



# Society of Memphis Magicians

International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 16  
September 2016 [www.ring16.org](http://www.ring16.org)



## Presidential Ponderings

*Bill Canaday - President*

Fellow Ring 16 Members: First, congratulations to everyone that entered and participated in the Card Throwing Competition, and congratulations to Michael Clayton on his first place win. Thanks for attending our Magic Jam sessions, always productive and fun, as well. We had a great lecture recently with Frances Menotti. Francis was very nice, and gave a great lecture. Thanks for everyone that came to this one; always glad to have you. This lecture had the most people attending than we have had in awhile. Thanks for your continued support with our lectures, and looking forward to seeing you at Garrett Thomas' next month. Before then, though, I hope you and your family have a great Labor Day weekend, and looking forward to seeing you at our September meeting on September 6.



**Ring 16 August Meeting**  
**Tuesday September 6th - 7pm**  
**Memphis Botanic Garden**  
**Themes: Classics of Magic and Mentalism,**  
**and Self-Working Magic and Mentalism**

## Who is this Mystery Magician?



## Notes from the VP

*Jeff Day - Vice-President*

I want to thank all who came out to the 1st Annual Card Throwing Competition that was held at Germantown Presbyterian Church on August 23rd. Because this was the first time this event has been held here in Memphis, I really didn't know how it was going to go. I think I can speak for everyone that it was a fun event and we all cannot wait for the next one. In fact, it went so well that it might become a SEMI-annual event! I did a bit of research on this kind of thing and it turns out that the magicians of the 19th century had informal challenges to see who could out-throw their fellow conjurers. It wasn't anything serious, of course, but they all learned something by getting together and sharing the 'magic' with one another. I sincerely hope when the next one is scheduled, we have a really nice crowd. Check out the photos of Paul, Michael, & Jon who sliced a watermelon with their cards in the "Cards As Weapons" event. The "Distance Throwing" event was strenuous, but exciting. I came in 2nd with a toss of approximately 70 feet. BUT, Michael Clayton hurled a card passed me with a distance of 95 FEET! There were a couple of ties, the most exciting was the "Touch the Ceiling" event where you had to throw a card and touch the ceiling, which was 60 feet high. Whoever threw the most cards that touched the ceiling in one minute, won. Michael and Jon tied at 36 cards. Michael won the tiebreaker with over 40 cards! Winners of individual events received prized decks of cards that are not found at the usual places. Also, a palming coin with images of Kellar, Houdini, & Thurston, all of them card throwers. The overall winner, Michael Clayton, won a Howard Thurston souvenir throw out card from the 1920's. Hope to see you at the next exciting Card Throwing Competition!

## August Business Meeting

*John Sorrell*

- \* Lectures: Francis Menotti - August 6  
Garret Thomas - Sept 9  
Nathan Kranzo - Fri., Feb 17  
Dan Fleshman on tour  
Michael Jae on tour  
Tom Craven on tour - Jeff will poll
- \* Upcoming Card Throwing Competition - August 23rd
- \* Presented Night Sparrow Designs Wand to Julian
- \* Update website with current officers
- \* Penguin Expo - Memphis Saturday, Nov 12th.  
Ring 16 can have table to distribute Ring info (2 people)
- \* Martin Seiler presented treasurer's report
- \* Grayson Smith made a generous donation to the Ring treasury
- \* Richard Hiller gave an update on the 2016 IBM convention
- \* Next year is a combined IBM/SAM convention in Louisville
- \* Visitors: Will & family

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Hosted by Magic Magazine, SAM, IBM and Penguin Magic

Saturday, November 12th 10am-4pm

Location: TBA

Info: <http://www.penguinmagic.com/p/6294>

List Price: 29.95. Register on-line for \$19.95.

Pre-Register before Nov 7th and get a \$10 voucher to spend on any product in the room.

Featured dealers and Protip Sessions: Penguin Magic, Mark Mason, Paul Richards, Chris Smith

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## August Open Magic

*Grayson Smith - Larry DuFrene*



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# Garrett Thomas

The Art of Real Magic



## Garrett Thomas: Master Magician

Garrett Thomas Lecture  
Friday, Sept 9th 7pm



Garrett Thomas is a close-up magician based out of the WNY who performs at public and private events across the United States. As a magician, Garrett is known for being an innovator as well as one of the top card, coin, and ring manipulators. His original effects, extreme technical skills, and keen understanding of human psychology culminate in highly visual, entertaining, and often enlightening routines.

Garrett's commitment to the art of magic manifests not only in his performances, but also in his strong commitment to teaching the science and psychology of magic to other magicians. Garrett has produced several instructional books and videos on the subjects of coin, card and ring manipulation, creating magical moments, and on the secret to becoming a "real" magician.

It is this combination of imagination and skill that has led Garrett Thomas to become a sought after speaker at international magic conventions, a regular contributor to the bi-monthly video magazine *Reel Magic Magazine* and a columnist for the *Society of American Magicians*. He is also a personal instructor / consultant to many other world class magicians such as David Blaine, and Marco. Most recently he was declared to be Howie Mandel's favorite magician on *Live! with Kelly*.

\* *Real Men Wear Pink!*



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# 1st Annual Card Throwing Competition

