



MEMBER NEWS

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WE ARE ALMOST THERE!

The question we are asked most often is: "When are you going to open?" The answer is: "When we're ready!" We are very proud of our accomplishments in a relatively short period of time. There are still several weeks ahead of us but we want the Cabaret to be right. There is much more work to be done.

We want our club to remind visitors of a fabled summer palace on a lake in northern Spain. Creating a landmark takes a lot of time and money. I started turning an old mansion in Hollywood into a Magic Castle 55 years ago and it seemed like an impossible challenge. Back in the sixties we were able to recreate the warm atmosphere of another era.

We did it by using bits and pieces of buildings that were being torn down. That is exactly what we want to accomplish with our personal and intimate Magic Castle Cabaret in Montecito.

When you entertain your guests at the club we want them to thank you for sharing the most unusual social experience.

When will we be ready? We have decided to open the club in three phases. We want our members to be part of the ongoing process.



PHASE ONE THE GRAND LOUNGES

There is to be valet parking and entering the club will be magical.

After checking with our receptionist your guests must solve a fun puzzle to enter the club. They will be impressed with the ornate grand lounge with a full bar and antique chairs and tables that you might have found in that Palace in Spain. A Magic Castle magician host will entertain your guests at the tables and on our small stage. We will encourage impromptu fun as it might have been in a European Cabaret Clubs of the past. We will offer a unique surrounding where you can relax with your friends. In addition to fine beverages you will find a novel menu of appetizers and desserts.

While our guests are enjoying the first phase of the club we will be working on...

PHASE TWO THE ROYAL SHOW ROOM

This will be where scheduled performances of magic and variety acts take place. There will be two areas where our featured Magic Castle Close-up magician will perform and guests can also be seated for night club floor shows by variety acts.

If all goes on schedule this area should be open by fall of 2018..

PHASE THREE

Our future plans call for a veranda overlooking the lake...

THE LANCE LOUNGE

The windows overlooking the beautiful Andrea Clark Bird Refuse Lake is dedicated to magician Lance Burton. He headlined a fabulous illusion show in Las Vegas before retiring a few years ago. His signature act on every show was his amazing bird act. Lance always credited Milt Larsen for getting him his bird break when he appeared in the *It's Magic!* Show on his 21st birthday. Magic Castle member Johnny Carson was a huge magic fan as well as a very talented magician. After seeing Lance Burton perform his bird act on opening night we alerted Jim McCawley, Johnny's talent booker to see the act, Jim said if Milt and Bill said he's good – he's on the next show.

I love to tell the story – I saw Lance in the morning at the Variety Arts Theater and asked if he would be



able to appear on the *Tonight Show* that evening. (They taped the show at 5PM).

Lance said, "Oh, sure – a plug for a TV show would be good." Then there was a short pause and Lance said: "*The Tonight Show* – You mean the JOHNNY CARSON SHOW?!"



The rest is history. Johnny loved Lance and he appeared in something like 13 shows with Johnny over the years. With that background in mind we have bestowed a complimentary MCC membership on Lance Burton and hope he will visit the Lance Lounge from time to time.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2018

IT'S MAGIC! FINISHES ITS 2018 SPRING EDITION
WITH A GREAT ALL NEW SHOW

LOBERO THEATRE

2:00PM AND AT 6:30PM



Dan Birch



Matt Marcy



Chuck Jones &
Company



Pop Haydn



Xavier Mortimer

MEMBERS OF THE MAGIC CASTLE CABARET SPECIAL 10% DISCOUNT
USE PASSWORD: MCCAB

HELPING THE BUCKET BRIGADE

Most of our members live in the Santa Barbara/Montecito area. We all know it has been a very merry un-Christmas, a jinxed January, and a frantic Catastrophic February. When the flood and the mudslides closed off any non-search and rescue access to our community Cabrillo had to be totally closed. We were able to help with the emergency police and military personnel during the crisis giving them a place to stage their rescue. Then we heard about a great group of volunteers called THE BUCKET BRIGADE. The only way to get the tons of mud out of homes was by manpower, or in today's correct world; people power with shovels and wheelbarrows. 2,000 volunteers rolled up their sleeves to join in this very dirty job. Arlene came up with a good idea. On February 24th we had a "parking lot sale" of items that had been cluttering up our storage units for years. It was a fun party with about two hundred people showing up thanks to the help of the Montecito Journal and Santa Barbara News Press. We raised about \$1,800 and every penny went to the Bucket Brigade.

The event was a bit of a preview of your new club.



BEHIND THE SCENES

NOW YOU SEE THEM - NOW YOU DON'T!

Arlene and I can't do everything ourselves. (We try but it's a huge job.) Arlene has assembled a great staff. We rely on the help of our longtime friends and a new associates.

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Supply Manager

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Maintenance

The Late
JOHN SHRUM
Art Director

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

We listed the members of our new club in the February newsletter. Joining during the month of February are the following Angel Charter Members. We have now reached the magic number of 100 members.

Your new fellow members:

Harry Anderson
Marge Barron
Tony Baxter
Michael Bayouth
Hubbel Braden
Leo Bunnin
Lance Burton
Edward Collins

Paul Columbo
David Copperfield
Cathy Daniel
Harlan Boll
Elisa Garcia
Howard Green
Chuck Jones
Daryl Kemp

Mike Lacey
Erika Larsen
Leonard Maltin
Richard Mineards
Robert Montgomery
Frank Motteck
John Palminteri
Catherine Remak

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Al Rosson
Siegfried & Roy
Helene Schneider
Richard Schwesnick
Penn & Teller
William Wolf