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"Enjoying magic . . . with others . . . for others."

To: The OMS Membership
From: The OMS Board
Re: 2026 Projects and Initiatives
Date: August 19, 2025

Monday Night Magic



On the third Monday night of each month, the OMS will sponsor an event entitled Monday Night Magic at The Cross Training Center (5030 N. 72nd Street) in Omaha.

We will refine the themes from the past that met with strong positive reaction from the membership and replace those that didn't.

Each event will involve a learn-a-trick section, a 2026 continued emphasis on improving our performance skills and another ever-changing twenty-minute component. Some events will encourage family attendance.

Events will last from 7-8 PM except for lectures which would last from 7-9:00 PM.

<https://theomahamagicalsociety.org>

20X15 Funding Initiative



Considering the board not wishing to raise our annual membership fee from \$20 per year (so anyone may join), a challenge will be extended in October 2025 to identify 20 members who'll commit \$15 per month for a year to cover the club's on- going monthly operating expenses as seen on the next page.

Contributors will be thanked with three exclusive events throughout the year. Dates to be announced.

<https://theomahamagicalsociety.org/donate>

Hall Rental - \$50
Monthly Snacks - \$27
Associate Members Rental - \$4.00
Constant Contact Database - \$35
OMS Website - \$17
Newsletter - \$125
Online Membership Directory - \$8
Liability Insurance - \$79
Non-Profit Association Of The Midlands Membership - \$4.00

TOTAL - \$349 per month

Abbott House Classes



Building on the strong response in 2025, we will continue offering adult magic classes down at the Abbott House once per month on a variety of magic-related topics.

There will be no charge for these classes.

<https://theomahamagicalsociety.org/magic-classes>

Long-Term CARE Facilities Performances



Continuing to build on the strong growth of this initiative in 2025 we will continue to expand the number of members on the CARE team – bringing close-up magic to long-term care facilities.

<https://theomahamagicalsociety.org/care>

Magic In The Hospitals



We will add two videos in 2026 to our Magic In The Hospitals twelve-video library for the twenty children's hospitals who have joined our network.

<https://theomahamagicalsociety.org/hospitals>

Abbott House Apartment



Helping to ensure the Abbott House's financial viability for many years to come, the apartment on the lower level will be completed.

It is projected that rent from the apartment will pay for 90-100% of the Abbott House's on-going fixed expenses.

Abbott House Little Theater



When we secure a \$10,000 donor/sponsor, an intimate theater space will be created in the second-floor master bedroom – installing for performances of some of David Abbott's inventions and featured performers.

Abbott House Members' Events



The twelve Abbott House memberships have been purchased.

In addition to using the house for their private events at no charge, there will be three Desserts and Deceptions events held during the year for members and their spouses/partners – featuring nationally acclaimed magicians. See the Enhanced Lecture Series entry for more information.

Endowment Fund



The establishment of an endowment fund will help stabilize the financial solvency of the club for decades to come by building a fund where the principle is not touched but the interest is invested back into the club's special projects.

<https://theomahamagicalsociety.org/donate>

Non-Profit Partnerships Fund Raising



In 2026 we will partner with a non-profit on three events to help them raise funds through hosting an Open House at The Abbott House.

<https://theomahamagicalsociety.org/fund-raising>

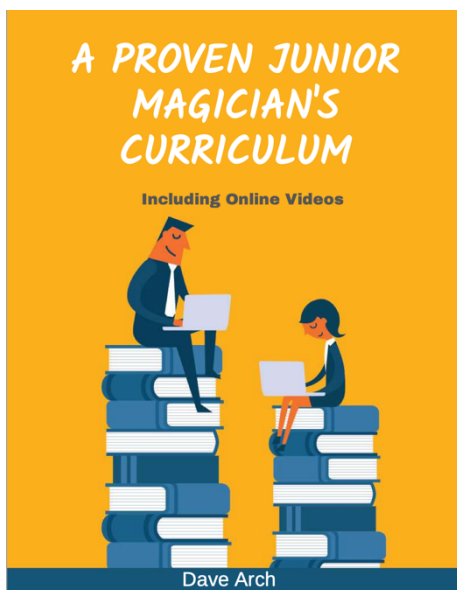
Junior Magician Discover Magic™ Programming



As the local licensee of the Discover Magic™ curriculum for the State of Nebraska, we will continue expanding our teaching and leadership team of Junior Magicians between the ages of 8-12.

<https://discovermagic.com>

Underserved Community Magic Classes



We have applied for a grant from The Lozier Corporation to implement our Magic That Matures™ curriculum to teach magic to children through the schools in underserved communities both in Omaha and Council Bluffs. We are hopeful about our chances of receiving that grant.

<https://theomahamagicalsociety.org/schools>

Enhanced Lecture Series



Due to the partnership with The Abbott House, the club's lectures in 2026 will all be those of international reputation.

Those members who attend magic conventions regularly will be scouting for lecturers with national notoriety.

The three 2026 lectures will have the lecturer present to the club on the third Monday of a given month and perform for Abbott House members the Sunday night before.

Due to the sharing of expenses between the club and The Abbott House, we will be able to bring in the lecturers – selecting them based on their expertise as opposed to only their availability.

AbraCORNdabra Convention Attendance



In 2026 we will continue to promote attendance at the AbraCORNdabra magic convention in Des Moines as a cost-effective way to continue exposing our members to a wider sense of community with others outside of our immediate area.

<https://abracorndabra.com>

Tri-State Magic Party



In 2026, we'll be joining magic clubs in Kansas City and Des Moines for the Tri-State Magic Party in Des Moines. Date to be announced.

Abbott House Lien Forgiveness



In September 2026, we will hold a celebration of Teller's forgiveness of the lien on the Abbott House (with the club then owning the house free and clear).

Magic Club Leaders' Blog



In 2026, we will continue documenting what we're learning about maintaining a successful magic club and for sharing ideas with other magic clubs, we will continue to add to our blog.

<https://theomahamagicalsociety.org/resources-for-magic-clubs>

Magic Club Leaders

<https://magicclubleaders.com>

When you visit the blog, you'll see 300+ magic club leadership posts as well as two catalogs of additional club resources.

2026 Membership Drive

Between January 1, 2026, and February 1st, we will be promoting the \$20 annual membership in The Omaha Magical Society. As a thank you for either joining or renewing their membership, each person will receive the following:



100% Impromptu!

EFFECT: The magician begins "What parent hasn't wished they could tell whether their child was lying or telling the truth?"

I recently took an online course that advertised that they were able to teach me to do just that.

May I try out with you the principles they taught me? I think I'm getting better."

With that introduction, the participant decides in the privacy of their own mind to either be an obedient or a disobedient child.

The magician then gives the spectator a ring to hold behind their back. In the role of the parent, the magician now gives a series of commands in a very parental voice which the participant either obeys or disobeys – depending on which type of child s/he chose to be.

As they bring their hands from behind their back, the magician asks only one more question and immediately not only knows which hand holds the ring but also whether or not the participant chose at the beginning to be an obedient or a disobedient child.

Bad Boy may become your go-to magic trick when asked to do some magic, and you forgot your deck of cards.

Respectfully submitted,

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