



# The Flash Paper

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## Presidential Ponderings

Thanks for coming with me and your OMS board on a field trip for our September monthly meeting on Monday, September 16th from 7-8:30 PM.

We'll be taking a field trip down to UNO and holding our meeting in the Barbara Weitz

Community Engagement Center on the UNO campus in Room 127. It's quite easy to find if you take either entrance off Dodge into the UNO campus and then turn onto the very first frontage road parallel to Dodge Street - coming to the parking lot with the guard building and cross arm. You can see it from Dodge Street.

That's right . . . it's reserved parking for us that turns into general parking at 7:00 PM (when our meeting starts). When you enter the building (located between UNO's Bell Tower and Library) our room is against the far wall and down the hall to your right. All of that will be posted at the information desk just inside the door.

If your curiosity gets the best of you, please go online to our website (<http://TheOmahaMagicalSociety.org>) and get a sneak video peek inside the building on the UNO page of our website.

In that video, you'll also hear some of the reasoning the board thought it would be worth a try as we seek to make our love of magic more accessible to more interested people several times a year. UNO does the marketing for us, and the room costs us nothing. Of course, it remains to be seen how many visitors will show up.

However, of this I am confident . . . we'll have enough decks of cards, rope and coins to have a very good time with whoever might come - sharing some of our favorite close-up routines with each other and them while meeting some new friends. I hope your schedule will allow you to attend.

You can also read more details about the meeting in David Fox's column elsewhere in this newsletter.

P.S. UNO has sent out an email to 700+ folks on their email list as well as the 15,000 students and staff on their campus regarding this meeting. Our Vice-President, David Fox, will be sharing some of the magic (and the thinking behind the magic) he taught at a recent UNL event sponsored by their theater department.



Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center  
on the UNO Campus 63rd & Dodge



We had the great pleasure of hosting **Nathan Coe Marsh** on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September. Nathan has made his living performing magic for corporate audiences for the past 20 years, he has appeared

on Penn and Teller Fool Us, and has some very interesting and unique takes on the classics of magic. The lecture opened with a 30-minute show with some extremely commercial magic, all of which have been in Nathan's professional repertoire. He opened with very quick and eye pleasing vanish of a handkerchief that was in a wine glass before magically producing a shot glass filled with liquid from seemingly empty hands. After grabbing the audience's attention, he performed a unique take on the Ultra Mental Deck (Invisible deck) plot with a completely normal deck of cards. His take on this ended with him magically plucking a card out of a shuffled deck that had been tossed into the air. The card that was randomly chosen ended up to have a twin card from another deck that was inside a balloon that had been in the audience's possession since before the card was even selected. Then he dazzled the audience with a very funny thumb tie routine based off the Jay Marshall's handling and ended his first set with a brilliant bill to orange routine, in which he never touches the orange (as it was in a plastic bag the entire time).



After the performance he went into extreme detail on all of his effects. He not only explained the workings of

everything, but the reasoning behind every move he made. He even gave alternative handlings to make things a bit more angle proof. He talked about his time on Penn and Teller and how he came up with the routine that he performed. He closed with two close up routines, a coins across and a close up/parlor effect with cards where he read everyone's minds who chose a card. Overall a very enjoyable lecture!

## Ring 129 in KC

Earlier this month Ring 129 in Kansas City hosted 'A Day of Magic and Annual Magic Auction'. This was an all-day event, starting at 10am and ending around 10pm. It was practically a mini magic convention. **David Sandy** acted as host for the day keeping things moving and making announcements throughout. Those in attendance enjoyed a mini magic lectures from Kansas City local and professional magician **Todd Lamanske** where he taught 3 commercial routines that were very visual and instantly reset, perfect for any table-hopping magician. Following Todd's lecture was a full-length lecture by **Larry Brodahl** who entertained and taught us several routines that were perfect for "AV" (any venue).



From the left: Rodney Loesch, Cliff Norris, and Larry Brodahl

Not only were the routines very entertaining through the original patter and hilarious scripting, but they were extremely easy for anyone to do. Larry had obviously put in a lot of work and thought into the routines and even though he left shortly after his lecture, he was the talk of the mini convention for the rest of the day. Lunch was



brought in and time for magicians to mingle and chat was given. There was a magical game that was played that **David Sandy** came up with (with his permission, we will be playing this at our Christmas party this year), and hundreds of dollars in door prizes were given out to random attendees, compliments of US Toys in KC. After lunch it was time for the auction where magicians sold their magic props, tricks, gimmicks, and DVDs with a small percentage going back to the club. There were some AMAZING deals that came up in this auction! A box of 100 DVDs went for \$100, most of which were bought for \$30 apiece. Some larger props that were extremely well made went for half of their original sale price. I even walked away with a few things that I am excited to routine and perform! All of the magicians went out to dinner (most of us teamed up and went to Applebee's) where we got to jam out and talk magic over dinner. After dinner, we came back to the church where everything was taking place to sit it on another great lecture from **Chad Long**. If you don't know Chad Long's work, you should. He is a phenomenal technician with some truly astounding thinking. His passion for magic was obvious and his thinking was truly inspiring. My favorite routine that he shared was when he broke a piece of uncooked spaghetti into several tiny pieces, popped it into his mouth, and shortly after crunching through all of the pieces he pulled out a full length, unbroken strand of uncooked spaghetti! If they do this event again, I would highly encourage you to make the trip down. I know I will be going back if time allows!

## September Meeting

I have had something in the works for several months now that I have not announced to many people. Back in March I was approached by the Johnny Carson School for Theater and Film to come in and teach a master class to the UNL students that are part of the performing arts college. I have been working with about 30 students teaching them a simple magic routine that they will learn to perfect (to the best of their abilities) over the next several months. Through this process they are gaining insight into how magicians think, how much work goes into the performance side of magic, and how it relates to what they are doing in their college careers.

The next OMS meeting will be at UNO where we have invited students to come take a class in magic. I will be doing a mini lecture where I will be teaching the three routines to these students as well. There will of course be a bit of a lead in and performance. There will be lots of time for you to show off your skills to lay people and quite possibly hook a few people to come to a future meeting. I think this is a very exciting opportunity for the OMS as there are several students on campus who have a passion for magic but do not know about the club, or that there are others out there with the same passion. The email announcing that we will be there has reached over 15,000 people.



Announcement that some UNO students received.

I am excited to see who shows up! Bring some magic and get ready to have some fun helping teach some basic magic and showing off your skills! - **David Michael Fox**

**Check out our website:**

<http://TheOmahaMagicalSociety.org>



## What’s Your Magic Story?

### Patrice Fisher

When Patrice was in seventh grade, math did not come easy. Her dad bought her a book that seemed to try and make math more fun written by a man named **Martin Gardner**. Anyone who knows of Martin Gardner’s writings might guess the rest of the story.

Soon her pockets always had some matchsticks or toothpicks to show her friends a new puzzle she’d learned. Magical things and the thinking that goes along with them had begun to find a place in her passions fueled by her curiosities. The fact that she also grew up close to Appleton, Wisconsin (birthplace to Harry Houdini) only furthered her interest.

Then came a thirty-year career in the food industry as a safety and quality compliance director with such companies as Nabisco, ConAgra, and Quaker. Living in Chicago during part of that time she had a chance to see Penn and Teller and David Copperfield perform live in the early stages of their careers.

Coinciding with her retirement in Omaha, she and her husband, **Brian**, obtained tickets to an NCAA tournament where her niece and nephew would also be. With three weeks until the tournament, she began searching online for some card tricks she could perform for them in the evenings. She learned six tricks, and the magic spark was rekindled as her inner entertainer began to once again emerge.

She began searching for magic stores in the Omaha area and came across the Omaha Magical Society’s website – sharing with friends at a party her newfound information that there was a magic club in Omaha.

The host of the party suggested that another guest might know a little about that, and **Mary Miller** spoke right up – indicating that her husband **Bob** was a member of the club (and brought a table of refreshments to every monthly meeting).

Bob explained to Patrice where the club met, and Patrice attended her first meeting.

“What parts of magic do you enjoy the most?” I asked during our interview. “All parts,” was her immediate response. She can’t get enough of magically themed television shows like *Fool Us*, *The Illusionists*, and her latest favorite *The Carbonaro Effect*.

“The only magic show I had to quit watching was *The Masked Magician*,” Patrice offered. “At first I was excited,” she explained. “Then I began to realize it was taking away from me more than it was giving. I wanted at least some of the mystery to remain.”

When you see Patrice at a club meeting, don’t be afraid to ask her to show you one of those first card tricks she learned. She’ll show you. And you might even get a phone call from her as she has also agreed to be a columnist for The Flash Paper – authoring this column starting in October. Great to have you in the club Patrice.

- **Dave Arch**

### September Teaching Videos

This month working professional **Joe Cole** contributes a teaching video for a sponge ball routine that consistently brings him great audience response and his coins across routine that has proven itself an applause getter in his restaurant work. Our Sgt at Arms, **Neil Bable**, also contributes a card trick he simply calls *The Turnover Card*. Thank you, **Joe** and **Neil**. And in anticipation of the October Halloween Season two methods are also taught on creating spirit writing on business cards. Watch for two more methods for generating spooky messages in the October video uploads!

#### 2019 OMS Officers

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## Some of the Action from Our August Meeting

Neil with his \$2 towel from the Dollar Store turned into a chicken



Denny



David



Tom



Bob



George



Ann helping Mr. Who

## The Great Drewdini

As part of the ARROWS TO AEROSPACE celebration, **Bellevue Little Theatre** held its first ever BELLEVUE'S GOT TALENT on Saturday August 17 at 2:30pm.

The talent showcase featured over 20 acts including our own **SYM** young magician, **Drew McIntyre** as The Great Drewdini. In addition to having two volunteers deal to the 4 aces, his signed bill to lemon was a huge hit with the near-capacity crowd. Congratulations and well done **Drew**.





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.*

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