



# WestsideWizards!



**S.A.M. ASSEMBLY 291, LOS ANGELES**

**JANUARY 2022**

Next S.A.M. Meeting:

Tuesday, January 11, 7:00 PM

Theme: **John Guastaferro Lecture**

Next S.Y.M. Meeting: (See Page 4 for details)

Sunday, January 16, 11:00 AM (Live from S.A.M. Convention)

## Magic, Fun & More with with John Guastaferro

John Guastaferro is a magician, lecturer, creator, and author of numerous books on magic. He has wowed audiences across 12 countries and is a frequent headliner at the world-famous Magic Castle.

Given John's many talents (did you know he's an unbelievably skilled guitarist?) we're so lucky to get John as our January 11 lecturer. He will focus predominantly on card magic, including a blank deck opener, a hands-off Ace production, and some brand new effects.

Throughout the lecture, John will share how small "one degree" changes can lead to extraordinary impact in your magic. This will be an meeting where we will learn a lot more than just a few tricks. Don't miss it!

Learn more about John at [www.MagicJohnG.com](http://www.MagicJohnG.com).



### Upcoming Meetings

January 11 - John Guastaferro Lecture

January 16 (S.Y.M.) - Live from

S.A.M. Convention

### Using Zoom

If you don't already have Zoom installed, go to [zoom.us/download](https://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: 838 2935 4828**

**Passcode: 921475**

**JOIN NOW**

**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.**

# THEY'RE OUT THERE....AND SO IS HE

## Andy Deemer's Spin on Conspiracy Theory Magic Entertained Us All

Recent International Brotherhood of Magician's Close-Up Magician of the year, **Andy Deemer**, put on a holiday show for us last month that was one to remember! If you didn't see it, you really missed out. One of the benefits of being a paid member of the Westside Wizards is that you have access to our private mailing list where we continue our discussions between meetings and where we post links to recordings of our Zoom lectures/shows. So, if you're a member and you didn't see Andy's show last month live, look for the email from December 21 to find the link to the video.

But, be careful what you click on...they're tracking you.





# President's Message

## A word from Dan Cray...



Happy New Year, Westside Wizards!

Did you get a chance to try out some new magic, or maybe fine-tune your existing act, over the holidays? I've been messing around with, of all things, cards—not necessarily something I usually spend time on since many card effects strike me as mechanical rather than magical (I know, I'm weird that way.) But I'm working on a couple of routines that don't necessarily play as “card tricks.” Hopefully I'll be able to take them for a spin at one of our future meetings, because I'd like to hear your thoughts.

Big thanks once again to Andy Deemer for performing his show at last month's meeting. I love lectures, but the chance to wrap up our year by watching a good magic show was a nice change, and a lot of fun. As you saw, Andy has a distinctive performing character, and he'll be back with us in the spring to discuss character development and other tips.

This month we'll be welcoming John Guastaferro—an incredibly talented, compelling magician, as you probably know. Yes, we're still virtual for a bit longer as we begin 2022, and overall conditions are a frustrating setback: vast numbers of people falling ill, and the reopening of our meeting site (OPICA) still on hold. But between vaccine boosters, KN-95 masks, and rapid tests, there's a decent chance this wave will ease up within a few weeks. Let's all stay optimistic!

On a more upbeat note, congratulations to our VP/newsletter editor (and first-rate friend!) Phil Goodman. As announced at our December meeting, Phil is scheduled to make his professional debut at the Magic Castle this month, performing Cocktail Hour shows in the Castle's Close-Up Gallery from January 13-16. It's well-deserved, and inspirational. Phil returned to magic 12 years ago after a long absence and skillfully honed his routines into this month's polished Castle act. Congrats, Phil!

Once again, Happy 2022 to all! Here's wishing you a healthy, successful, and magical year. See you online for this month's meeting!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan".

# SYM News...

Happy New Year!

As we start the new year, the online S.Y.M. meetings will be on the third Sunday of each month at 11:00 AM. Mark your calendars now so you don't forget the meetings. We know how you must miss the live meetings, and hopefully soon we can see one another in person again.



The January meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, January 16 at 11:00 AM** on Zoom. Currently, we are hoping, during our Zoom meeting, to join the S.Y.M. Academy live from Las Vegas for one of the lectures. As I get more information, I will send another email with the link to the S.Y.M. Group.

Congratulation to **Nathan B.** for five years membership in the S.Y.M. Since joining the Westside Junior Wizards, Nathan has become a Magic Castle Junior and continues his advancement in magic.

With the new outbreak of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, we are not sure when we will have in-person meetings again. We were hoping to start meetings again in the first quarter of 2022. Only time will tell.

The Westside Junior Wizards would like to acknowledge and thank the anonymous person who made a donation to our Junior Assembly. Thank you for your kindness and well wishes. The donation will be used to further the magic education of the S.Y.M. members.

That's the S.Y.M. news for this month. See you on January 16, for the next online S.Y.M. meeting, hopefully live from Las Vegas.

Happy New Year.

Les Cooper



It's not too late to register!

Go to [https://www.magicsam.com/page/Annual\\_Convention](https://www.magicsam.com/page/Annual_Convention)

# 2022 Dues Procedure Update



## WESTSIDE WIZARDS 2022 DUES ARE PAYABLE NOW USING ZELLE.

We are kindly asking members to set up a FREE Zelle Account with their bank now to facilitate paying your yearly dues starting now.

Using Zelle is simple and is a direct transfer from your bank to the Westside Wizards bank account. No middle account like PayPal and no fees for either party. This is an instant transfer and is not reversible, so be sure to send your payment to the phone number listed below.



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.

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**.

We will also accept checks made out to **Les Cooper** and sent to our home address at address is **1937 Midvale Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90025**, until we are able to meet once again in person, hopefully soon.

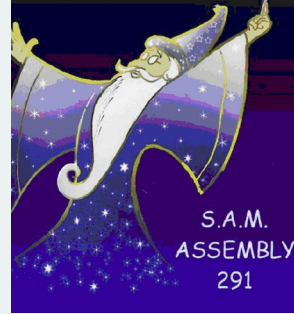
Thanks in advance for your continued membership in the Westside Wizards.

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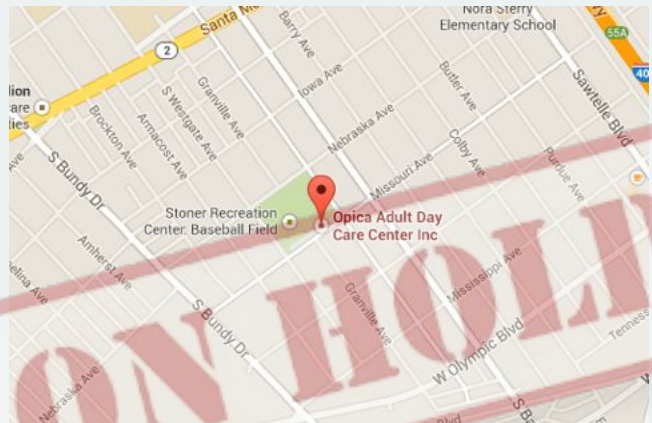
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The **Westside Wizards** was formed to give the West Los Angeles area a Magical presence and hopes that you will participate and be active in Assembly 291. We also welcome your participation in the youth program with the **Westside Junior Wizards**, Assembly Y141.

## Westside Wizards Officers (2021-2022)

President	Dan Cray
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### 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

2015-2020	Les Cooper
2013-2014	Bill Bedecarre
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2008	Les Cooper

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