



The Flash Paper

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Presidential Ponderings

Here's a visual that helps me keep track of the big picture with what's going on in the various aspects of our club's activities and growth. Would you come with me on a tour of the club house?

Monday Night Magic

In this room you'll find an event hosted on the third Monday evening of each month with as broad an appeal as possible - incorporating multiple features within each meeting as well as a Zoom broadcast.

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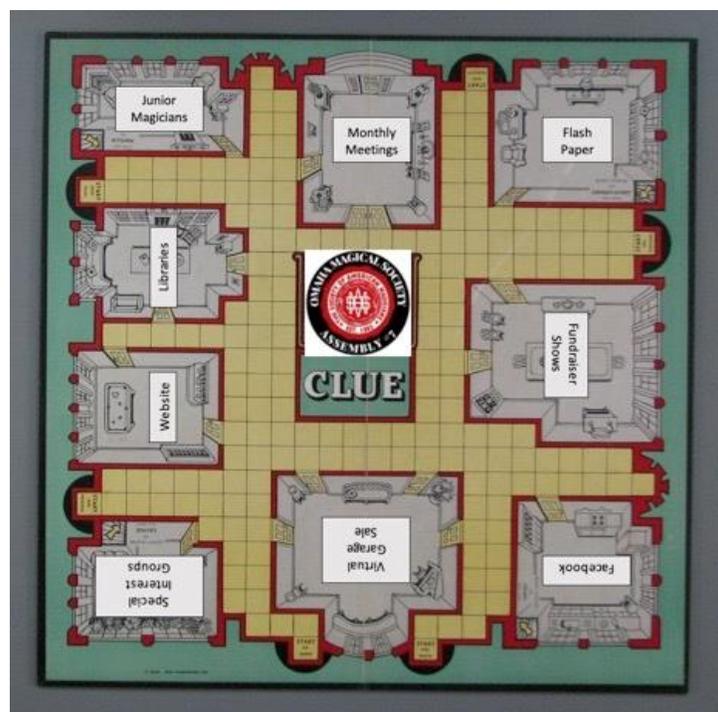
Under the consistent leadership of our editor, **Bob Gehringer**, along with his team of columnists, this publication helps keep us all up to speed about what's happening (and what might have just happened) within our organization's activities and members.

OMS Junior Magicians

With **Steve Nespore** and his team leading this important component of our club, weekly meetings are held online - guiding the young magicians through a four-year Discover Magic™ curriculum complete with magic kits and online video tutorials.

Through gracious donations of scholarships from other club members, the club has grown to nine consistent participants.

Eleven other young magicians are also being taught through a twelve-week homeschool class sponsored by The Omaha Homeschool Learning Center.



Libraries

Although COVID has postponed until the end of 2021 the full online cataloging of the club's physical library housed at UNO, our online members only video library has expanded to seventy videos teaching magic routines at a variety of skill levels and contributed by multiple members from their particular areas of expertise.

Website

Continuing to serve both as a central repository for information useful by the members and as an introduction to those from the community who have yet to become members, the website has recently expanded with not only a page about our own club's nearly one hundred year history but also a page with short articles about the significant national and international contributors to the art of magic over the past 100 years.



Facebook

Both OMS members and non-members use our Omaha Magical Society Facebook page to share real time news, opinions, and event announcements. Although it is a private page, anyone can join by visiting the page and requesting to join.

Special Interest Groups

Using the club's Zoom account, these groups spring up as members wish to get together on a specific more specialized topic (i.e. mentalism, showmanship, coins, etc.). Any OMS member may start a group - inviting others with similar interests to join.

Fundraiser Shows

With so much performing expertise in one place, here's an opportunity for our members to perform, the club's treasury to remain solvent, and oftentimes a worthwhile charity receiving much needed funds too. One show was presented at the end of 2019 and one is scheduled for the Spring of 2021. COVID has indeed slowed down the consistent implementation of this initiative.

Virtual Garage Sale

To be explained at our November monthly meeting, this member only resource will allow us all to, with minimal effort, shed some of the magic that we own but also know will never find a place in our shows. And no doubt we'll pick up some bargains from others. Due to the fact that "*porch pick-up only*" will always be a seller's option, the idea of putting the purchased item out on the front porch for pick up as opposed to packing and shipping it also might make this club resource attractive. More information to come.

Thank you for taking the tour this month. My hope is that there might be aspects of the club about which you didn't know but might wish to access. As the late magician and author Eugene Burger said it so well, "Magic is a very large house with many rooms. There's a place for all." - **Dave Arch**



OMS Executive Director Appointment

In an effort to maintain the momentum of growth being experienced by The Omaha Magical Society particularly as we transition to an IRS recognized 501C3 non-profit corporation, the OMS Board has asked **Dave Arch** to assume the role of Executive Director on January 1, 2021. Dave has accepted.

The appointment of an Executive Director within an organization does not change the governance of that organization. In accordance with our constitution, 2021 OMS Board members will be elected by the general membership at our November monthly meeting with the Executive Director serving under the direction and authority of that board.

You can download a copy of the Executive Director's Job Description from our website: (<https://TheOmahaMagicalSociety.org>) under the **Club History** tab in the menu (at the bottom of that page).
