



WestsideWizards!



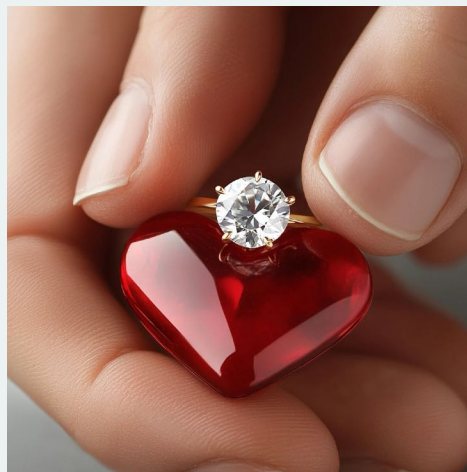
S.A.M. ASSEMBLY 291, LOS ANGELES

FEBRUARY 2025

Next S.A.M. Meeting:
Tuesday, **February 11, 7:00 PM**
Theme: **A Magical Proposal...**

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It's Valentine's month and a time to celebrate love (shouldn't we be doing this all year 'round?). It's amazing how many people get engaged on Valentine's Day but it's made all the more special when the ring appears with the help of magic! Many magicians are asked to help in engagement proposals and this month's topic is just that: help create the proposal setting any way you think would work.



If you just want to magically produce the ring and hand it off to the proposer, great! If you want to make a "Will you marry me" message appear magically, wonderful! You could also be much more subtle and just produce a flower with a special note attached. It's totally up to you to be creative to create a special moment that will be remembered by the couple and everyone else involved in your production.

Have fun with this!!

And... Bruce Schroffel will be presenting a special surprise that would be a first for our meeting. Bring your sweetheart and enjoy a nice valentine surprise.

Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 7:00 PM** and, as usual, we'll be meeting at OPICA (meeting location on the last page). **Note that OPICA requires masks.**

Upcoming Meetings

February 11: Magic for a Proposal

March 11: TBA

Using Zoom

If you don't already have Zoom installed, go to zoom.us/download to get the free Zoom application for your computer or download it from the App Store for your mobile device.

Note: Our meeting will start at 7:00 PM, but we will start letting Westside Wizards in around 6:45 PM before opening it up to the public at 7:00 PM.

This month's Zoom meeting info:

Meeting ID: 932 5939 3378
Passcode: 409224

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Click on the link above and it will open Zoom and take you to the meeting. You will be then let in by the meeting host

President's Message

Keeping in touch...from Phil Goodman



Hello Westside Wizards,

Can you believe our little club is 17 years old this month? The Westside Wizards was born on a dark and stormy night in 2008 with our founder Les Cooper creating magic on the Westside of Los Angeles. Since then, we've had a bunch of other great leaders including Raul Fernandez, Frank Padilla Jr, Bill Bedecarre and Dan Cray. Even though February can be a bit gloomy, the future for the Westside Wizards and the S.A.M. in Los Angeles is bright!

Having missed our meeting last month due to the fires and Andrew Goldenhersh not being available, we took a month off. We hope that you're all OK and that the fires have had minimal impact on our magical family. We're hoping to reschedule Andrew in the coming months and we're excited to see what he'll be presenting to us.

February is the month of love and so many people get engaged or married on or around Valentines Day. So, rather than dwell on "would you be my Valentine?" magic, this month we'll look at something where magicians are often instrumental — an actual marriage proposal. This is something that many magicians are known for and are often called upon at the Magic Castle and other venues and it's something we should all have in our back pocket in case the event ever arises. It will be really interesting to have a roomful of magicians produce a ring in a magical way.

Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend this month's meeting as I will be taking off from LAX at the exact moment our meeting begins. I'll be heading to Blackpool, England for the annual Blackpool Magic Conference. BMC is the largest magic conference in the world and it will be the first time I'll be attending. Having attended other magic conferences over many years, I think I'm prepared for the conferences, themselves. But, from what I've heard, the vendor hall promises to be overwhelming and I'm going to be holding onto my wallet very tightly! I'll be following up with an exciting visit to the Magic Circle in London and I will report back next month on all the happenings.

Enjoy the next meeting on February 11th!

Open Mic Magic!

Do you want to perform magic with magicians from around the world, including the United Kingdom, Canada, Iceland, India, Germany, and other locations?

Do you want to watch other magicians perform live?

You can sit back, relax, and watch a free magic show, or if you prefer, perform for other magicians from the comfort of your home.

Every Wednesday at Noon, local time (8:00 PM in the UK), Kevin Peel hosts OPEN MIC MAGIC via Zoom. Shows usually last a little over one hour and feature magicians performing with cards, coins, silks, some parlour and more. Here is the link to get your free tickets:

Tickets are FREE

Get your weekly dose of live magic in your home.

So, get your FREE ticket NOW! The link is:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/open-mic-magic>

Open to beginners, hobbyists, semi pros, professional magicians, and anyone who loves magic.

And if you are a magician, hang out with other magicians for lively discussions about magic after the Zoom show.

Hope to see you soon on Open Mic Magic!



WESTSIDE WIZARDS 2025 DUES ARE PAYABLE NOW USING ZELLE

Last year we asked our members to pay their dues by using Zelle. It was very successful, and we would like to continue this process for collecting your 2025 dues.

Zelle is FREE and available at most local banks, including, Chase, Bank of America, Wells Fargo, One West Bank and more. Zelle is usually located in the Pay & Transfer section of your account. This is an instant transfer and is not reversible, so be sure to send your payment to the phone number listed below.

When you are ready to pay your Westside Wizards dues, set up a recipient in Zelle in the name of **Les Cooper** and phone number **310-621-8104**.

Westside Wizards dues remain \$25 and \$5.00 for your spouse or partner.

We will also accept checks made out to **Les Cooper** and sent to our home address, **1937 Midvale Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90025**, or you can pay your dues in cash or by check at our monthly meetings.

Thanks in advance for your continued membership in the Westside Wizards.



Selected Upcoming Magic Events

February 2025

14-16 - Blackpool Magic Convention, Blackpool, England blackpoolmagicconvention.com

March 2025

10-12 - Mystify Magic in Las Vegas, NV mystifymagicfestival.com

April 2025

19 - Magic Castle Swap Meet, Los Angeles, CA

23-26 - Obie's 4F Convention (Invitation Only), Buffalo, NY ffffmagic.com

May 2025

7-9 - Collector's Expo, Los Angeles, CA magiccollectorexpo.com/

June 2025

28-July 5 - Tannen's Magic Camp (11-20 year olds), Bryn Mawr, PA [Magic Camp Info](#)

Other Los Angeles Area Magic Clubs

The Westside Wizards is not the only magic Assembly in the Los Angeles area. Several other Assemblies, Rings and clubs are in Los Angeles. Here is a list of other local organizations:

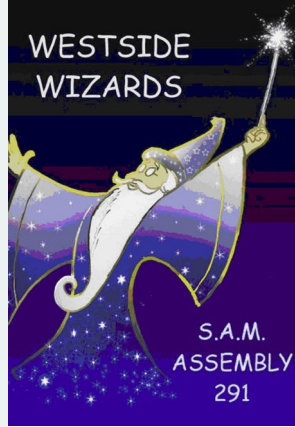
S.A.M. Assembly 22 (Duarte) meets on the third Monday of the month, sites.google.com/view/magicsam22/home

IBM Ring 21 (Los Angeles) meets on the first Thursday of the month. www.ibmring21.org

IBM Ring 280 (Santa Clarita) meets on the second Thursday of the month. www.ibmring280.com

IBM Ring 96 (Seal Beach) meets on the third Saturday of the month. www.ring96.com

Academy of Magical Arts (at the Magic Castle), www.magiccastle.com



The **Westside Wizards** was formed to give the West Los Angeles area a Magical presence and hopes that you will participate and be active in Assembly 291.

Westside Wizards Officers (2025-2026)

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Newsletter Proofers	Dan Cray, Les Cooper & Doris Roach



Westside Wizards Meeting Location
 Stoner Park OPICA Adult Day Care Facility,
 11759 Missouri Avenue
 Los Angeles, CA 90025

Between S. Bundy Drive and S. Barrington Avenue. Park off Missouri Avenue, next to the ball field

Past Presidents

2021-2024	Dan Cray
2015-2020	Les Cooper
2013-2014	Bill Bedecarre
2011-2012	Frank Padilla, Jr
2009-2010	Raul Fernandez
2008	Les Cooper

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