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## A 30 year career culminates in truly star studded performance - Shelton Jayasekera

The monthly get together for the month of September 2014 was held at the "Vishmithapaya" on 28/09/14 commencing around 10.00 am. The following members were present A.Wijesinghe, Asanka K.

Pathirana, C. Gamage Dinesh Thangavel, G. H. Fernando, Gayan Wickramage, H. Himasha Peiris, Joy De Silva, K. Alex Perera, K.A.D. Pushpakanthi, M.K.Wimalasena, Naminda Warakagoda, Nelson Jayawardane, Priyantha Gamage, Rohan Jayasekera, Shelton Jayasekera, Suranjith De Soysa, Thusitha Jayasekera, U. Abaya Kumara, W.S. Botejue, Wilhem Perera and Yasitha Jayamal. Messages of excuse was received from Avishka Perera, Devsiri Fernando, Dr. Keerthi Weerawardena, Ronald De Alwis, S. K. Dharmapala, T. J. Anthony, C.Perera, V. Perera, Yogitha Anthony and HDN Gunesekera

In the absence of the EVP Devsiri the President invited Chandrasena Gamage to welcome the members and was done in Sinhalese. VP Rohan was invited to speak about the last Magician of the year and the Young magician contest. After his comments he invited VP Suranjith to speak. Suranjith said that it was clearly noted that the contestants had not properly prepared and rehearsed. He reminded that our building will be available for such practices

and rehearsals and any of the VPs will be available for this purpose. He also reminded members about the special training class conducted by VP Shelton and requested the members to make use of it. President Joy



President Joy gifting Rohan a plaque appreciating his services to the SLMC

showed a book to the members which will be available at the building and the members can enter their comments, suggestions and ideas in it. He also requested the members to help him to collect for the Building Fund The Treasurer Wijesingha was next invited for his comments. The read out the list of members who are in arrears and reminded the members that the membership of those who do not settle their arrears before the 30th of that month will be terminated. The Treasurer also reminded the members that those members who will be terminated cannot use the name of the SLMC for their publicity. The list of member to be excused that day was also read out.

For the days performances Jayamal borrowed a Rs.100/= note folded it and was give to a member to hold having the folded note within a silk. The silk vanished and appeared in a brass tube under lock and key. (Bill tube). After the act there were comments by Wijesingha, C.

Gamage and Shelton. Before the performance Jayamal requested to sign on the borrowed note. VP Shelton said that it is illegal to sign on a currency note, but instead someone can note down the number of the note and

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Next MEMBERS DAY  
Sunday Oct. 26th

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when produced it would be a better proof when the number matched after producing. Next was Asanka. He showed a key and he shifted the locking part of the key along the stem of the key. He also showed a short routine with sponge balls with the help of a volunteer. C. Gamage showed a routine with cups and balls ending in a production of three large onions under each cup.



The President came up next and said that VP Rohan has completed 30 years of service in the SLMC and thanked him for the services done for the SLMC and the building. He called VP Rohan and gifted Rohan a plaque for to appreciate his services. The president next performed a trick. He called two volunteers and handed over two calendar sheets and told them to mark a square containing nine dates on each sheet. He then asked the members to add the dates in vertical and horizontal manner and made two predictions. The totals matched Joy's predictions. Joy called this trick 'The Calendar Mystery'.

The last performer was VP Rohan who was the star performer for the day. Before he started he told the members how he entered the field of magic. According to him, he had been trying his best to learn magic for a very long time, but failed until he met VP Gamage who taught him the first few steps in magic.



He called Gamage to come in front and Rohan worshiped Gamage. Rohan then said that he learnt the next few steps from VP Shelton.



He called Shelton too and worshiped him too. I think this act was very exemplary as nowadays when a magician learns a few things from a senior magician he thinks he knows everything and forgets the past and even forgets to respect his master.

For the performances Rohan started with cane to flower. He then produced a silk from a member vanished it and re produced it from another member. He also performed dollar note to credit card, fire purse, and stiff rope. Next he showed a few designs with card fans, card fan to top hat and card castle. He continued with a glass cube when covered with a silk and opened it became a Rubik's cube which he put into another box and placed in another case and finally it became a normal die. Next was the colour changing records and ended up with the floating table and a production of flower from a dove pan.

Proceedings terminated around 1.00pm.

## A RARE HONOUR

MASTER MAGICIAN ROHAN JAYASEKARA completed 30 years as a member of our Magic Circle last 15th September. A surprise Magic performance by him at our last monthly meeting thrilled the members present. His performance was of a high standard and very entertaining.

As the President and on behalf of all our members who were unaware of what I had planned, I presented him with a plaque as a token of appreciation and recognition on behalf of all members for the completion of 30 years as a member in our Circle.

I came across from some old records which I had with me that he had joined the Magic Circle on 25th September 1984 and his date of Birth was shown as 29.10.1955. In 2004 at the age of 49 years he was elected as the 4th President of the Magic Circle. His 59th Birthday falls on 29th October. and we can be assured of a wonderful Birthday 'Treat'

He is a very useful and dedicated member and always interested in the activities of the Magic Circle. He is a very senior Vice President and an asset to our Circle.

### President Joy



Picture shows Rohan worshipping Joy as a mark of respect to seniors

## SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

The Special General Meeting was summoned as agreed on the last AGM and as informed in the WAND to present the accounts for the financial years 2012/13 and 2013/14.

At the outset SG/EVP Devsiri Fernando thanked the CIA, Col. Ronald De Alwis and the Treasurer Amarasiri Wijesinghe for their tireless efforts to make this presentation a success. After distributing the above accounts among the members, CIA explained the general process of account keeping and the causes for the delays in account preparation. Then the accounts for the 2 years were presented to the house separately.

The 2012/2013 accounts were accepted as in order, proposed by Shelton Jayasekara, seconded by C. Gamage

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By virtue of this acceptance any previous accepted accounts -if any, for the same period, are nullified.

## Final Call to all

### Professional Magicians

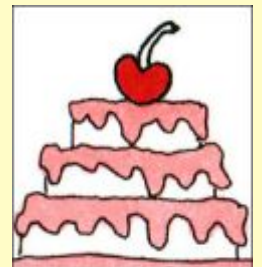
A special page is to be started in the SLMC website. In this page we will run banner advertisements of professional magicians. All who wish to have an advertisement here should give one or two photographs along with contact details and a very brief description for publication. Each banner will display details only of a single magician. Sharing of space with other members is not allowed. Cost of a banner advertisement will be Rs 200/- per month. You can have a link to a video or your website at an extra cost of Rs. 200/- per year.

Placement of the banner ads on the web page will be on a first come first served basis. Bookings will be accepted by GS Devsiri at the next meeting which is on the 26th of October.

## Happy Birthday

to all members who celebrated their birthdays in the month of October

- 1 Suranjith De Soysa
- 6 Ranjith Salpitikorale
- 7 Royston de Zilva
- 16 Kamal Shantha Silva
- 17 Chandra Jayatilleka
- 20 Gamindu Kodagoda
- 22 Ronald De Alwis
- 29 Rohan Jayasekera



Bring your B'day treat on Sunday

## The 2nd Sunday Training Class

THE SPECIAL TRAINING CLASS conducted by VP Shelton was held this month on the 3rd Sunday which fell on the 19th October. Members are encouraged to participate and not only magic tricks but also magic terms and presentation. You can bring any apparatus you have but unable to use and learn how to operate them at these classes.



Picture shows the training in progress

HDN's journey searching history of the SLMC continues

# 'Snake Man' from the Hill Country

In my quest of probing into the history of the Sri Lanka Magic Circle, I got into a three wheeler at Gampola bus stand to visit a foremost Herpetologist in this part of the world. What connection does a Herpetologist has with magic? Usually magicians do not produce crocodiles or frogs from top hats. This renowned researcher is

Anslem de Silva. When I mentioned his name, the three wheeler driver's quick reaction was "Oh...Nai Mahaththaya" (Snake Gentleman), as Anslem was popularly known in his area.



Anslem was the "Magician of the Year-1965" the 4th winner of

the shield. Joined the circle in 1958 he studied 2 years in UK during 1960s where he had the opportunity to join several magical associations and perform there. As an enthusiastic young member he was a regular writer to the 'Wand' and international magazines like 'Linking Rings'.



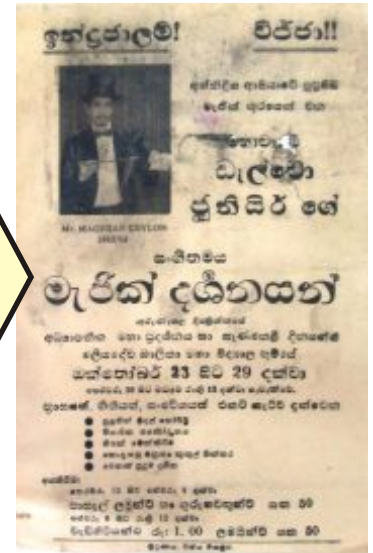
Purpose of my visit was that Anslem is one of the few magicians who was interested in the history of Magic. Sometimes ago he had done an intensive research and compiled a monograph on "History of Magic in Sri Lanka" but due to his commitments to research on amphibians and



reptiles he had slipped away completely from magic.

On the persuasion of former president Ronald de Alwis, Anslem agreed to revise and finalize the book to publish through the Circle. Among his collection of paper cuttings, posters, publications etc. related to magic you find the first notice circulated by Mr. Holden and Mr. ACGS Amarasekara in 1922, convening magicians to form the "Association of Ceylon Magicians".

I found a handbill personally important to me ie. on Prof.D'Alvo Jr.'s shows at Kurunegala Education Exhibition in 1964, where I witnessed a stage magician for the first time in my life at the age of 10.



Anslem wants to hand over his magical collection to form an 'Achieve' in the SLMC. He further suggests that the Circle must promote young members to become 'collectors' which would be useful in time to come.