

DELAWARE KNIGHTS OF MAGIC



May
2026

May at last, fellow magicians! The weather is slooowly starting to warm up, the days are getting longer, things are beginning to bloom... and magic is in the air!

We have a very special event planned for this month – A **Fool Us Competition**! That's right, our main theme for the evening will be run like Penn and Teller's "Fool Us" show. **Rob** and **Larry** will stand in for P&T and be the judges; they're the ones you'll have to fool.

And here's the best part: there will be a **CASH PRIZE** for the winners! This prize is kindly funded through the generosity of **Mitch Kaplan**. (If time permits, you can enter more than one routine.) Clearly, this is an opportunity you don't want to lose out on. Start preparing now!

The May contest will be a **Close-Up** competition. This is our final scheduled contest of the season, so join in and make it a good one!

This will be *my* last meeting until September... your Vice-President, Rob Francis, will take over for June. I'll be headed up to the *French Woods Festival of the Performing Arts* where I've been directing the Magic Program for the last eighteen years (wow). I'm looking forward to seeing you all on Thursday night, May 14th !

Your Prez, *Larry Denburg*

April STAGE CONTEST

Bob Fostok - PK Touch Winners

Rob Francis - Red Letter

Larry Denburg - Rope thru Body

Mitch Kaplan - Visualization

James Center - Impromptu One-Way Deck

Tom Way - CLUE Murder Mystery



Mitch



Larry



Tom

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR PARTICIPANTS!

MEETING LOCATION

VFW Post 5892
7620 Lancaster Pike
Hockessin, DE 19707



May Meeting

May 14th
@ 730p

Contribute to the Newsletter

We are looking to expand the newsletter to include more member content. Ideas include:

- *Have a trick or book review?
- *See a Magic Show recently?
- *Travel somewhere and visit a Magic shop?
- *Have a great story from a recent gig?
- *Advice from good or bad show experiences.

Write it up and send it to LarryDenburg@snip.net to have it included in the newsletter!

LINKS TO CONVENTIONS, SHOWS, AND LECTURES

The House of Magic 

 Shows & Special Lectures from The Smoke &
Mirrors Theater

April 29th 2026 7pm
Gustavo Raley Lecture
magicdave@aol.com 

May 9th 2026
117th Salute to Magic Show
 Salutemagic@aol.com

September 4th -7th 2026
Texas Association of Magicians (TAOM) 

 September 9th - 11th
Magician's Alliance of Eastern States Convention

September 10th – 12th
Magic at the Beach 

September 11th – 13th
 AbraCORNdabra (Des Moines, Iowa)

MYSTERY AND WONDER: A LEGACY OF GOLDEN AGE MAGICIANS IN NEW YORK CITY EXHIBITION GALLERY TOUR

Now through July 11th – at the New York Public Library



In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, a surge of magicians began to refine their art, finding larger audiences and building communities of practice. This period has come to be known as the Golden Age of Magic. The history of magic and magicians has long been documented through text and image as a form of theater by the Billy Rose Theatre Division at The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts. Now, the exhibition *Mystery and Wonder: a Legacy of Golden Age Magicians in New York City* displays our rich and historic archival materials related to the art of magic and the fascinating lives of magicians performing in New York City during the Golden Age.

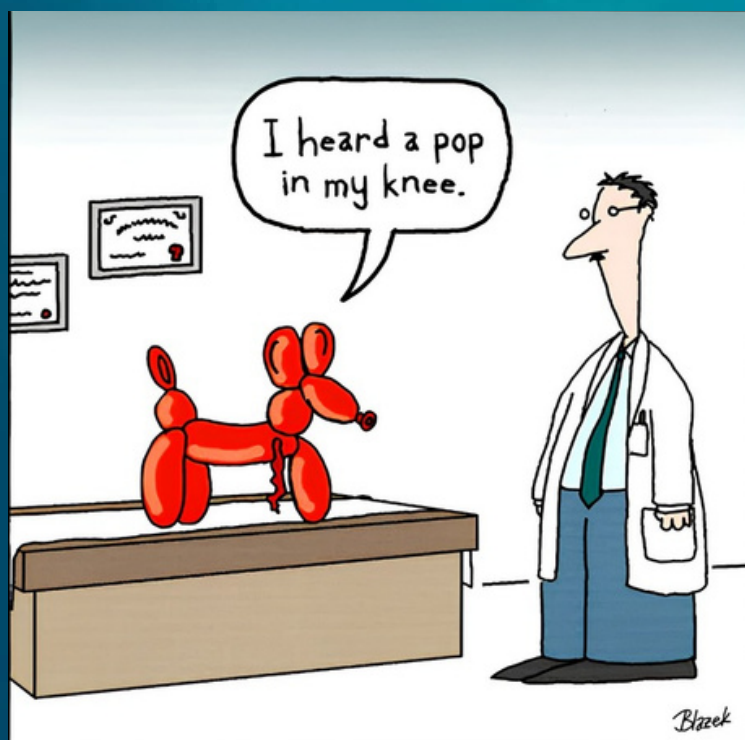
Magic performance in this period was deeply intertwined with the traditions of spiritualism, vaudeville, circus, and mainstream theater, and innovations in publishing, science, and technology were also a major influence. The exhibition explores how magic knowledge was passed down through communities and lineages of magicians within an evolving cultural and social context.

The exhibition showcases rare items from the collection of Dr. Saram Ellison, co-founder of the Society of American Magicians, as well as important books and artifacts that evoke an early 20th-century magic shop. Through a curated display of photographs, programs, correspondence, artifacts, and original posters the exhibition also traces the lives and careers of such major magicians as Harry Kellar, Alexander and Adelaide Herrmann, Harry Houdini, Howard Thurston, Dell O'Dell and many others, exploring the wondrous world of the Golden Age of Magic.





Lucy Darling: You're Welcome
 Friday, June 12th, 730p
 The Playhouse on Rodney Square
 Tickets starting at \$64.
 Tickets available now!



A NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC REPORT WENT TO FISM.

This is what pile-counting tricks look like to a non-magician.

floating in a cocoon of suspended belief and giddy joy the whole week. That evaporated when a magician insisted on showing me a card trick that involved picking a card, putting it back in the deck, then counting, spelling out words, counting again, and more spelling of the card's suit and color. By the time I got to "EIGHT OF DIAMONDS," I was so bored that I didn't care that my card was, indeed, triumphantly found. At that point, I wouldn't care if it turned into a goldfinch and flew away. That's when it dawned on me, that magic is just as much about the process as it is about the final effect. Nothing kills a miracle like a long-winded route to boredom.



MIXED MAGICAL ARTS