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*May the dawn of the National New Year
 And the promise of peace
 Bring prosperity and harmony to You
 and all Sri Lankans*
 This wish comes to you from the
 President and Board Members

AGM 2009

The 87th Annual General Meeting of the Sri Lanka Magic Circle was held at 156 Templars Road, Mt. Lavinia on 29th March 2009. The following members attended.

Priyantha Gamage, Rohan Jayasekera, Kamalshanta Silva, Terry Amarasekera, Ranjith Salpitikorale, Noel Ananda, Ronald De Alwis, A.T.A.Karunasena, Devsiri Fernando, Sambuddika Ratnayake, Elrea Pereira. L.A.Seneviratne, D.A.M.Weckasinghe, Rajitha Weerasinghe, Ranjith Silva, Ranjitha Ratnapala, A.Wickremasinghe, Shelton Jayasekera, A.Wijesinghe, Michael Fernando, Joy De Silva, C.Gamage, Dinesh Thangavel, K.W.Silva, Suranjith de Soysa, W.S.Botheju, R.M. Piyatilleke, M.K.Wimalasena, Pontion Fernando, Vigithananda Yaddihige.

Excuses were received from:

Yolani Fernando, Alex Perera, Chandrananda Jayatilleke, S.Anthonypillai, S.K.Dharamapala, Roshini Jayasekera & M.D.J.Gunatilleke.

The following Office bearers were elected unanimously for the year 2009/2010.

Patron: **Hon. Minister of Cultural Affairs** Vice Patrons :To be selected later

The EXECUTIVE BOARD 2009 /10

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The COMMITTEE 2009 /10

At the AGM it was decided that the members of the committee will be decided later based on the recommendation of Board members. Accordingly the following members have been elected to the Committee 2009/2010

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First Board & Committee Meeting

*Board & Committee Members please note that the first Board and Committee Meeting 2009/2010 will be held on **26th April from 8.30 am to 10.00 am** prior to the Monthly get together. Please be present on time.*

Terminated

The following Members had been terminated as of 28th February 2009 due to non participation in "Magic Circle" activities for a long period & also for non payment of Annual Service Fees.

A) Ordinary Members

Ms.Gihani Abeykoon	~ Rs.4,700/=
Mr.Manura Ekanayake	~ Rs.3,500/=
Mr.Romesh Fernando	~ Rs.3,500/=
Mr.Chaturanga Gunatilleke	~ Rs.4,700/=
Mr.Mahesh Hewapthirane	~ Rs.4,700/=
Mr.N.G.Karunaratne	~ Rs. 4,700/=
Mr.Mishan Warnakulasuriya	~ Rs. 3,000/=
Mr.Nimal Perera	~ Rs.4,700/=
Mr.S.A.Royan	~ Rs.3,500/=
Mr.S.H.M Sabry Hameed	~ Rs.4,700/=
Mr.Sisira Undugoda	~ Rs.4,400/=
Mr.Lasith Premaratne	~ Rs.4,200/=
Ms.S.G.Priyadrshini	~ Rs.4,000/=

A Total Sum of Rs.54,300/= had to be written off the P&L a/c 2008/9

B) Junior Members

Ms.A.Salpitikorale	~ Rs.1,500/=
Ms.D.Salpitikorale	~ Rs.1,500/=
Ms.Ekodi Wickramaratchchi	~ Rs.1,500/=
Mr.M.P.Panditharatne	~ Rs.1,500/=

A Total Sum of Rs.6,000= had to be written off the P&L a/c 2008/9

Life Members Reserve category

The Service fees due from the following Life Members have been written off & the Members transferred to the Life Members Reserve category.

Mr.Easter Pradeep Kumar	~ Rs.500/=
Mr.Pontion Fernando	~ Rs.700/=
Mr.Sisira Fonseka	~ Rs.700/=
Mr.Emille Hamer	~ Rs.700/=
Mr.Joe Jayaratnam	~ Rs.500/=
Mr.K.M.P. Konara	~ Rs.500/=
Mr.Marlon Mirando	~ Rs.700/=
Mr.R.M.S.Ratnayake	~ Rs.700/=

Total Written off from P&L is Rs.5000/=

An Earnest Appeal

All Members are kindly requested to pay their dues by April / May and obtain a receipt from the Treasurer.

Warning Signal

Ordinary Members who are in arrears for 2007/8 may also be terminated by May/June if arrears are not settled.

Life Members in arrears of Wand Fees upto 2007/8 & Service fees for 2008/9 are advised to settle at least by end of May and ensure receiving the Wand.

What is this Service Fee?

The Annual Service Fees of Rs.500/= is meant to cover Monthly expenses for Printing & Posting the monthly Wand, Rental for Chairs & Tables for the Monthly Meetings & Board Meetings, Electricity Payments @"156", all other Administrative work etc. Every

It is depressing to note that some members appear to think that by merely being a Life Member that things just happen magically !! Even the Chair that a member sits, the cup of tea he/she drinks has to be hired or paid for.

So our appeal is that the annual Service Fees of Rs.500/= be paid by you at the very earliest & help us to provide an unbroken service to all members.

Each and every individual Member is obliged to make this payment.

The President

Members Day April 26th

Venue: SLMC ,156 Templars Road, Mt.Lavinia

10.00 AM Members to Register & Look around the Building! Pay your Subs & Service Fees and Arrears to the Treasurer Mr.Elrea Pereira

10.30 AM Member's Day Commences ~ Presenter Shelly (VP ~ Welfare)

10.15 AM President's Welcome Address for 2009/10

10.30 AM Presenter Takes over
Members News & Announcements by
Mr.Devsiri Fernando ~ VP Liaison

10.45 AM Star Performer for the Month - Magician Shellon

11.00 AM 10 Minutes Recess (Interval)

11.10 AM Presenter Mr.Shelton Jayasekera takes over
All Members to Perform at least one trick

11.45 AM Lecture by Dr.Rajeeva.R. Pieris,
MBBS,MS,FRCS,FRCSed Senior Consultant
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Apollo Hospital,Colombo 08

12.30 PM Super Display of a Top Magician on the
Computer by Dr.Rajeeva Pieris. Aspiring
Contestants please do not miss this treat

01.00 PM Forum of Discussion ~

01.15 PM Auction Sale of Kull's balance items by
"Ronaldo"

01.30 PM Winding up the day's proceedings

DAI VERNON - "SECRETS"

This excellent effect has been so called because Dai Vernon included the original version in a book of the same name, published for general circulation in 1923. It was not until ten years later that he had published his first work for the magical fraternity - the now famous "Ten Super Card Problems."

Bruce Cervon tells us that he has watched Dai perform the effect for laymen on several occasions at the Magic Castle in Hollywood, and although it is a simple item it never fails to register extremely well. It became the favourite effect of Alfred Benzon, the man who had his hands insured for 250,000 dollars.

The effect is that a card is selected in the fairest possible manner, and noted then returned to the pack, which the spectator himself then holds. He is now asked to think of a number. The performer reads his mind and proves this by telling the spectator to look at the top card of the pack, which is found to have the same number of spots as the number thought of. According to the number of spots, so the spectator counts down to that number and finds his own card.

Requirements:

A very simple set-up is necessary in that a Seven spot is placed on top of the pack, a Six spot second from top, and Eight spot on the bottom and a Nine second from bottom. This is quickly done as suits do not matter and it is simply a matter of positioning only four cards.

Performance:

Fan the cards and get a break under the seventh card, the excuse for fanning being that you say, "I could ask you to select a card like this, but let's try a fairer method!"

Square the cards, retaining the break with the left little finger and riffle the front of the pack. Tell the spectator to insert his finger into the pack as you riffle and remove any card. After the card has been noted, cut the pack at the break, have the card replaced and drop the cut off portion on top. This brings the selected card to the eighth position from the top.

Hand the pack to the spectator and ask him to think of a number between 5 and 10. Tell him that although the choice of numbers is small, he must decide on a number carefully and remember all the time that he himself is holding the pack.

Your next actions are controlled by the number he states when you ask him to tell you his thoughts Proceed as follows: -

A. If he says "Seven" (which is the choice of the majority of people), reach over to the pack he holds, remove the top card and show it to be a Seven. Retain the Seven and tell him to count down to the seventh card - which proves to be the one selected.

B. If the number is "Eight" tell the spectator to look at the bottom card of the pack, then count down from the top of the pack according to the number of spots on the bottom card.

C. Should he say "Nine", take the pack from him, glide the bottom card and remove the one second from bottom, showing it to be a Nine. Place it on top of the pack, hand the pack back to the spectator and let him count down to the ninth card from the top.

Dai Vernon also has a method of not actually taking the pack from the spectator. He reaches under the pack as it is being held, buckles the bottom card with his forefinger so that his second finger hits the second card from the bottom, which he removes.

Soft Opening

The 'soft opening' of '156' took place prior to the AGM on 29th March 2009.

After years of struggle it was a great feeling walking through the ultra secure 'Sakura' doors to a home of ones own. Proper steps to climb up, a fully tiled floor and of course the very important, once again fully tiled, bathroom. The two members who worked hardest to bring this result was "Ron and Ro" and we have to be very very grateful to them, not forgetting the contribution of Gamage too.

The traditional boiling of the pot of milk was followed by the chanting of pirith by Gamage and Terry.

Yet there is much more to be done. There is not even one piece of furniture. We have no electrical fixtures (ceiling fans, exhaust fans and lights) Proper electrical wiring has to be done. When the materials are available Kamal has volunteered to do the installation free of charge.

Contributions in terms of Money, Material and Labour is solicited from the members in order to complete the work and also to clean up and beautify the building and the garden.

Going going gone

An auction sale of magic goods donated by **Hoerbi Kull** took place prior to the AGM. Members took part in some brisk bidding which yielded around Rs. 25,000/= which was much needed for the construction costs.

Auction was conducted by the **Unauthorized and Undervalued Auctioneer Ronaldo**

D. When "Six" is named, take the pack and double lift the two top cards as one, showing the Six spot. Now bury both cards as one in the centre of the pack and hand it back to the spectator to count down to the sixth card - the one selected.

Although the method is simple, the effect is very strong, because you show proof that you actually read their thoughts to know the number they would name. By showing a card with the same number of spots on as their own number, then having the selected card at the same number from the top, seems nothing short of a miracle. These points must be sold, and the fact that the spectator himself holds the pack so that you have no control over it, should be emphasized.

Few card tricks can have such a strong impact as this one - the method is so simple that all your efforts can be concentrated on presentation. Sell it for all you are worth!

Excerpted from DAI VERNON'S ULTIMATE SECRETS OF CARD MAGIC by LEWIS GANSON

Meet our "Twins"

Since we have "Twinned" with the Swiss Magic Circle we give below the names and contact details of their Board Members. Members are encouraged to contact them and build bridges of friendship.



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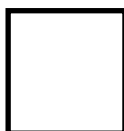
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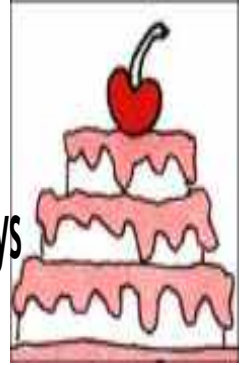


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Happy Birthday
to all members
celebrating their birthdays
in the month of April



04th April Major R.M.Piyatilleke

04th April Boyd Rodrigo

09th April Rohith J.Silva

09th April A.N.Kumrage

13th April C.Gamage

17th April Trajan Tissera

21st April Yassas Gunaratne

29th April W.S.Botheju

Don't forget to bring us a birthday treat
when you come on Sunday the 26th.

News in Brief:

Sympathies

Our deepest sympathies are extended to **M.D.J.Gunatilleke** & his family at the passing away of his beloved sister last month

Accident

Our energetic VP ~ **Joy De Silva** had an accident & was warded at Asiri Surgical & is back at home & is convalescing. We wish U a speedy recovery. Take care.

Off to Oman

Noel Ananda, a very dedicated New Member, left for Oman on an assignment & would be out for some time. Wish U a Magical time in Oman. Keep us posted with your progress.

RS. 10,000/= DONATION

Sumangala Silva all the way from Dohar Qatar has promised to send Rs.10,000/= this month towards the Building Project @ "156". Good Show by dedicated Suma.

Shramadana

If any one can volunteer on a Sunday Morning in the month of May on 3rd / 10th / 17th & 24th for Shramadana Work at "156" from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm please contact **Vice President Welfare Mr.Shelton Jayasekera (011~2722322 & or President (2852998)** Lets us all beautify our SLMC Auditorium