



happy holidays



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International Brotherhood of Magicians

"Spirit of St. Louis"

THE SPIRIT

Holiday

December 5th Meeting Activities
At Webster Groves Rec Complex

White Elephant Gift Exchange

Upcoming Events

Monthly Meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month at the Webster Groves Recreational Complex, located at 33 Glendale, at 6:30pm. Directions: Take the Elm Street exit off of I-44 and go south to Glendale.

Monthly Ring 1 Board Meetings are open to all members and are held the 3rd Monday of each month at 825 Norwich Dr, St. Charles, MO 63301. Meetings begin at 7pm!

- Dec 5 - Christmas Party Start time: 7:00pm
- December 13 – Chemical Magic - Lecture by Ray Belz (see article)
- Jan 9 - Ed Ellis Lecture (see article)
- Jan 15 – Ring 1 Parade of Magic Show at Chesterfield YMCA Theatre – 7:00pm
- Jan 16 - Ring 1 Parade of Magic Show at Kirkwood Community Theatre 2pm and 7pm
- Feb 6 – Steve Zuehlke Teachin
- March 5 - Flea Market
- April 2 - Stage Presentation
- May 7 - Close-up Contest
- June 4 – Grab Bag Magic

Meeting Begins at 6:30PM

The meeting will start off in a festive mood with some great performances organized by Ted Schnarre. Then we will begin the Ring 1 Traditional "White Elephant" Gift Exchange. What is a "White Elephant" Gift? Normally it is something lying around the house that you don't want (some horribly ugly item that someone gave you as a gift.) **For our meeting we are asking you to bring a magic item for our white elephant get together.**

Here are the rules:

You don't have to participate in the gift exchange if you do not wish. Just come and enjoy some great food, magic and festivities. Each person wanting to participate in the Gift exchange must bring a WRAPPED, COMPLETE magic effect, INCLUDING INSTRUCTIONS if needed. The effect does not have to be new, but it must be in presentable and working shape and no less than \$5, value new. Participants will sit in a circle with the packages in a pile in the middle. Each person participating will draw a number out of a hat. The lowest number goes first and selects a present from the pile. Once a present is selected from the pile of gifts, the trick is unwrapped for all to see. The next person may



White Elephant – Cont.

choose from the wrapped pile of gifts, or may “take” a present from one that has been selected by another participant. The person that lost the gift may choose to select another gift from the unopened pile, or may “take” a present from another person. A single gift can only be “stolen” a total of 3 times. This is continued until all of the presents are exhausted or everyone has a gift. As an added bonus, it is a known fact that there will be a few new gifts that Ring 1 and Assembly 8 has purchased from Ickle Pickle Magic in the pile! You might be the lucky one!



The meeting will be open to immediate family members. Anyone who brings a gift is allowed to participate in the White Elephant.

We would like to get a rough number of people that are coming we will have people call or email Larry Skorepa at toolmanlarry@sbcglobal.net or (636) 394-2968.

Project Magic

Show starts at 6:45 PM

Thanks to November’s performers:

**Larry Minth, Mike Hindrichs
And Alan Zibits**

December’s Performers

Larry Skorepa and Ted Schnarre

January’s Performers

Larry Minth, Ron Perez and Gene Schaefer



No man can stand so tall as to stoop to help a child in need

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Ring 1 Ambassadors Needed

We are looking for individuals that will pair up with new members to help show them all that Ring One has to offer and to be their “go-to” person if they have any questions. This is something that we hope that everyone will participate in. Please contact Dave Snetsinger at snetsing@aol.com or (314) 968-3442.

From The Presidents Gift Box

Just wanted to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy New Year.

Ted Schnarre



IBM Parade of Magic Show

The dates have been set for the annual IBM Parade of Magic Show. We will have three shows this year the first will be on Friday February 15th at the Chesterfield YMCA 7:00 PM show time. The next two shows will be on Saturday February 16th at the Kirkwood Community Center 2:00 PM and 7:00PM show times. The acts have been booked for all three shows. We are now looking for stage help, ticket seller at the theatre, ticket takers at the doors, sound and lighting crews for each show. Don't worry if you feel you do not have any experience in any of the above mentioned, we will gladly train you are you can work with someone else who has the experience and you can learn on hands. You are just as important as the performers, without you there is no show. Please contact Steve Zuehlke at 314-514-0215 or Ted Schnarre at 636-947-1517. Finally it is every member's responsibility to sell tickets to the shows and to attend at least one of the three shows.



New Meeting Location Starting in January

Don't forget that we have a new meeting location starting with our January 9th meeting. Yes, this is the second Wednesday of the month but we felt the first Wednesday was too close to New Years and people may need a little more time to recover. The new location is at the Maryland Heights Community Center, 2344 McKelvey Rd in Maryland Heights, MO 63043.

From I-270, take the Dorsett Rd Exit and go West on Dorsett. At McKelvey Hill Rd (first traffic light) turn Right. (McKelvey Hill turns into McKelvey Rd) go 1/2 of a mile and the Maryland Heights Community Center is on the left.

Look for the signs for the meeting room once you are in the building.



HAPPY HOLIDAY MEETING



This meeting will be for members and immediate family. The club will provide ham, paper products and soft drinks. We are asking everyone else to bring your favorite dish to share with everyone. Potato salad, cheese, condiment, favorite desert, you have the idea. Please give Larry Skorepa a call 636-394-2968 and let him know that you will be attending and what you will be bringing along to share. Please do not wait till the last minute to call; we will need to know how big a ham to order. Here is the itinerary for the evening's party. First we will be starting at 6:30 pm as a get together, 7:00 pm we will have our variety show, 7:30 the pot luck dinner, 8:15 the white elephant game, 9:15 we will start the clean up, so there it is. Please bring you're special contribution to the meal in a dispose container for easier clean up.



Chemical Magic - Lecture

By
Ray Belz

On December 13th, Ring 1 member Ray Belz will be presenting his lecture on Chemical Magic at the St. Louis Senior Center at 5602 Arsenal Street St Louis, MO63139. The lecture begins at 7:30 PM. This has been a long anticipated lecture that we are sure will prove to be both educational and entertaining. The lecture is open to all Ring 1 and Assy. 8 members.





The *Ed Ellis*

Lecture

January 9, 2008 – 7:30PM (Right after Magic 101)



Ed Ellis

Ed Ellis is a full time professional magician. Ed resides in Canton, Ohio and travels the globe performing magic. For over twenty-five years, Ed Ellis has been performing close-up magic, sleight of hand illusions, and full time tableside magic for Hollywood and TV stars as well as famous sports figures. Ed has also performed at Las Vegas's Caesar's Palace, lectured at the world famous Magic Castle in Hollywood, and in 2005 was the star of the Ed Ellis TV Show.

Ed's lecture begins with his opening card show. This features some very visual effects that Ed performs at the Magic Castle and at conventions. Ed explains effects that he has used during his career of doing magic full time. The effects taught include cards, rubber bands and a ring, and coins. Here are some of the effects you will learn.

MATERIALIZER...A visual stunner! A seemingly impossible appearance of a card! Then it's repeated. You must see this! Other applications for this move will also be shown.

YOU BLUE IT...A five star rated routine with color changes and signature changes! This one is memorable!

YOU RING...A penetration of a ring and two rubber bands as a spectator holds onto his ring!

COIN MATRIX AND CHINK-A-CHINK ROUTINE...Shows the strength of combining routines for a stronger outcome.

PLUS MUCH MORE...

Ed's lecture encompasses a variety of effects insuring that there will be something for everyone. In addition, Ed will give you tips on how to get hired and how to make that first impression. Ed will also discuss how you can present yourself as a well-rounded performer. This is a lecture you won't want to miss.