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### March 2018 Addendum

**Editor's Note:** *As has happened frequently in recent months, content that could have been included in the monthly issue of The Conjurer arrived after the publication deadline. As a result I have incorporated that information in a special addendum issue of the March Conjurer here. I believe that some of you will want to have access to this information as it refers to events that will happen before the publication of the April issue.*

### **Germar's Birthday Party Invitation**

If you attended the regular meeting in March, you may have gotten this information. Germar asked that this invitation be extended to all members of our club.



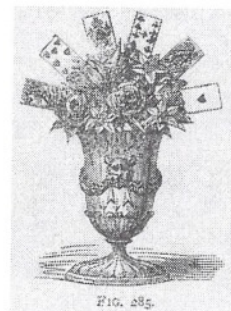
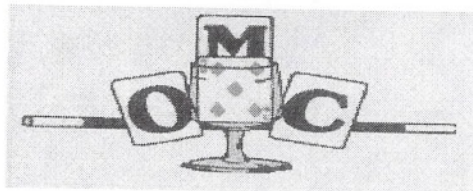
March 31 at 6:00 pm  
GREAT MAGICAL PARTY AT GERMAR'S HOME  
1430 Ryder Street  
Vallejo, CA

This annual party is lots of fun with several performers, good food, music and just nice people having a great time watching and doing Magic.

You must RSVP to Germar before by March 29, 2018. Email your response to [germagic2@aol.com](mailto:germagic2@aol.com). You will need the magical gate code in order to attend, so please be sure to RSVP by the deadline in order to receive the secret code.

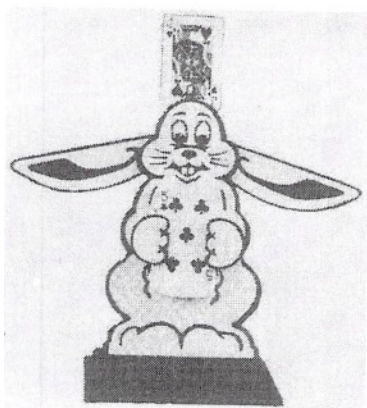


**Editor's Note: SAM-112 will NOT have an auction or flea market this year. If you are in the market for some excellent previously owned magic effects the OMC is just what you are looking for and it is nearby in Oakland. Here is the flyer provided by Byron Walker, whose contact information is at the bottom.**



**The Oakland Magic Circle Presents:**

**The Largest and Finest  
Magic Auction and Flea Market  
In Northern California**



**Tuesday, April 3, 2018  
Bjornson Hall  
2258 MacArthur Blvd.  
Oakland, CA 94602  
(Fruitvale Ave. exit off Hwy 580)**



**Doors open at 5:00p.m. for sellers, 5:30p.m. for buyers  
Flea Market from 5:30p.m.-8:00p.m.**

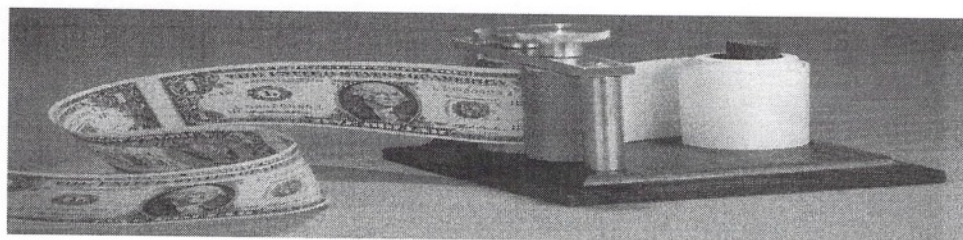
**\*Auction begins at 8:00p.m**

**Minimum Starting bid of \$5.00**

**Auction is cash only!**

**Optional reopening of Flea Market after auction if time allows.**

**\*Flea Market will be closed during Auction**



**Come to buy, sell, or both! A seller's table is \$15 and just \$10  
for OMC members. Don't forget to bring your own table cover  
and plenty of change.**

**More information available at [www.oaklandmagiccircle.com](http://www.oaklandmagiccircle.com) or call  
Mark Tarses at 510 843-4019 or Byron Walker at 510 276-1854.**

**Editor's Note:** During the March regular meeting Carole Yvonne Kula mentioned a daily magic article that is provided by Mel Kientz, the Editor of *Magician's Life*. This service is completely FREE to any interested magician. You get one message a day, and you can opt out at any time from your subscription. To enroll, send your request with your email address to: [m.kientz@bnproducts.com](mailto:m.kientz@bnproducts.com)



## **Princesses Beware – Piff The Magic Dragon Coming to Windsor**

By Dan Savoie

*Piff-The-Magic-Dragon Photography by: Corey Fox*

If magician Piff The Magic Dragon isn't doing card tricks, he told us his natural instincts would be to kidnap princesses, so it's a good thing the Top 10 performer from Season 10 of America's Got Talent (AGT) is on the road or princesses of the world may very well be in danger of laughing their asses off.

"Dragons love doing card tricks and kidnapping princesses," he chuckled when he spoke to YQG Rocks in a phone interview from his Vegas hotel room. "What is more common, card tricks or kidnapping princesses you might ask? It depends on the situation; if we're not doing one, then we're certainly doing the other."

The grumpy comedian currently lives in Las Vegas, where he's host to a long-term residency at The Flamingo. He's scheduled for an appearance at Caesars Windsor at the end of the month, performing alongside another AGT alumni, ventriloquist Paul Zerdin, on March 30.

Whether on tour or in Vegas, Piff can always be seen on stage in his unique green dragon costume, with his stage buddy Mr. Piffles at his side. Piffles, a charming chihuahua who wears a matching dragon outfit is almost as iconic as Piff himself.

"I got Mr. Piffles about eight years ago," he said. "I was doing an act out in the fringe and thought, you know what this act needs is a gimmick, so I got Mr. Piffles and he's been there ever since. He's a rescue dog, so he's cheaper. Mr. Piffles is the most popular thing about my show and I'm happy to share the spotlight with him. He's a very silent partner in the act. He kinda' just sits there and falls asleep."

Piff worked his way through the Top 10 of the 2015 AGT season with his cantankerous attitude and a strong array of enchanted tricks. His magical attitude, and the charm of Mr. Piffles, made Piff's show a fan favourite throughout the season. He's returned for encore performances in Season 11 and 12.

"America's Got Talent really changed my life," he said. "When I did the show, Howard Stern was one of the Judges, and in the UK he's a cultural icon. And I found out, he's a big fan of mine, so it was great to go on that show and to be able to act. It was a good time."

When asked about how he got his start in magic, Piff had to look back to his childhood:



“I used to play cards as a kid and then I started to cheat at playing cards. Cheating at stuff is pretty much the same as doing magic tricks. That’s how I started.”

Through the years, he honed the craft of cheating (errr, ummm... I mean magic) and eventually donned his trademark dragon suit.

“I have always been a sarcastic guy,” he told us. “But before I became Piff, people just got offended by the sarcasm. Apparently, it’s much funnier when it comes from a dragon, so as soon as the dragon outfit became part of the show, people started to laugh.”

He said he stumbled on the dragon costume one day when he went to a party dressed up in the outfit, only to find out it wasn’t a costume party at all and he was the only dressed up. Somehow the costume stuck and it stayed from that point on.

“The costume somehow changes my face,” he said. “I was working as a magician and everyone was firing me because I had a really grumpy face. They were like “Why are you so miserable” and I was like “I’m not, this is my face”. When the dragon comes out, it somehow changes that.”

Piff The Magic Dragon will be joining Paul Zerdin on March 30 at The Colosseum at Caesars Windsor. Tickets are on sale at Ticketmaster and the Caesars box office.

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Sunday, March 25, 2018*