



The Flash Paper

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Presidential Ponderings

With the month of Halloween, a rather magical time of the year, it would be only natural to dust off some of the more esoteric of our magic tricks. Within this issue of the Flash Paper you'll find a special page recording a so-called *Gypsy Eradication*

Ritual. By making enough copies so each guest could have a copy - reading it in unison by candlelight as one guest follows the instructions seated at a little table in the middle of your circle of guests, you're sure to give all a Halloween experience they won't soon forget.

In addition, in honor of Halloween, there are now eight methods in our club's online video library for magically producing spirit writings with any message on blank business cards or blank playing cards right in the hands of your spectator. If you take a moment to browse the methods, you might find one that fits your own style of performing.

Joyce Chleboun (jddiamondmagic@gmail.com) and **Ryan Chandler** (oldmarketmagician@gmail.com) have agreed to collect nominations for the 2020 OMS officers of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Sgt. at Arms. If you have a member you'd like to see in office, please email it to either **Joyce** or **Ryan** before the October monthly meeting. According to the club's constitution, the nominations will be presented at the October meeting and voted on at the November meeting. New officers assume their positions January 1, 2020. Thanks **Joyce** and **Ryan** for doing this for the club.

May your Halloween be a truly magical time for you and your family. - **Dave Arch**



In October we added SIX videos to the club's online video library. In honor of Halloween, all six have to do with apparently creating spirit writings on blank business or playing cards in the hands of the spectator. From what is now a total of eight videos in this series, I hope you find one that fits both your skill level and style of performing.



Check out our website:

<http://TheOmahaMagicalSociety.org>



On September 16th, eight OMS members, **Ron Gerard, John Sheibal, Jerry Golmanavich, Patrice Fisher, Bob Gehringer, Tom Zepf, David Fox,** and myself met with five folks who had responded to an UNO email about a magic class being offered by The Omaha Magical Society on the UNO campus at the beautiful Barbara Wiest Community Engagement Center.



Soon ninety minutes quickly passed as rubber bands, coins, cards, and sponge balls were distributed and magic tricks taught at a variety of skill levels. Although **David Fox** and myself facilitated the teaching, the other members in attendance worked personally with our guests in helping them master the routines.



I find a special joy occurs when I teach another person even a simple magic trick and watch that light of excitement reserved for the moment when someone first tips their toe into the waters of magic.



A special thanks to our nine-year-old guest **Evalyn**, who came with her dad and provided a perfect assistant for coming to the front of the room and helping in the demonstration of the magic. **Dave Arch** (standing in for our Secretary **Steve Nespor**)



VISIT THE HAUNTED PHYSICS LAB

Operated by **Tom Zepf** and the
Creighton University Society of Physics Students

Tues., Wed., and Thurs. - October 22, 23, 24

Free and open to the Public

Visit anytime from 5:00 to 8:30 PM
(Doors close at 8:00 PM)

The Haunted Lab is a magical experience for visitors of all ages. Confront fantastic phenomena in a Halloween setting. Experience electrical and optical wizardry, create a laser light show, bring a “dead bat” back to life, and If you are brave, you may dare to enter the chamber of the body-less physics dept. head! It lives in a box! It talks! It's alive!

The Haunted Lab is in **Creighton's Hixson-Lied Science Building**. Park in the large parking lot between Burt and Cuming Streets. Enter the parking lot at the 25th Ave traffic light on Cuming. The gate is open after 4:30 PM. Walk across Burt St., take the steps up to the plaza and enter the Hixson-Lied Science Building. Signs will lead you to the Haunted Lab.



What's Your Magic Story? by Patrice Fisher

Bob Miller is known to many of us in the Omaha Magical Society as “the snacks and beverage man” at our monthly meetings. Because he is a mostly quiet, mild-mannered guy, one would never guess what an interesting life he has led in his journey touched by a love of magic.

His introduction to magic happened after enlisting into the Marines. California was his training location and, as luck would have it, Disneyland was close by. During liberty, he and his fellow troop members attended a magic show at the park. The group was mystified at how the close-up magic tricks were so astonishing! How were those moves done . . . how were they possible? Bob knew he wanted to learn more.

That would have to wait awhile, as he was deployed to Vietnam shortly thereafter. During combat, he was injured and hospitalized. This circumstance was known as the "Golden Bullet," meaning he would be homeward bound after recovering. Little did Bob know that instead of lying on a Hawaiian beach before flying back to Nebraska, he would be sent back to combat but in a very different role for America.

Yes, our quiet Bob was re-deployed as a courier with high-security clearance due to his training and proficiency in speaking Korean. Equipped with a locked briefcase on his wrist and a forty-five in a shoulder holster, he proceeded to complete various top-secret missions in Thailand, Hawaii, Australia and the Arctic. In fact, his wedding present to **Mary**, his wife, was to come home with hypothermia after their honeymoon was cut short.

But I digress...

Before marriage, after his active service ended, he decided to move back to his hometown, Omaha, and to enter the Reserves. But first, he just had to visit Disneyland again before leaving California. This time he purchased his first magic kit. He had to quench his curiosity for magic. It became a perfect hobby for the war veteran who had to re-acclimate into civilian life. He practiced the Cups and Balls. It was a winner! Bob met Mary and won her heart by showing her his first magic trick. They have been together ever since and have recently celebrated 43 years of marriage.



Bob honed his magic skills during his career with the United States Postal Service. He added mentalism acts using direct audience participation and various math-based tricks to his expanded sleight-of-hand repertoire. His magic skills have allowed him to perform at hospitals for children as well as for corporate venues.

So, next time you pick up a snack and beverage at our club meeting, please say hello to the provider, **Bob Miller!**

Our October Bizarre Magic Meeting



On Monday, October 21st at The Southwest Church of Christ from 7-8:30 PM, come prepared to perform your spookiest magic trick - making and learning one of the stories in the four ghost story series entitled *Oralgami* available on Lybrary.com. We'll also enjoy OMS member **Steve Nespor** as he performs and teaches a favorite routine of his themed appropriately for the month around a pair of grave robbers.

October has begun and the weather has started to shift. As it gets cooler and the nights become longer magic is in the air. October is always a magical month as people start to talk about the fall festivities and, of course, spooky Halloween. Magic has always played a large role in autumn's history. Our next monthly meeting is going with the Halloween spirit, we will be doing "Spooky Magic" as our theme. What magic do you have that might make someone's skin crawl, or hairs stand on end? Perhaps you have experience with séance magic, or ghost catching abilities. We would love to see your bizarre and spooky magic and invite you to perform at this meeting.

Ryan, Theron, Joe, and I are all hard at work preparing for our show, *Magic of the Night: Web of Lies*, that will take place at the **40th Street Theater** this Saturday (October 19th). I am super excited to be doing our third annual show, and as always, we have some great stuff planned. I know we have sold several tickets already and space is limited, so get your tickets while

they last! See our notice on page 6. We hope to see you there! Tickets can be purchased at:

www.oldmarketmagician.com. - **David Fox**

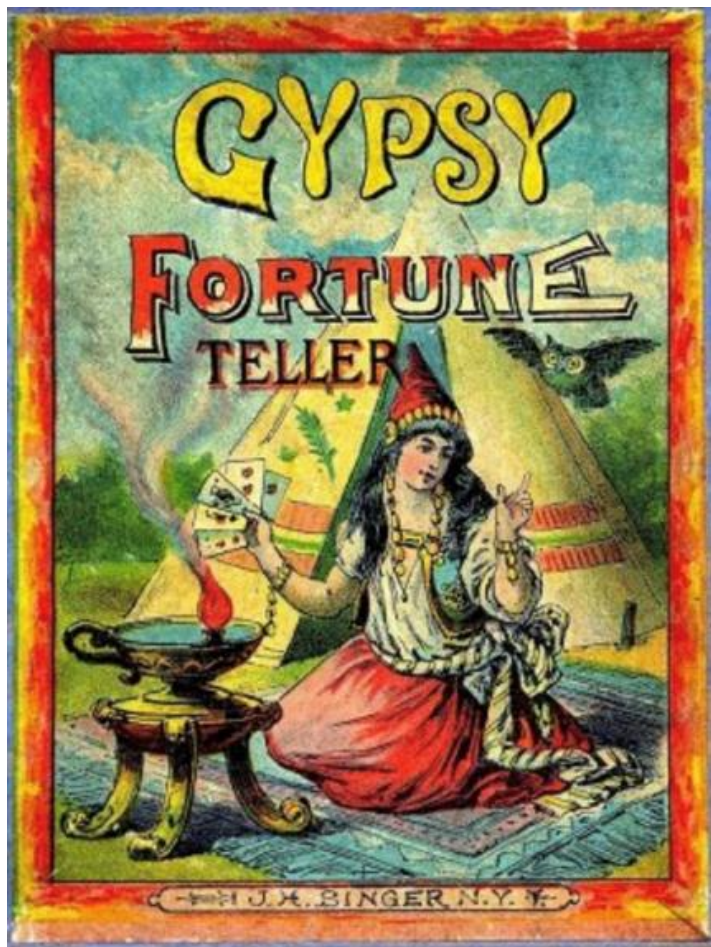


Christian Engblom Lecture

Finnish magician **Christian Engblom** joins us to share his style of magic. You can see that style on **Penn and Teller Fool Us** or view one of his best known magic creations entitled *Pieces* by clicking HERE.

Held at The Southwest Church of Christ from 7-9 PM on **Thursday, October 24th**, the lecture is \$10 for Omaha Magical Society members and \$15 for non-members payable at the door.





Gypsy Eradication Ritual

1. Take three small slips of paper torn from the same larger piece of paper - numbering them #1, #2, and #3-
2. On papers #1 & #3, print the names of people or personal qualities that you wish were not in your life. Print (don't write) only one person or quality on each of the two papers. ''
3. On paper #2, print the name of a person or personal quality that you value dearly as a part of your life.
4. Set the three pieces of paper in front of you in a single line from left to right in a random order of your own choosing. Make sure the ordering of the papers is completely and solely of your own choosing.

5- Light a candle to signal your readiness for the Ritual to begin.

6. Using your left hand only, exchange paper #1 with the paper on its right. If there is no paper to the right of paper #1, don't touch the paper.

7. Using your right hand only, exchange paper #2 with the paper on its left. If there is no paper to the left of #2, don't touch the paper.

8. Using your left hand, exchange paper #3 with the paper on its right. If there is no paper to the right of #3, don't touch the paper.

9. Take your left hand holding it palm down slightly above the papers as you cast a shadow while passing your hand from left to right over the papers.

10. Using only your left hand, pick up the paper at the far-right end of the row - setting it on fire in the candle - diminishing its power over you.

11. Take your right hand holding it palm down slightly above the papers as you cast a shadow while passing your hand from right to left over the two remaining papers.

12. Using only your right hand, pick up the paper at the far-left end of the row - grasping it tightly in the closed fist of your right hand - holding that closed fist over your heart.

13. Finally, using only your left hand, pick up the remaining paper - setting it on fire in the candle - diminishing its power over you.

To further strengthen the influence of the person or value that you cherished retain the remaining paper on your person with you at all times.

Taken from The Compendium of Gypsy Rituals



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As a side note, non-magic related, my business in Nebraska City will be hosting a Murder Mystery Dinner Party on November 9th. I have been working with the UNL improv troupe to put together a fun evening. As a guest you will be playing the role of detective as you enjoy a four-course meal, themed cocktails, and witness a murder or two. I would love to see you there. Tickets available at www.foxcenternc.com

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Magic of the Night
WEB OF LIES

Theron Milo Ryan Chandler Joe Cole David Fox

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19
CLOSE-UP SHOW at 6:30 PM | STAGE SHOW at 7:30 PM

40th STREET THEATRE | OMAHA, NEB.

For one night and one night only, four magicians team up to bring you a haunted magic show on the vaudeville stage at 40th street theatre. Doors open at 6 PM.

PURCHASE TICKETS IN ADVANCE AT OLDMARKETMAGICIAN.COM

We're gearing up for this year's Halloween Show, "Magic of the Night: Web of Lies." We are back to one night only - Oct. 19th 2019! All the magic you see on stage will be different from the last two years. We've added award winning close-up magician, Joe Cole, to the line-up, and he will be performing a close-up show prior to the main stage event.

6:00pm - Doors open / Bar opens

6:30pm - Close-up magic show with Joe Cole in parlor room

7:00pm - Theater seating is open (all are general admission)

7:30pm - Stage Show

Tickets:

<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4355468>

Additional Info:

<https://www.oldmarketmagician.com/magicofthenight>

PS - The magic on stage will have Halloween themes, all the material we perform will be clean for all ages.



Joe Cole's Schedule.



Sunday - Good Life Bar

(Elkhorn) 6 -8pm

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(180th and Pacific) 6 to 8pm

Tuesday - Upstream

(Downtown) 7 to 9pm

Wednesday - Fernando's (114th and Dodge)

6 to 8pm

Thursday - Upstream (Downtown) 7 to 9pm

Saturday - Fernando's (76th and Pacific) 6 to 8pm

You can also see it here:

<http://omahamagic.com/weekly-shows/>



Ryan Chandler's Schedule

I have all my upcoming public shows posted at

<https://www.oldmarketmagician.com/shows>



Steve Lindeman



Bellevue Berry & Pumpkin Ranch is located just off of So. 48th Street between Cornhusker & HWY 370

Steve has 2 shows every

Saturday and Sunday

12:30 & 2:00 from September 21st thru Halloween

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Watch this short video about online recorded lectures and interviews with some of magic's biggest names that most members of the Society of American Magicians don't even know about: <http://bit.ly/V1Trailer>.

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