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Members Day 31st July- a memorable day! by Ronald de Alwis

This was a special day since French Magician Claude Bernier and his wife Annie who were holidaying in Sri Lanka were invited by the President to meet the members of the SLMC.

Cluade was one of the 5 French Magicians who participated at the SLMC 1980 Convention organized by Nihal Weerasinghe, a current VP.

The following members were present to welcome the guests at 9.40 AM

Messers Ronald De Alwis, Rohan Jayasekera, Rohith Silva, Kamal Silva, S.K. Dharama- dasa, Priyantha Gamage, C.Gamage, Sambuddika Ratnayake, Terry Amarasekera, Alex Perera, Dinesh Thangavel, Joy de Silva, Avishka Perera, Suranjith de Spysa, A.wijesinghe, D.D.C.heendeniya, H.D.N.Gunasekera, M.M.S.Puspakumara, M.K.Wimalasena, Michael Fernando, Dhammika Weerakkody, Franklyn Hewavitharane, Ranjith Silva, Lalith Wickremasinghe, Naminda Warakagoda, Palitha Guruge, Noel Wickremasinghe, Ajith Fernando, Thusitha Jayasekera & Shelton Jayasekera.

Ex member M.H.A.Gunewardane too was present.

French visitors Claude Bernier & Annie were welcomed by President De Alwis and Vice President Rohan Jayasekera respectively by the offer of the traditional sheaf of betal, respectively.

At the dais, Claude & Ronald De Alwis unfurled the French & Sri Lankan National Flags & the Guests signed the Visitors Book & were invited to light the traditional Oil Lamp with the Board Members and a few others also participating. The Presenter was S.K.Dharamadasa who rose up to the occasion.

The day's event followed by Ronald De Alwis welcoming Claude & his wife Annie followed by Nihal Weerasinghe (VP) & Claude Bernier who expressed his sentiments & recalled the events in 1980, (31 years ago) & promised to turn up next year with another magician to present a big presentation as a support for the on going construction work. Claude Bernier presented the SLMC with a Trophy for "COMEDY MAGIC"

Entertainment : Chandrasena Gamage entertained those present, followed by Priyantha Gamage , Rohan Jayasekera, Shelton & Thusitha Jayasekera with Claude Bernier demonstrating Close Up Magic.

This was followed by fellowship & light refreshments served by Mrs.Rohith Silva & Mrs.K.T. Fernando (wife of Rohith Silva & mother of Aviska respectively) Members

lined up regimentally to bid farewell with "Hip Hip Hooray to the Berniers"!



SLMC is thankful to Shelton & Thusitha Jayasekera who provided free transport voluntarily for the guests from & to Bentota & Mrs. Malini Bodinagoda wife former President Late Ranapala Bodinagoda entertained the French visitors & the Jayasekera duo at Cinnamom Lake Hotel.

Continuing the meeting with the members the President paid tribute to Rohan Jayasekera, VP Assets for the magnificent task of giving the 156 site a Face Lift by the construction of a front perimeter wall & sliding gate, for

application of filler & paint work in the interior etc together with a few stalwarts who heard about the on going tasks as per the monthly Wand. They were Messers C & P.Gamages, Shelton & Thusitha Jayasekera, Kamal Silva, Suranjith de Soysa, Ronald De Alwis, A. Wijesinghe & Rohith Silva.

Rohan & Suranjith further requested members to rally round to improve our "156" & members gladly filled up the Charity Box!.

Noel Wickremasinghe held his demos at the Dealers Display. The meeting terminated at 1.30 PM. All in all it was a memorable day!



Claude Bernier lighting the traditional oil lamp

Thank you Rohan

Due to the commitment and dedication of our Past President Rohan Jayasekera, the Sri Lanka Magic Circle premises has been improved tremendously. He worked tirelessly during the month of July to make sure all the construction work was completed by the Members Day when the French Magician Claude Bernier was visiting us. Also a big thank you to all the members who rallied round him and helped him to complete the task.



Of course this has caused the Circle a lot of money and we are looking towards contributions from our members.

AUGUST MEMBERS DAY 28TH SUNDAY

8.30 to 9.30 am - Members Arrival
(Library will be open at this time)

Welcome Address & Announcements

Members Performances

Training Session

Fellowship

Reactivating Ring 139

New Membership costs approximately Rs.5,000/= annually. Advantages is that a member would get the valuable Monthly Magazine ~ Linking Ring. Please register with Mr.Nihal Weerasinghe, VP without delay. Contact: 0778090785. Ask for details at the August Members Day

SILK

VP Training Sanjeeva Hewapathirane will be conducting training using silk. All members are requested to bring some silks when coming for the next Members day

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New Members

Brother of Nishika, 14 year old Master Shaturanga Pieris together with her father Dr.Rajeeva Pieris were admitted as Junior & Ordinary Members respectively on 10th August & took their Oath at the Board Meeting held on the 10th. Both new comers registered as members of the Library too. Both were cordially welcome by the Board.

Members News in Brief

Lt. Col. Ronald De Alwis returned to Sri Lanka on the 19th July. He had visited Andrew Haggar & his family & the Cumbrian Magic Circle in the Lake District from 21st June to 23rd June He had also performed at the Festival of Cricket as the President of the SLMC on the 10th July as a promotion for the SLMC (Free) 6000 Sri Lankans were mingling about ! This is with the hope of getting financial assistance for the SLMC at the 2012 Festival of Cricket in London. De Alwis had also performed at the East Barnet, UK "Home for the Elders" on a charitable basis

Mr.Devsiri Fernando Vice President underwent a successful operation of his right kidney & is convalescing at his residence.

Mr.Noel Wickremasinghe is still unwell. Members interested in purchasing home made Magical effects could call him up on 2708517. The Board approved to have a MAGIC SHOP at our premises soon, directed by Rohan Jayasekera & Noel Wickremasinghe

Mr. Sumangala Silva currently in Dohar Qatar is returning in September this year.

Young Members Sachin Silva & Aviska Perera are now frequent visitors to our monthly meetings. Request other young members to follow suit.

Ms.Nishika Pieris is on a short holiday in Sri Lanka & will leave soon. Welcome Back!

Mr.Boyd Rodrigo has to undergo a Heart operations & a Pace Maker reinserted this Month. We wish him a speedy recovery & a come back to our Monthly Meetings.

Major R.M. Piyatilleke is due back in Sri Lanka December 2011