarajah was also present.

Though not present at the funeral several members such as Lilani, Lucky ,Capt Salpitikorala, Felix De Alwis and Ajith had visited during the day. Chandra, M B Ranjith, Weckasinghe, Rohith, Shelton and Thusitha were unable to attend due to ill health and prior appointments.

VP & GS Devsiri welcomed all members who had arrived in spite of the bad weather that day and wished all contestants good luck. The VP contests Suranjith briefed the contestants on rules, timing and other relevant matters relating to the contests and the contest commenced around 10.15am. The judges for the contest were Devsiri Fernando Chandrasena Gamage and Priyantha Gamage. VP Shelton compeered throughout the show. It was nice to see that all contestants had come fully prepared and had dressed in some special suite. Although there were few shortcomings no one made a serious mistake.

Refreshments were served. With a special bun as brought by Thusitha Jayasekera, one of her own preparations and also cakes as brought by Clarence Heendeniya on account of his birthday falling within that month. Members sang the 'Birthday song' to Clarence.

After the interval members gathered for VP Shelton's training class. The topic for that day was coin magic, but as there was not much time to start on coins members revised what they learnt on ropes and Shelton also taught the members a few advanced moves to be used on rope routines.

The get together ended around 12.45pm.

**Shelton Jayasekera**

# Magic Mini Contest held on 26th August

Comments by President Kala Bushana Lt. Col. Ronald de Alwis

Firstly I am thankful to the following team for their services; Chairman of Judges Mr.Suranjith De Soysa, Time Keeper Mr.Kamalshantha Silva, Presenter Mr.Shelton Jayasekera, Video Recorder~Mr. Ranjith Salpitikorale, Photographer~ Master Mathew Phelan, Floor Arrangements~ C.Gamage & P.Gamage , Creating the Mini Contest Award & Cerificates ~ Mr,Rohan Jayasekera . Judges ~ Mr.Devsiri Fernando, Kalabushana Chandrasena Gamage & Kalakirthi Priyantha Gamage. Background Music Workshop Trainer ~ Kalabushana Mr. Shelton Jayasekera. Refreshments ~ Ms,Thusitha Jayasekera & .C.Heendeniya.

Secondly the 09 Contestants in their order of performance ~ Mr. K.W.Silva, Master Avishka Perera, Mr.S.K.Dharamapala, Mr.Franklyn Hewavitharane, Mr. Chrishantha Silva, Dr.W.A.C.Weerawardane, Mr.M.S,M.Puspakumara, Mr.Trevor Anthony and Ms.Gihani Fernando  
It was indeed nice to observe that the contestants reported on time and remained relaxed. I am happy that at least 10% of our membership volunteered to contest as a result of the Training Programme conducted by our expert VP Training, Mr.Shelton Jayasekera who has created a keen interest in most of the members to learn effectively under my direction.

It would have been better if all the contestants set up their table from behind the curtain & then come out from behind when announced. Personality & Dress: 04 performers made use of their personality to give effect as a magician & scored points. A few were not dressed up effectively & the clown costume did not suit the occasion. A few performers used Patter to suit their acts and body rhythm and movements were professional, rather than some just presenting the acts. One performer skipped the time and a couple did not use the 3 minutes allocated. It was observed that the contestants had practised but could have done better had they practised more and timed their effects. The use of a Prop by one contestant to adorn the performing area was meaningless. A couple of contestants were dressed up in a casual manner while 03 performers could have improved on their dress. On the whole there was an air of expectancy by the above 09 to participate and that was encouraging. Of course there could be only one winner and those eight who failed to win should not get discouraged but even try harder & come forward voluntarily. Only a few routined their effects. Contestants should have their own background music to suit their style

This mini contest gave our Board great satisfaction and a lot of hope to improve the skills of our members to be top magicians in the near future. It is however regretted that many others did not participate and not even bothered to turn up to cheer the performers. The details points is been given by the VP Contests & Chairman of Judges Mr. Suranjith de Soysa separately.

VP Contests handed appreciation certificates to the 9 contestants for participating. The overall Winner adjudged was Life Member M.S.M.Puspakumara & he was awarded a memorable & apt Trophy created by VP Rohan Jayasekera & a Certificate by President Col. Ronald De Alwis. The Winner thanked the seniors who trained him & guided him.

## The contestants



Avishka Perera



Crishantha Silva



Dr Weerawardane



Franklin Hewapathinara



Hirangani Fernando



K W Silva



Trevor Anthony



S K Dharmapala

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# Winner of the Mini Contest(Ropes) M M A Pushpakumara



In action

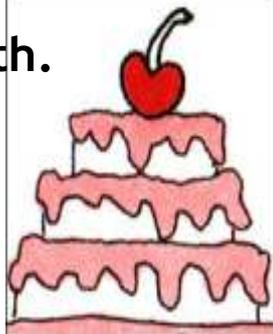


After receiving his award

## Birthdays this month.

September

- 4th ATA Karunasena
- 9th Vishara Jayasekara
- 14th M. Abdul Cader
- 22nd B.Anandarajah



Bring your B'day treat on Sunday

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## Second Mini Contest

Second Mini Contest will be for Coin Magic. It will be held on 28th October during the monthly meeting. All members other than Magician of the Year winners can contest. There is no entry fee and you need not apply in advance. Each contestant will be given three minutes to perform his / her routine.



VP Training Shelton will be conducting a special session on Coin Magic at the September meeting in order to train people to contest next month in the Mini Contest - Coins. All members are kindly requested to bring coins so that they can follow the training in a meaningful manner.

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