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Presidential Patter - Dan Rodriguez

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ANNUAL BANQUET ANNOUNCEMENT! Dinner tickets are now available for purchase for our **Annual Past Presidents Banquet, Show and Awards Ceremony**. This popular event is being held at the Adams Mystery Playhouse located at Federal & 24th Ave. in Denver on January 9th beginning at 5:30 PM. Bring your spouse, significant other, family and friends and enjoy an evening of camaraderie, magic and celebration. Sign up for the Banquet: <http-s://www.zeffy.com/ticketingLP-past-P-residents-banquet-and-awards-celebration>

NEW MEETING LOCATION! Beginning February 2025, we are changing our primary

meeting location to **RiverPoint Senior Community** located at 5225 S. Prince St., Littleton (near Belleview & Santa Fe). This was our meeting place prior to the pandemic and they are excited to have us return. The facility includes a beautiful meeting room, plenty of parking and located in a nice community near Old Towne Littleton just west of Santa Fe Dr. off Belleview. A big thank you goes to **Charly Wonder** for making the HUB Stage available to us this past year and we hope to continue using the HUB for certain club events.

WELCOME JASON FYE as our new Editor for The Mile High Magicians Society. Jason's role is to edit and publish our **Abracatabloid** newsletter, manage meeting communications to the membership, and provide website content. Over the next two months, out-going Editor **Charly Wonder** will teach Jason the Editor role. Thanks Charly, for your years of service as our Editor.

TIME TO PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES! The clubs' annual membership fee of \$25 is due January 1st. Your spouse, significant other or magic assistant can sign-up as an Associate Member for only \$5. Please consider including them, if applicable. There are 3 ways to pay your dues:

1. Bring your dues payment to the January banquet or to the February meeting (*check, credit card, or cash*).
2. Mail a check to: Mile High Magicians c/o Dan Rodriguez, 10000 E Yale Ave, Apt 39, Denver, CO 80231 (*Make check payable to Mile High Magicians Society*).
3. Pay on the Mile High Magicians Website

BRANDING AND STRATEGIC PLANNING. Successful companies and non-profit groups often conduct branding and strategic planning sessions with a professional facilitator. However, this process is cost-prohibitive for many organizations.

Mile High Magicians member **Brian Kagan** has over 35-years of experience as a branding and strategic planning facilitator. He has agreed to facilitate this process for the Mile High Magicians Society. The good news is Brian is providing his services free of charge to our club. This is his way of giving back to the art of magic. This process will start in January and is expected to take a couple months to complete. More information to follow.

Here's to a great start to 2025!



Past Presidents Banquet Show & Awards Celebration at Adams Mystery Playhouse

Date: Thursday, January 9th, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM (schedule below)

Tickets: \$35.00 ([click here](#)).

Adams Mystery Playhouse - [2406 Federal Blvd, Denver 80211](#)

5:30 pm - Cocktails and tours of facility

6:15 pm - Dinner

7:00 pm - Awards and Show

8:15 pm - Out the door

A spectacular event honoring our Past Presidents and recognizing members who have made amazing contributions to our club. A special performance by **Paul Borrillo** will honor the memory of his dad **Tony Borrillo**, Past President (1975).

The evening starts at 5:30 PM with a cocktail reception featuring a cash bar and strolling closeup magic featuring Past Presidents.

The plated meal (*not a buffet*) is served at 6:15 PM and includes a large chicken thigh in light spice rub, herb encrusted roasted potatoes; heirloom salad, rolls and oatmeal chocolate chip cookie. Vegetarian meal can be substituted if requested in advance. Complimentary iced tea and coffee is included.

The closeup and stage show features a **Parade of Past Presidents** including **Brad Montgomery, Scott McCray, Stuart Hayner, Richard Nakata, Jeff Wake, Mitch Harwood**

"Mysto the Magi", Charly Wonder, Dan Rodriguez, John Luong, Sam Teague, Paul Borrillo (honoring Tony Borrillo) and the Slightly Impossible team of Gene R. Gordon and Matt Brandt.

This event will be a sellout, so get your tickets now [Click Here](#)

Reserve your bnquet tickets



December Meeting Holiday Show and Presentation - Meeting Minutes -AJ Parea

Secretary, MHMS | [email AJ](#)

The Mile High Magicians Society hosted its annual holiday show. **Dan Rodriguez** emceed the event.

Charly Wonder planned to perform a Santa-themed magic trick but received a cease and

desist from the North Pole. Instead, she switched two white-bearded people from different chimneys. One had a purple suit and one had a yellow suit. While it looked like she turned them around, she showed that the Santa pictures were on the back.

Melody Berg dressed up like the elf on the shelf. She selected two volunteers from the audience. One had to select a card, while the other selected a number on the dart board. The back of the dartboard had symbols on it. The chosen number led to a symbol on the dartboard, matching the card's symbol.

John Walker brought the land down under to the mile-high city. He entered with the song "Down Under" by Men at Work wearing a Hawaiian shirt, shorts, and flip-flops. He built a sandcastle out of some sand that he brought. When he knocked it down, a snowman was standing inside. He also passed around a box and asked members of the audience to write down gift ideas. He pulled a random piece of paper that read "tight blue thong". Luckily that is the Australian term for a small blue flip-flop, which had on stage.

Jason Fye brought a spectator onto the stage. He had them select a card, sign it, and lose it in the deck. He brought out a large candy cane with a sharpened end. He instructed the spectator to throw the deck of cards into the air, so he could stab the selected card. Unfortunately for him, the spectator threw the card too early. He brought a present for the spectator: a box containing a stocking with another box and another stocking. The signed card was somehow inside everything.

Kier Royale brought a trick to teach everyone. He was able to put a coin inside a clear ornament. He taught everyone how to perform it and make it at home.

Gene Gordon had a volunteer select a card with names on the back. Unfortunately, they selected Scrooge. With some magic, he was able to change the name on the back of the card to Merry Christmas.

Brad Montgomery had a jacket with a tag still attached. He had the audience guess how much it costs. Both the guess and the prediction were exactly \$99.72. He also showed the power of positive thinking. He had a spectator write a positive thought on a piece of paper and hold it in their hand. The participant was able to noticeably improve their balance in different poses.

The holiday season can be a very stressful time, so **Brend Ladd** gave some helpful tips. He showed how he was able to make trash vanish when placed inside a square-circle. He also cleaned dishes easily by using a bit of dish soap and a large pan.

Glenn Proulx brought a torn-up newspaper with some breaking holiday news with puns. After he read us this news, he was able to restore it to make it easier to read. He was able to make a holiday glass float in midair using Christmas spirit.

Rabbi Eliot Baskin took us back thousands of years to Jerusalem when the Maccabees found a small vile of oil only meant to light a menorah for one night. He had a vase filled with water to represent the oil that they found. He kept pouring out the water but it kept magically refilling. Miraculously, the oil lasted eight nights providing much-needed relief.

Mark Weidhaas could not attend the meeting in person this year but recorded a mini-lecture on becoming Santa. He taught us a few tricks involving storybooks. The first one allowed a black book to turn into the Night Before Christmas, For the other trick, he had young volunteers select a Christmas book. His mischievous rabbit snitches in a book about himself. Materials for the tricks are available through the Society of American Magicians' website.



The Deans Magical Musings - Gene Gordon

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

Hello fellow Mile High Magician members!

Hope everyone got what they wanted over the Holiday? I am sure the Magic retailers were flooding your inboxes as well as mine. I know I will get a New magic book for Christmas! I hope you all do as well. They make the allure of the "deal" or "Bundle" hard to resist. If you get a book on magic, or a new trick or prop. It will be fun to explore them and study, read and practice! I know though in the busy time here, during the holidays, it will be hard to set aside time to get into some of your "new stuff". So make a deal with yourself to set a sided time in January for your magic new and old.

All of those email ads and online ads and noise from the magic dealers... turns me off for the most part. Honestly I loved the "old days" of magic catalogs. A Tannen's or Abbot's catalog could take you days to look through. Which was time well spent. Even the old catalogs from the smaller magic shops were great.... Hank Lee, Steven's, Paul Diamond, Busby, Rabbit in the Hat Ranch, Magic Inc. Etc. Let alone a trip to the local magic shop. Here in town it could have been the Wizard shop in Boulder. Or one of the 'Zeezo's Magic Castles', or maybe Top Hat Magic, or Magic and More! Those trips to the magic shop were honestly my favorite! Nothing beats seeing your local magic guy behind the counter doing his thing. Performing some "new" bit of wonder that you just had to have! Oh the good old days... I would take them back in a heartbeat. Well enough of my nostalgia ...time for 2025 if you can believe it! Plenty of new and old magic to come in the following year, so stay tuned in! Here is wishing you and yours a bright and Magic filled New Year!

Good and Welfare - John Luong

MHMS Committee Chair, [Email John](#) I call or text John 303-522-4320

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)

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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.



Gnarly's Theater at Miners Alley

Date: Every Tuesday in January

Time: 7:00 PM

Tickets: [j20.00](#) (Use GNARLYMAGIC for 50% OFF)

[1224 Washington St. Suite 200 - Golden, CO 80401](#)

Gnarly's is a new entertainment venue opening January 1st and they want magic to be a big part of their show schedule. To test the waters, headlining every Tuesday in January @ 7:00 PM is **Golden's Got Magic Showcase** featuring a host of Colorado magicians. Tickets are only \$20. Mile High Magicians members get a 50% discount with the coupon code: GNARLYMAGIC. There are performance opportunities available at Gnarly's, so if you would like to perform on an upcoming show, contact MHM President **Dan Rodriguez**. Tickets are available beginning January 1st at: www.ticketor.com/gna.r.l.y.s.



Charly's St. Patricks Magic Spectacular

Date: March 15, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Tickets: \$22.50

Wonders HUB Stage at 40 West - 6501 W Colfax Ave, Lakewood, CO 80214

Hosted by Charly Wonder, this live variety show features some of Denver's best magicians for an evening of magic, laughs, and some luck of the Irish.

Get ready to step back in time to your favorite 1980s sitcom where Cheers meets Night Court the energy of Night Court meets young David Copperfield. Come celebrate in green

and maybe get lucky while you watch some of Denver's best magicians do their best living in the 1980's.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Charly Wonder and these featured magicians: Dan Rodriguez, James Lopez, Jason Fye, John Walker, Mickey Zee, Nate Reeves, Stuart Hayner, Eddie Myers

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](#)

Magic Roundtables/Get Togethers

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

2025 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!

January 9 - Past Presidents
Banquet Show and Awards
Celebration

February 13 - Impromptu Magic,
Devices, Outs and War Stories

March 13 - 20-Something Show

April 10 - Flea Market

May 8 - "2025 Denver's BEST

July 10 - Open

September 11 - Restaurant Magic &
Teach-in (*Held in restaurant
environment*)

October 9 - A n Evening of Odd

November 13 - Classics and History
of Magic

December 11 - Open

Magician" Contest

**June 12 - Kid's Show Magic Teach-
in**

January 8, 2026 - Past Presidents

**Banquet Show and Awards
Celebration**

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