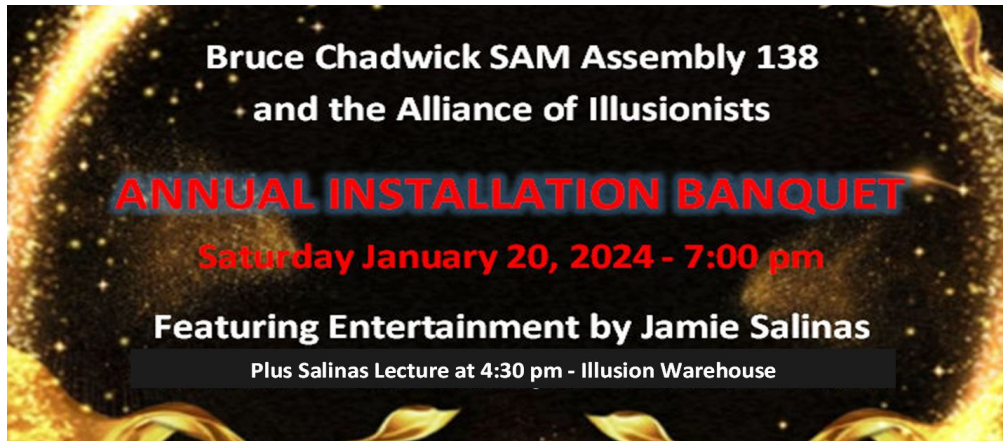




The Servante

Official Newsletter of the Bruce Chadwick SAM Assembly 138 Alliance of Illusionists

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Annual Installation Banquet - Saturday January 20, 2024 - 7:00 pm
East Gourmet Buffet, 6080 S Hulen St, Fort Worth, Texas
The Shopping Center Near the Hulen and Granbury Road Junction



The banquet will be held at the East Gourmet Buffet located at 6080 S Hulen St. #550, Fort Worth, TX 76132. This is in the shopping center behind Whataburger and next to Fitness Connection, near the Hulen and Granbury Road intersection in south Fort Worth. All attendees are asked to purchase a meal at the restaurant, which provides a large buffet with both Asian and American cuisine. Everyone is asked to pay \$5 cash at the door per person to help offset the cost of entertainment.



Also Jamie Salinas will present a magic lecture for magicians earlier, beginning at 4:30 pm, the Illusion Warehouse, 3917 McCart Ave, Fort Worth. Jamie will lecture with both effects that can be made by magicians as well as offer a number of commercially made items he will have for sale. The lecture is slated

to be a two hour event and should end about 6:30 pm. This will give magicians a full 30 minutes to get to the restaurant, which is only about 15 minutes away from the Illusion Warehouse. The lecture is free for 2024 dues-paid-up members of the clubs. All other non-members must pay \$25 per person using the APPLICATION website tab.



DUES ARE DUE

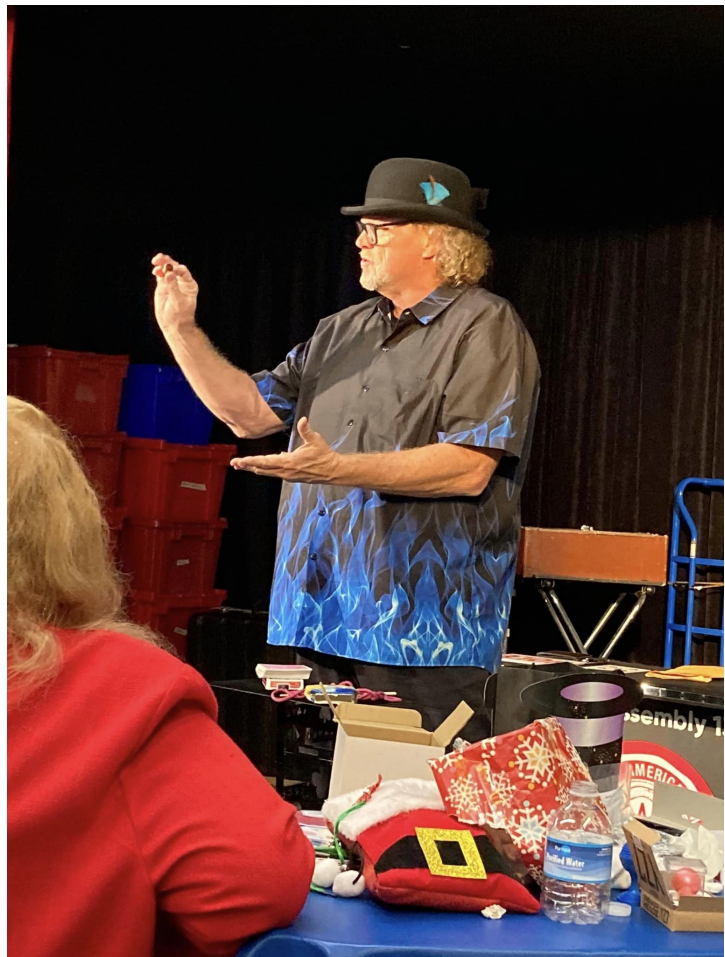
Annual dues for Bruce Chadwick SAM Assembly 138 and/or the Alliance of Illusionists club members were due on January 1, 2024. The DUES page of our www.sam138.com website gives an excellent explanation about the recent changes regarding how our clubs operate, and the reduction of annual membership fees to only \$25 per person. Members pay their dues online via the same website page. Please note that the Assembly no longer collects national SAM dues from Assembly 138 members. Rather members are now fully responsible for paying their own national SAM dues directly to the national SAM office as they become payable.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

It was a cold and rainy night. Despite the miserable weather, over 25 magicians and guests mysteriously appeared for the Thursday December 21 annual Christmas party for the Bruce Chadwick SAM Assembly 138 and Alliance of Illusionists. President Bernie Trowbridge started the meeting promptly at 7:00 pm in the party room of the Illusion Warehouse magic shop with a few quick announcements. Then it was on to consuming a wide array of finger foods provided by members, a Christmas gift swap, the election of officers for the 2024 club year (see the Executive Committee Minutes for the list), and an incredible lecture and performance by Jeff Martin.

Jeff and his wife Pam are fulltime professional magicians who tour the United States working the fair and exposition markets. Jeff is also one of the producers of the ICE sculpture exhibit at the Gaylord Texan resort and hotel here in the Fort Worth area. Jeff's lecture was full of practical down-to-earth practical magic that was obviously honed through thousands of performances. His card predictions, hole card routine, bill to eggplant effect, perpetual balls from his mouth, and many other effects were explementary.

His wisdom about the "Type 20" style of performance (20 minute shows), the art of the pause, the need for a magician to build in moments to allow an audience to applaud, "Style is the sum of the little things," and "If you have trouble with a technique, move to another technique" was all sound advice. We could go on and on regarding his incredible lecture and performance. The evening was fun, full of laughter and excitement, and yet another hallmark of the fellowship that is on a continuous roll with Fort Worth, Texas SAM Assembly 138.



MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2023 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Present Bernie Trowbridge called to order the November Executive Committee Meeting of the Bruce Chadwick SAM Assembly 138 and the Alliance of Illusionists magic clubs to order on Thursday November 16, 2023 at about 6:13 pm in the Museum Room of the Illusion Warehouse.

A quorum was present with Present Bernie Trowbridge, Vice-President Lonnie Olander, Secretary Bruce Chadwick, Treasurer Cindy Bighorse, Sergeant at Arms Connor Branach, and Historian Jack McCoy. Also in attendance were members in good standing Gary Poe, Lisa and Jimmie Fulce. Not in attendance was Member at Large Charlie Montroll.

The November Executive Committee minutes as presented in the December SERVANTE were approved. Treasurer Cindy Bighorse delivered the December Treasurer's report. From the previous club balance were \$200 in expenses for November lecturer Doug Gorman, plus \$142.74 for hotel remuneration. Also the club's had the recurring \$13.86 charge for Mail Chimp. This leaves the club with a balance of \$4,150.11 plus the Helmer Dolenz pillow.

Bruce Chadwick was given appreciation for maintaining the club's new website. President Trowbridge mentioned that the clubs need to do better emphasis on club membership and inviting magicians to our meetings.

The annual Installation Banquet was discussed. It is slated to be held at 7:00 pm on Saturday January 20. Award-winning Houston magician Jamie Salinas will provide the entertainment for the event. The banquet will be held at the East Gourmet Buffet located at 6080 S Hulen St. #550, Fort Worth, TX 76132. This is in the shopping center near the Hulen and Granbury Road intersection in south Fort Worth. Both members and guest will be charged \$5 cash per person to help offset the entertainment, and everyone in attendance shall pay for their own meal direct to the restaurant. Cost will be \$300.

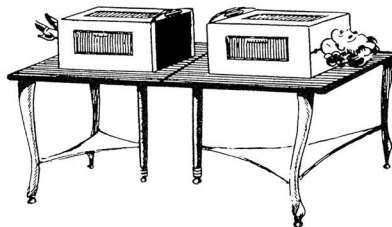
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The Executive Committee discussed the following slate of officers to serve for the 2024 club year. They include Jack McCoy for President, Lonnie Olander for Vice-President, Bruce Chadwick for Secretary, Bernie Trowbridge for Treasurer, Jimmie Fulce for Sergeant-at-Arms, Cindy Bighorse for Historian, and Lisa Fulce for Member at Large.

With no further business, the committee adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Chadwick, Dean and Secretary





A new year is upon us and I'm excited about what's in store. With the pandemic falling farther into the past, club attendance has been slowly returning. If you were at last month's meeting and saw Jeff Martin's excellent lecture, you also saw a near packed house. I imagine some folks came mainly to see Jeff and Pam Martin but hey, they still came and that's what matters. If we can get someone into the door and help them have fun, entertaining, and magical experiences, there's no reason they wouldn't want to come back for another dose.

Bernie Trowbridge did a great job last year as president. I hope I can springboard off his success and keep the momentum going. The great lectures the last three months of 2023 gave a strong finish to the year and provided a momentum booster to hand me the baton for this year. Thanks for your votes of confidence. I'll try my best to make this year fun and worth your time, interest, and effort.

As I'm writing this, we've yet to hold our Annual Business and Planning Meeting, and so I don't have much to share at this time as far as future happenings. I can tell you we're going to start the year off with a proverbial bang.

I'll still write my monthly magic column, which gives me double duty and double responsibility for this year's newsletters. I drew, well ok, I AI prompted and photo edited the banner you see above. My lifelong favorite protagonist, Alice, is holding 2 signs with my name and magic column avatar, thus connecting me in both places, here and there. Magic is a wonderland, our wonderland, and so who better than Alice and bunnies?

Last year we split our club into two separate clubs, the Bruce Chadwick SAM Assembly 138 and the Alliance of Illusionists. Our groups still meet simultaneously at the same date, time and place. We also reduced our yearly dues to only \$25 per person. While we hope our members will continue their membership in the national SAM organization, we hope our change to no longer collect national SAM yearly dues will provide a financial incentive for those who choose to be a member of only the AOI (no national SAM membership required), instead of being a member of both the AOI and SAM Assembly 138 (national SAM membership required).

Not being a member of the national SAM does not disqualify a member from attending any meetings or activities providing the member is a paid in-good-standing member of the Alliance of Illusionists.

We are no longer handling or managing that club's national SAM membership dues. For those who want to continue their membership in the national SAM organization and thus be a member of both the Bruce Chadwick SAM Assembly 138 and the Alliance of Illusionists, membership and membership renewal in the national SAM organization must be done as per their website and billing from the national SAM office.

Now we only ask that members pay just \$25 for the whole year, which can easily be paid on the Dues page of our www.sam138.com website. Dues were due and payable last January first, so please pay your dues if you haven't done so. Also paying your dues now will give you "member in good standing" status so you can attend the Jamie Salinas lecture at the Illusion Warehouse on Saturday afternoon January 20 at 4:30 pm. Hope to see you there and also at the banquet that evening, which will start at 7:00 pm.



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DALLAS, TEXAS**

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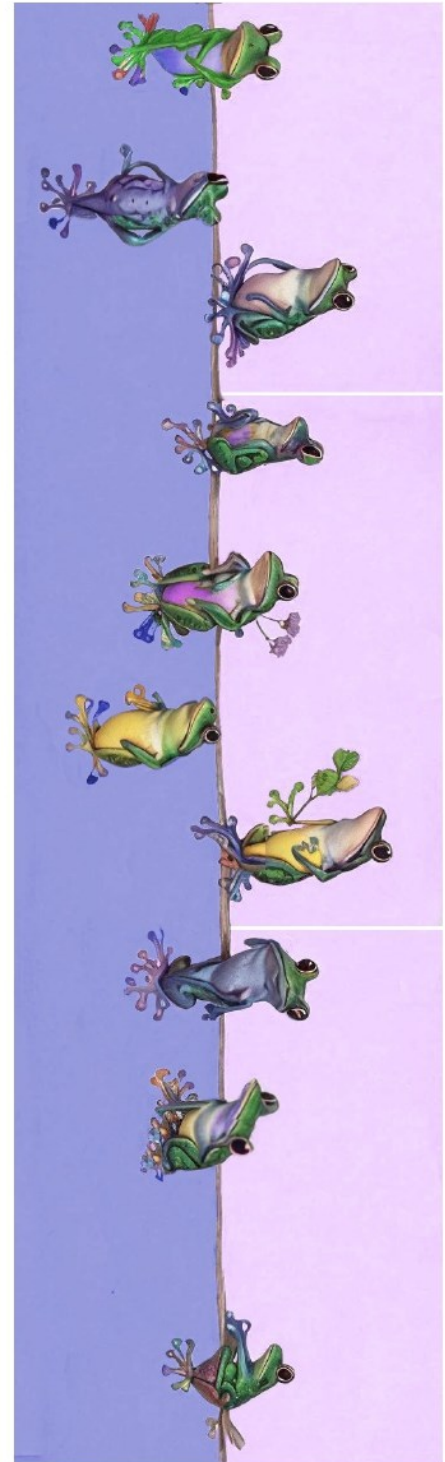
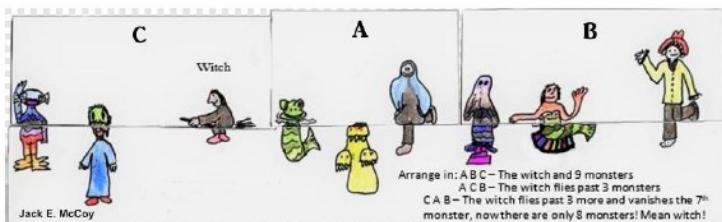
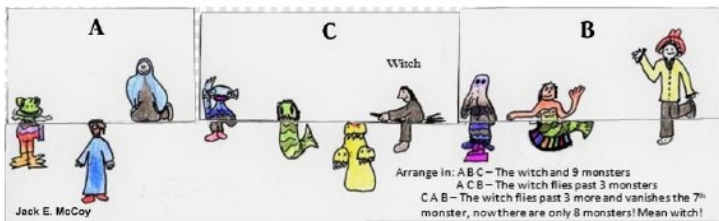
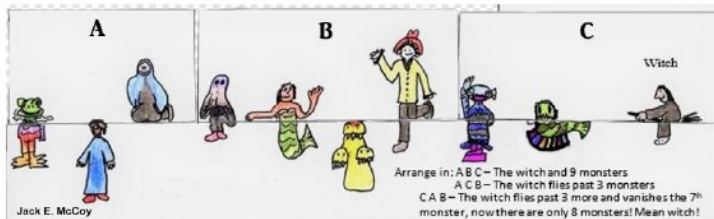


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Happy New Year fellow magician. Thanks for reading the Servante all the way to this location. As a gift, here's a lovely vanishing puzzle. Cut along the water line (between the purple and pink, then cut along the 2 white vertical lines (vertical from the frog's perspective) where you have a long strip and 3 small rectangle pieces. In the beginning arrangement there are 10 frogs, rearrange the pieces with the smaller rectangle in the middle and you now only have 9 frog freaks.

My 1st encounter with this geometric wonder came when I was a small boy in the form of a long card with a wavy row of leprechauns cut into 3 piece and by switching the top 2 pieces a leprechaun vanishes. I didn't have a clue how it worked and it became a favorite which I today have a few examples of in my collection. In this modern time there are numerous examples online which to explore. Anyone unfamiliar with this geometric principle will be truly baffled by it.

Years ago, out of boredom and fresh from reading Martin Gardner's 'Mathematics, Magic and Mystery' (1956—Dover Publications) which he devotes 2 chapters to the geometric vanish, I drew the puzzle you see below using nothing but a straight edge and color pencils. I didn't use a pattern or already existing puzzle so uniquely this one changes from 10 to 9 and is 3 pieces instead of the typical 2. I drew various creatures and colored them. They look dumb, I was just messing around. Afterwards, once I was somewhat successful I felt it too good to trash so always hung onto it, I made it where a witch vanishes a monster. The freaky frog puzzle you see to the right is an ai version of the below puzzle where I prompted ai to convert the freaky monsters to freaky frogs and so ai did.



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DFW AREA MAGIC HAPPENINGS

FORT WORTH SAM ASSEMBLY 138 ALLIANCE OF ILLUSIONISTS

Meets on the third Thursday of each month, 7:00 pm at the Illusion Warehouse party room and magic shop located at 3917 McCart Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76110. Contact chadwickillusionist@yahoo.com or go to www.sam138.com. Also Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/162025544420781/>



FORT WORTH MAGICIANS CLUB INC AND REN CLARK IBM RING 15

Meets on the first Thursday of each month, 7:00 pm. See <https://fortworthmagiciansclub.org/>

MID-CITIES MAGIC CIRCLE

See the Mid-Cities Magic Circle Facebook group.

DALLAS MAGIC CLUB, SAM ASSEMBLY 13 AND IBM RING 174

See www.DallasMagic.org for meeting information.



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Both comedy clubs periodically host weekend comedy magic shows. For more details go to either www.ImprovArlington.com or www.ImprovAddison.com.

MAGIC IN THE LIVING ROOM

Periodic magic shows every 1st Tuesday at 7:00 pm at The Line Public House, 940 E Beltline in Richardson. See www.MagicLivingRoom.com for more information.

