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Presidential Patter - Dan Rodriguez

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Four Things

One - OFFICER ELECTIONS

The 2025 MHMS officer nominations were uncontested. Since only one candidate was running for each position, a motion was made at the October 10 business meeting to accept the following slate of Officers: **Dan Rodriguez** (President), **Shawn Popp** (Vice President), **Shane Cohan** (Treasurer), **AJ Perea** (Secretary), and **Jeff & Karen Wake** (Sergeants-at-Arms). A Second, discussion, followed by a swift vote of the membership concluded a unanimous approval and the "Ayes" have it. Motion carried. Please welcome our 2025 Executive Committee - Together again for one more year.

Two - MHMS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

You are encouraged to attend the Thursday, November 14 meeting at the HUB. The evening will start with a 15-minute business meeting that includes the Treasurers report and a discussion about meeting ideas for 2025. Your attendance is requested, and your input is needed. After the short business meeting, our Vice-President **Shawn Popp** will host a LEARN THE MAGIC BIZ Seminar. Shawn is a successful professional magician, and he has something special up his sleeve for you this evening.

Three - COLORADO DECLARES MAGIC WEEK

Governor **Jared Polis** signed a Proclamation proclaiming Halloween week as MAGIC WEEK in Colorado. *How cool is that!* (See Photo Below)

Four - MHMS MEMBERS PERFORM CHARITY SHOWS

In celebration of NATIONAL MAGIC WEEK honoring **Harry Houdini**, more than a dozen local magicians donated charity shows at Brent's Place, Ronald McDonald House, many senior living communities, assisted living communities, and nursing homes. Thanks to **Steve Davis** for setting up the performers and locations and a big thanks to the performers that provided the charity shows. They include **Erwin Buck, Steve Davis, Brent Ladd, Jason Fye, John Walker, Nate Reeves, Gene Gordon, John Luong, Dan Rodriguez, Charly Wonder, Chris Manos**, and others. See photos below of some of our Magic Week performers. Who did I miss? If your name is not on this list and you performed a charity show during Magic Week, let me know so I can acknowledge you next month. (Photos Below)



Colorado's Greatest Magicians!

Show Added! 10 Acts!

Nov. 9th - **Matinee! 3 PM**
Evening - 7 PM



\$30 - \$35

Illusions!

Comedy

Mind Reading!

Sleight of hand!

Theatre of Dreams **A FUNDRAISER!**
303 660-6799
735 Park St. Castle Rock WWW.AMAZINGSHOWS.COM

3:00 PM Matinee show just added. The Evening show is almost SOLD OUT.

[Click Here for Tickets!](#)

Unfortunately, because of the Pandemic and other circumstances, we had lost the momentum of producing an annual show. The public show is back, and it will be held at the Theater of Dreams in Castle Rock on November 16th. The show will feature Colorado's Greatest Magicians. Seating is limited so get your tickets as soon as they become available. There will be a matinee and evening show. More info will follow in a separate email.

~Dan Rodriguez



November Meeting - Learn the Magic Biz

Date: Thursday, November 14th, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Wonders HUB Stage at 40 West - [6501 W Colfax Ave, Lakewood, CO 80214](#)

Join Shawn Popp and his friends as they dive into the business side of performing magic professionally. Shawn has successfully transitioned from the corporate world and made his living as a full-time performer for 16 years. This discussion will focus on how you can transform passion into a full or part-time career. Shawn and his special guests will discuss marketing strategies, how to build a personal brand, create engaging materials, and leverage social media. The panel will cover pricing, contract negotiations, and the business tools they use for success. And the most important of all, balancing between creativity and being true to yourself and your business goals. All this plus a Q&A to answer all your questions. This will be a fun night loaded with great information to get you started, make your business better, or just peek behind the curtains and see the business side of magic!

Young Magicians Club

Check with Michael about any special plans. Michael Samazia SYM@milehighmagicians.com



Octobers Evening of Odd - Meeting Minutes -AJ Parea

Secretary, MHMS | [email AJ](#)

The Mile High Magicians Society held its annual evening of odd. Before the annual show kicked off President Dan Rodriguez polled the audience and the 2025 slate of officers was elected by a show of hands. Afterward MHMS member Larry Crowley with presented his Society of American Magicians 50 years of membership certificate.

Mark Strivings emceed the evening and spoke about the history of punishment across different cultures. In some cases, drastic measures were taken to prevent a crime from being committed a second time. Mark set up a disembodied arm from a forgery case and covered it with a cloth. He then had a spectator write their initials on a piece of paper. The arm was able to accurately recreate a forgery of the signature.

It was a rainy night when a local gumshoe was working late at the Wake Detective Agency (**Jeff Wake**). A blonde woman walked in needing assistance (**Karen Wake**). She lost her card! Detective Wake immediately took the case. They found an audience member and asked him to select a card. Detective Wake chose a detective and junior detectives who were kings. He placed them into the deck and used them to miraculously locate the missing card. **Karen Wake** also provided catering with delicious treats that were stunningly themed to dolls and toys.

Steve Davis called on the spirit of Houdini to find a spectator's card since we were approaching Halloween. He placed a picture of him under a cloth. He had a spectator select a card that later appeared in the photo with Houdini.

John Walker explored the question of free will versus fate. He informed us about a game played over the radio in Tibet. The voice had a player eliminate objects in a 3x3 grid. On his shortwave radio, he tuned into a broadcast. The voice on the radio accurately predicted the final object from the other side of the globe.

Gene Gordon brought young volunteers to perform a card trick. He had them spell out different monsters like werewolves and witches. In the end, he was able to match multiple sets of cards. He also had them tie knots in a handkerchief, only to reveal that the knot had disappeared.

Kier Royale revealed that there were spirits in the room. He had a couple of volunteers tie him and raise a curtain over him. The spirit threw pots and pans that he had brought into the cabinet with him. While he was still tied up, he brought a volunteer into the cabinet. Again, the spirits messed with the objects and even threw a bucket onto the volunteer, all while Kier was still tied up!

Chris Manos brought three envelopes with a prize for a young spectator. The spectator selected one envelope and found 50¢. Unfortunately for them, they could have selected the other two with \$10 and \$20 respectively.

Greg Tobo brought up a scenario that had been puzzling him. Three patrons at a bar pay \$30 for drinks, get \$5 refunded, and pay \$2 in tip. In the end, only \$29 is accounted for leading to a missing dollar. When Greg performed it with real bills, he kept finding that \$1 would always go missing.

Charly Wonder brought cards with pictures of animals and a stuffed animal prediction. She had two audience members select a card choosing Zebra and a Giraffe. She revealed a bizarre giraffe and a zebra stitched together at the waist. She also brought a volunteer to the stage and had them lie down on a table with tarps placed around it to prevent blood stains on the carpet. She then proceeded to use an electric saw to cut them in half. Thankfully, the spectator was completely fine!

Richard Nakata brought a four-sided card. Each side had one, four, three, and six spots respectively. While it originally looked like an illusion, he revealed each side did in fact have a different number of spots. One extra side even had eight spots!

Mile High Magicians Photos





State of Colorado



Proclamation

WHEREAS, in honor of National Magic Week, the Mile High Magicians Society, and the Earl Reum Assembly #37 of the Society of American Magicians (S.A.M.) each year memorializes the deeply mourned death on October 31, 1926 of Harry Houdini, Past National President of the S.A.M.; and

WHEREAS, professional and amateur magician members generously give their time and talent for charitable purposes at hospitals, schools, churches, nursing homes, etc.; and

WHEREAS, magic as an art form and a hobby for children of all ages, has demonstrated itself to be a positive activity; and

WHEREAS, the National President of the Society of American Magicians, John B. Midgley and Mile High Magicians President, Dan Rodriguez, have declared that the week beginning October 27, 2024 shall be National Magic Week; and

WHEREAS, the art of magic is an ancient and delightful form of entertainment, which continues to give much pleasure to young and old;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the period of time between October 27 and November 2, 2024, as

MAGIC WEEK

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty-seventh day of October, 2024



Jared Polis
Governor



The Deans Magical Musings - Gene Gordon

Dean of the Mile High Magicians Society | [email Gene](#)

Fall is one of my favorite times of year! The Change of seasons is always a welcome thing. The same should be true for our magic. Let me explain. I often get asked, "How do you keep up your vibrant interest in magic?" Easy to explore new magic or revisit old magic. So like the falling leaves, change is upon us. Your magic can be the same. Simply by switching up a bit what you practice, learn, and perform. If you have been on a deep dive into Card magic. Maybe a switch to Cups and balls or to coin magic or revisit your kid's show material. Go to your magic bookshelf (you do have a magic bookshelf/case?) and pull down an old book you haven't read for years. Dig out an old prop or revisit an old routine. Dust them off and read and explore them and have fun with it. Try to resist Buying new tricks, videos or downloads. Look at your close-up or stand-up routines and ask yourself, can I rework the effect? Can I change the patter/presentation? It's getting cold outside, a perfect time to stay inside at your magic table /room, working on something old or new! Fall is about change so should you and your magic. For most of us, we are amateurs and magic is just a fun hobby. But as was pointed out to me years ago the word "amateur" means "love of" so love your magic and explore it all the time! Have a magical and splendid Fall.

Good and Welfare - John Luong

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Are you, or do you know of a Colorado magician that is sick or convalescent? Let us know so we can spread goodwill their way.

Current members you may send a note to:
Larry Betz

Everything Else Magic in Denver(weknowof)

Magic Around Town - **SUPPORT local Magic:**

Please promote your magic event in the AbTab. Submit all relevant details in the format below including a photograph or poster by email to editor@milehighmagicians.com. There is **no fee** for members of the MHMS.

Magic Open Mic

LAST Monday of every month. Arrive 15 minutes early to sign up to perform.

Mutiny Information Cafe [3483 S Broadway, Englewood, CO 80113](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3483+S+Broadway,+Englewood,+CO+80113)

Magic Roundtables/Get Togethers

- **Monday Night Meet Up** + 9:00pm till late
 - o IHOP Restaurant- [1595 S Colorado Blvd, Denver CO 80222](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1595+S+Colorado+Blvd,+Denver,+CO+80222)
- **Wednesday Magic Hangout+** 7:00pm till around 10:00pm
 - o **Old Chicago** - [6646 S Parker Rd Aurora, CO 80016](https://www.google.com/maps/place/6646+S+Parker+Rd,+Aurora,+CO+80016)
- **Saturday MHMS Roundtable** + 12:30pm till done
 - o IHOP Restaurant- [1595 S Colorado Blvd, Denver CO 80222](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1595+S+Colorado+Blvd,+Denver,+CO+80222)

2024 Meetings, Lectures and Shows (Some TBD)

If there is a link you may email the organizer directly with you're interested in helping with, participating, planning, or hosting. If there is no link, email your favorite board member!

October 10th: **Evening of Odd** (at Children's Haven).

November 14th: **Business of Magic Teach In.**

December 12th: **Young Magicians Show & Holiday Magic Open Mic Night.**

January 9th: **Annual Banquet & Show**

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