

# The Stacked Deck



July 2007

*The Magician's Club of New Orleans, Eddie J. Adams Jr.,*

*Assembly 36*

*The Society of American*

**Magicians**

## Message From the Editor

Well . . . this is what's on *my* mind ...

Happy Fourth of July. I hope that everyone in our assembly was able to enjoy a restful and patriotic holiday. I am conscious that magic through the holiday season posed special opportunities for many of you to practice your craft. I was just able to teach my niece two new effects. I rediscovered these as a direct result of my involvement in the "Magician of the Year" contest. It's forced me to practice and move into areas I usually don't venture.

To that end, we are about halfway through the contest and are embarking on the "from ashes" *Climbing of the Wands* program. Jon was pleased to report that we are tracking well toward our goal of bringing this opportunity to the forefront this year.

Yet, with all of the positive momentum, our officers continue to explore new and different ways to raise the art with our talented, but limited, volunteer resources.

I keep hearing rumblings about our own assembly library and about our community involvement in the public library system. How are you able to contribute? I'm wondering if we need a mini-retreat to conduct a *FutureSearch* for the assembly.

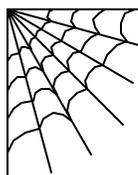
So here's to better magic and to more impossibilities for us all! Darwin Ortiz puts it this way:

You must never lose sight of you primary goal: to make audience experience mystery. If magic has any claim to being an art, it lies in its unique ability to make a spectator confront the impossible, along with the exhilarating feeling this entails as a trapdoor opens under everything he thinks he knows about reality and his mind goes into freefall.

Until next time.

## The Classics

- Tarbell Course in Magic (Volumes 1-8)
- Greater Magic by John Northern Hilliard
- Amateur Magicians Handbook by Henry Hay
- Encyclopedia of Impromptu Magic by Martin Gardner
- Art of Close-Up Magic by Lewis Ganson
- Expert at the Card Table by S. W. Erdnase
- New Modern Coin Magic by J. B. Bobo
- Royal Road to Card Magic by Hugard and Braue
- Mark Wilson Course in Magic by Mark Wilson
- The Magic Book by Harry Lorayne
- Encyclopedia of Rope Tricks by Stewart James, et. al.
- Encyclopedia of Silk Magic by Rice and Trimble
- Modern Magic Manual by Jean Hugard
- Expert Card Technique by Jean Hugard



## Web Site of the Month

<http://home.att.net/~thadoomlord/card/>

A great resource divided into "Tricks," "Sleights," and "Miscellaneous Card Stuff."

This sight is loaded with links to amazon for fund raising. Nonetheless the information on the sight is really good.

## Meeting Performance Themes

The following is a list of the performance themes for the meetings in 2007.

### July

- Money Magic or Silk Magic

### August

- Rings and/or Ropes

### September

- Magic from a classic magic book

### October

- Spooky or Bizarre Magic

### November

- Anything But Cards

At the last meeting, Milton Scheuermann took first place. Adrian Amadeo was second and Joe Dalgo took third.

Here are the current standings:

Chris Mack	15
Adrian Amadeo	15
Milton Scheuermann	14
Thais St. Julien	11
Eddie Adams	10
Joe Dalgo	8

This newsletter is provided to the compeers of The Magician's Club of New Orleans, Eddie J. Adams, Jr., Assembly 36, The Society of American Magicians in order to inform them of meeting minutes, current developments and trends in the art and craft of magic. The editor welcomes your input and comments on this publication. Questions, suggestions, and corrections should be sent to Adrian Amadeo at

adrian.amadeo@idcmailbox.com. Actual inclusion of material or ideas is at the sole discretion of the editor.

Deadline for Submissions for the next edition:

**Monday, July 23, 2007**

*(two weeks after the meeting)*

# Meeting Minutes

Eddie J. Adams, Jr. Assembly 36  
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Minutes 745th Meeting - June 12, 2007

## Compeers in Attendance:

Anna Adams	Michael Mentz
Eddie Adams	Herb Miller
Adrian Amadeo	Jon Racherbaumer
Joe Dalgo	Milton Scheuermann
Augie Garofalo	Thais St. Julien
Joe Harrison	John Weeks
Chris Mack	

Guests: Steve Reynolds

The Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Most Illustrious Thais St. Julien. A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes was made by Herb Miller, seconded by Chris Mack and carried.

**Treasurer's Report** - A motion was made, seconded and carried to dispense with the Treasurer's Report.

**Secretary's Report** - Augie Garofalo presented information from a company called "Magic for All Occasions, Inc." which is offering cacheted First Day Covers & matching prints of the commemorative postage stamp honoring Harry Houdini. Anyone wanting further information should contact Augie.

Augie Garofalo reported that Assembly 36 By-Laws stated that a Junior Member would become an active Assembly Member upon attaining 18 years of age. However, National Council By-Laws state that they become Assembly Members upon attaining 17. Assembly 36 By-Laws state that when there is a conflict, National Council laws are regarded as automatically replacing or modifying our Constitution. Augie has amended our By-Laws accordingly and posted the change in both the President's and Secretary's copies.

## Committee Reports:

**Climbing of the Wands** - Jon Racherbaumer reported that the program would begin in August.

**Old Business** - Herb Miller made a motion to allow Junior Assembly Members to compete and vote in the Magician of the Year contest. It was seconded by Chris Mack. The motion passed.

**New Business** - Jon Racherbaumer has suggested that the rules for conducting the Magician of the Year contest be revised for next year. The Officers have already discussed some ideas and made some suggestions. A copy of this proposal will be posted in the Stacked Deck. All suggestions and ideas are welcome. The new proposal will be presented to the members at a future meeting.

Jon Racherbaumer talked briefly about hiring lecturer's for the coming year. We will discuss this in more detail at the July meeting.

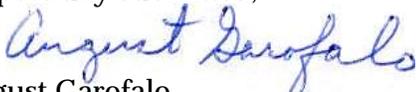
**Good and Welfare** - It was mentioned that National President Andy Dallas had a mild stroke but was recovering and should be back to work soon.

**Announcements** - Compeer Joe Dalgo announced that he would be making a presentation on pet care which will include magic at the West Bank Regional Library on June 14 at 10:30 A.M.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Herb Miller and seconded by Eddie Adams. The motion carried and the meeting ended at 8:18 PM.

Immediately following, compeers performed magic to the theme *Mentalism* with John Weeks as emcee. Milton Scheuermann took first place. Adrian Amadeo was second and Joe Dalgo was third.

Respectfully submitted,

  
August Garofalo

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## Quote of the Month

“Rabbit-in-the-hat tie clips or cuff links are not to be worn. The 'M' ring should be similarly eschewed. I cannot bring myself to comment upon ties with patterns portraying playing cards or bunnies. Certainly it is not necessary to caution the true cardman against false moustaches or capes.”

— Dave Bendix



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