



ISSUE 1 APRIL 2022

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

The AGM held on 23rd March 2022 officially started the year off with the inauguration of our new President Doug Gregg. Steve Grundy, our Secretary, chaired the meeting installing all the Officer whom stood for re-election. Apart from the above they are Stephen Brown Membership Secretary, David Matkin Patrons, Doug Gregg Treasurer and Tim Green Editor of Sorcerer. The latter two exchanged roles by mutual agreement.

During the Officer`s address, the Treasurer indicated there had been a very poor response to the half year subscriptions, introduced in September 21 to tied us over until the financial year proper could be commenced in March 23. Although there was a full programme of Lectures our subscriptions came nowhere near the Circle`s expenses. It is essential, if we are to maintain a full programme of high quality lectures that we get the full support of the full membership and paying subscriptions when due.

The President reinforced the need to achieve the support of the FULL membership to maintain the very high standard programme that over the past few years has seen a big increase

in DMC membership.

During the Presidents inaugural address he indicated that traditionally, the DMC was a working circle, performing shows throughout the year both for various charities and to support our own funds. These shows made a valuable contribution to the financial viability of the Circle.

It was his objective to reintroduce a working ethos within the Circle to achieve a regular programme of shows to strengthen the finance without the need to substantially increase the annual subscriptions. The whole Circle should be constantly looking for opportunities to organise “Nights of Magic” within our area for various Groups and also give valuable working experience for the membership improve their magical ability.

What`s On

The Birmingham Magic Society, have presented John Archer with the 2022 David Berglas Award, for his contribution to Magic. There is a Day of Magic held at the Travis Perkins Assembly Rooms, Ferry Bridge on Sunday 3rd July 2022. The programme will include Lectures, Showette and Dealers Stands.

Brian Lead will be our star lecturer for the Bernard Rasmusson Lecture. On Wednesday 11th May at the Victory Club. The evening is free and open to all members including Patrons and scheduled for 7-30pm.

A note for your diary. The Presidents Dinner will be held at the Mickleover Golf Club on Saturday 26 November 2022. The special guest artists will be Oliver Tabor the IBM President, whom is at present performing in the West End. Also, the FISM champion and multi award winner Marc Oberon. Together with an excellent meal makes it a night not to be missed.

Members at present following up “Nights of Magic “are Terry Hickman, Richard Flint, Allan Humphries and Clive Moore. Will you be next on the list?

DFG