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January 4th: Poker Run 2012

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January's meeting promises to offer something to all in attendance. This is the highly anticipated Poker Run. It is called the Poker Run because we will have five teachers at five stations teaching tricks from Cards, Coins, Ropes to Mentalism and a card will be given to each member in attendance by all five teachers. The best two poker hands at the end of the night will be awarded prizes. If you haven't participated in a poker run before, let me tell you, you are in for a great evening. The teachers will be Steve Barcellona, Tom Westerheide, Larry Minth, Steve Zuehlke and Terry Richison.

The agenda for the Dec 7th meeting is as follows:
6:30pm Magic 101 – May The Force Be With You
7 pm Break
7:15pm Regular meeting begins / Announcements
7:25 Poker Run 2012

Dues Are Due

Yes, it is that time of year again when the local dues of \$15 are due again. Only \$12.50 for the second person in your house hold. You have received notices from Secretary, Alan Zibits. If you have not paid yet, please go to www.IBMRing1.com and click on the dues selection on the right side of the screen or bring your payment to the Jan 5th meeting or lastly, send you payment to Treasurer, Sandy Weis at 1755 Elkins, St Louis, MO 63136. If any of your information, phone numbers or emails etc. have changed. Please let us know so Alan can keep the roster up to date.

Elections to Be Held In March

Ring 1 elections are slated for the month of March, 2012 will be an exciting year. We will be forming a nominating committee to compile a slate of officers. If you have any interest in running for an office or as a member of the board, you may contact Terry Richison or Mike Niehaus and let them know. They will pass it on to the nominating committee once formed. This is your chance to be involved.

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Do You Have Something To Sell Or Trade?

All members in good standing can advertise your item free. Just include a picture and description of your item along with your contact info to. steve@magiconthemenu.com

President's Message: Happy New Year

By Terry Richison magictwr@charter.net

It is that time of year again and while we are all making our new financial and health promises to ourselves, I think it is time to also take a look at our club. It is time that we get our dues paid to help allowing the club to bring in some great lectures and guests. The first half of my term as president is just flown by and I am extremely impressed by the level of enthusiasm that our club exhibits. We need to harness that enthusiasm to help build our club membership, especially the youth. Without the youth members, our club will diminish in membership as the years go by. The youth also give the opportunity to our elders to mentor and pass on the important aspects of the club as well as magic in general—ethics, classics, and presentation to name a few.

We also need to look at ourselves to see what qualities, opportunities and talents we have to offer the club. It takes a lot to keep Ring 1 moving forward. It is not just performing or teaching. We need people to work back stage, help organize events. Let me know what you can give back to the club to help Ring 1 to continue to be one of the best clubs in the United States. Remember, there is always room for improvement and you can help by volunteering in 2012.

Project Magic: Spreading Smiles with Magic

By Mike Hindrichs magicbymike@att.net

Decembers featured magician was yours truly. I have not done a lot of parlor shows this year so it was nice to end the year with this type of venue. It also gave me a chance to try out some new material I've been working on. As usual the crowd was great, and with Christmas just a few days away you could really feel the magic in the air.

We still need to find performers for June and August. I would love to have those spots filled soon. Take a look at the schedule below, check your calendar and let me know which month works for you.

**"No man is so tall, as when he
stoops to help a child"
Abraham Lincoln**

2012 Performers Schedule

Jan.	Dan Todd
Feb.	Alan Zibits
Mar.	Larry Lucy, Steve Barcellona
Apr.	Hal Schaefer, Don Rataj
May	Dan Todd, Gene Schaefer
June	YOUR NAME HERE
July	Don Rataj
Aug.	YOUR NAME HERE
Sept.	Gene Schaefer

Magic 101 December: May The Force Be With You

By Mike Hindrichs magicbymike@att.net

Last month's class was my favorite for the year. I taught a couple classic card effects that I have recently rediscovered. After everyone had a chance to try their hand at both effects, we discussed the motivation and psychology of some of the moves and sleights. I think the best advice of the evening came from Steve Barcellona. "It doesn't matter what double lift you use as long as you can do it guilt free". I would like to thank Steve, Alan, Chuck, and everyone who participated in a very interesting discussion forum.

This month we will be exploring the gigantic topic of card forces. My hope is that everyone will perform their favorite card force, and discuss why they prefer that particular technique. This year I would like to transform Magic 101 into more of a themed session and exchange of ideas and less of me just teaching a few simple tricks.

See you at 6:30 and don't forget to bring some cards.

2012 Class Schedule:

Jan.	May the Force be with you
Feb.	Heads or Tails
Mar.	The Royal Road Less Taken
Apr.	Brain Freeze
May	Shuffle, Cut, Repeat
June	Scam School
July	No Meeting
Aug.	Slightly Easier
Sept.	String Theory
Oct.	Monsters of Magic
Nov.	Pick a Packet
Dec.	Tarbell's Treasures

IBM Ring 1: December 2011 Ring Report

By Sandy Weis sweis@psdr3.org

Magic 101 is offered before the regular meeting. Mike Hindrichs volunteers his time to plan a teaching lesson for anyone who wants to attend. It seems that each week, the audience size increases. Mike taught two card tricks and entitled his lesson, "No Experience Necessary." First, he taught "Card Case Escape", which was very easy to learn but still would fool an audience. Then he taught the group "Color Changing Aces #1", a trick which involves changing the color of the Aces that are shown. He always posts the directions to his magic on the Ring's website. Ring 1 really appreciates the time and effort he puts into Magic 101. Mike will begin his third year as the Ring's 101 Professor, and has already posted the 2012 class schedule and topics.

Terry Richison, the President, led the meeting, which included announcements. On January 16th, a lecture presented by Chris Randall is scheduled. Terry shared that Chris performs as a regular at the Magic Castle in Las Vegas, and he has also appeared on televisions' **Masters of illusion**. The Ring is excited that Chris will share his knowledge of magic for the members. Also, Mike Hindrichs requested members to volunteer to perform at Shriner's Hospital for Project Magic. A sign-up sheet was passed around to the members. Members were also encouraged to pay their dues for the 2012 year.

Then it was time for the Holiday Party. Larry Skorepa organized the event. Members brought various items and the Ring bought the main dishes. There was an abundant amount of food with a wide variety to choose from. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the meal. The Ring appreciates Larry's yearly commitment to making this event a huge success.

After the meal, everyone was anxious for the White Elephant Gift Exchange. Members brought a wrapped gift that pertained to magic. They were each given a number. Numbers were drawn one at a time and the member could either choose a wrapped gift or could steal from another member who had already opened their present. Gifts could only be stolen three times. After the third time, the member got to keep the gift. There were several items purchased from Ickle Pickle by the Ring that were included. There were even two \$25 Ickle Pickle gift certificates. Most of the members went home elated at the gift they ended up with, though there were a few who went home carrying gifts they didn't know what to do with. However, they can always wrap them and bring them back next year for another member to choose. All the members look forward to this event every year. A few did not bring gifts to exchange but they enjoyed watching others choose and steal other member's gifts.

The next meeting theme will be "4 Corner Poker Run." The Ring welcomes visitors from other Rings to attend the meetings.

Schedule of Events 2011 – 2012

Aug 3th – Ice Cream Social

Sept 7th – What did you get at the Jubilee

Oct 5th – Diamond Jim Tyler Lecture

Nov 2rd – Turkey night headed by Al Zibits

Dec 7st – Holiday Party, White Elephant, Holiday Magic

Jan 4th – 4 Corner Poker Run

Jan 16th – Chris Randall Lecture

Feb 1st – Member Lecture

Feb 18th – Parade of Magic

Mar 7nd – Close Up Contest

Apr 4th – Kid Show Magic

May 2nd – Movie Night

June 6st – TBA

July – NO MEETING

Show at the PBC Theatre in Bethalto

Coming up in April, I.B.M. Ring 1 will again present a show at the PBC Theatre in Bethalto, Illinois. The old Vaudeville theatre is owned by Ring 1 member Charlie Myers and his wife. Last year the reaction was overwhelming. Charlie keeps telling us that people keep asking when we are coming back.

The date is not set yet but it will be a Saturday in April. We are looking for 4- 5 performers. A couple of people have already stepped up and asked to be included on the bill. So if you would like to perform in the show, please contact Terry Richison at terryrich@charter.net or call 314-791-9108.

Houdini and Thurston Appear in St. Louis

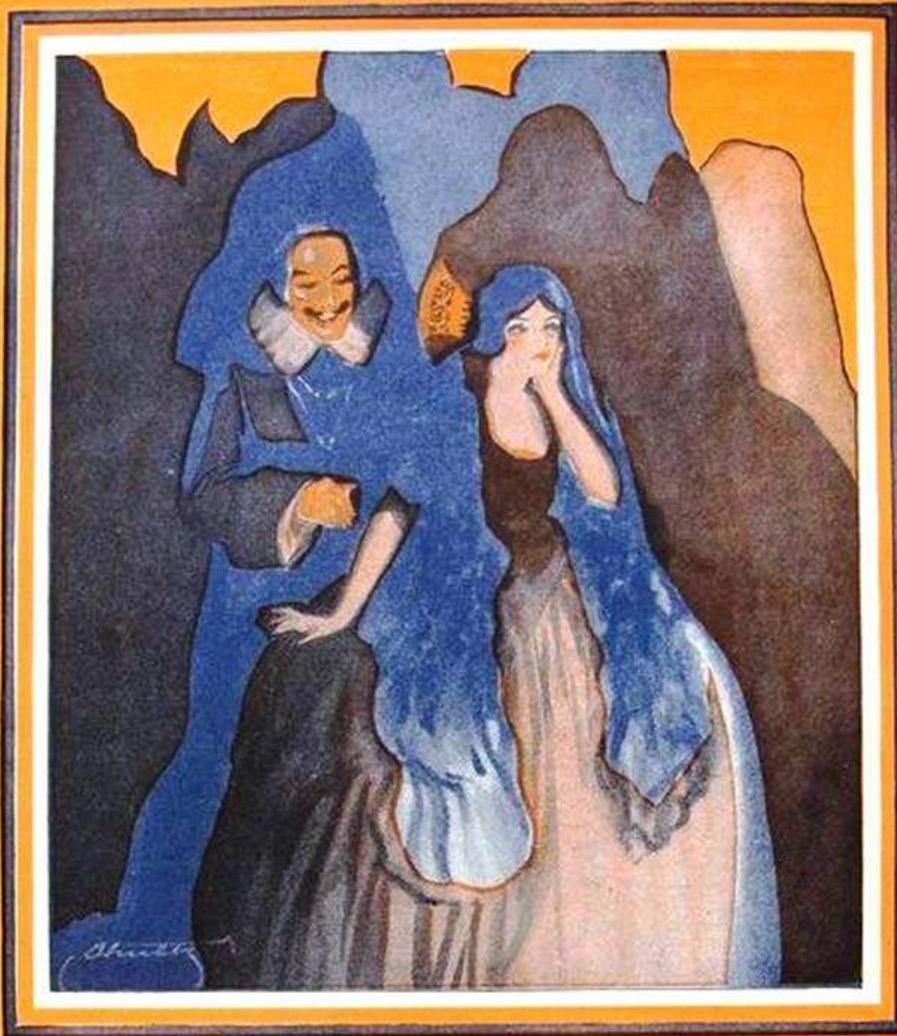
By Don Rataj, Ring 1 Historian

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Found these past magic programs from 1921 when Houdini performed the Chinese Water torture cell trick and the \$1000 reward offer at the Orpheum circuit at 11th and Olive (Downtown) location.

Thurston then appeared in 1931 at the American Theater in St. Louis.

Note: They were selling Orazka bottled water back then per the ad at the bottom!
Also see the ad for local magician Ben Badley.



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of the Theatre*

The 2012 Spring Parade of Magic is Coming Soon!

Your help is needed.

It is again that time of year again when we as a club need to start planning the Spring Shows. As in the past we are performing the Spring Show in two different theatres. **The shows are scheduled for Saturday afternoon and evening, February 18, 2012, at the Kirkwood Community Center Theater and Sunday April 29, 2012 at the Florissant Civic Center Theatre.**

Three committees will plan the show: **Talent Coordination, Publicity and Ticket Sales, and Stage and Theater Management.** The success of this show is important to the treasury of the club and every effort should be placed on having full membership involvement from selling and buying tickets and promotion of the events, to theater management and securing excellent performers and performances. This letter is to serve as an invitation from the board to participate on a committee. As any volunteer position, we are willing to take any time you are willing to give. The time commitment is very minimal which would include one or two planning meetings and any commitments at the show itself. The board would like to thank you in advance for your assistance in making this next year's show truly a club effort. As I have said before, if everyone does a little, then no one has to do a lot.

The **Talent Subcommittee** will select all the talent for the shows obtaining appropriate input from the Board and others prior to their selection. Where possible, winners of previous year's Stage contests should be on the show. Generally only Ring One members should be used for the talent; however, when deemed desirable by the Talent committee, non-members may be used to add variety to the show or take advantage of unique available talent. No members will be paid for performing in this show. Non-members can be paid only with prior approval of the Board.

The **Publicity and Ticket Subcommittee** will have the tickets printed and maintain a record of all sales. Where possible names of ticket purchasers will be recorded for a future mailings about the following year's performance. The Publicity committee will promote the shows by assuring that information about the shows appear in the Journal papers, Webster-Kirkwood Times and Post Dispatch Calendar sections and on the Kirkwood Community Center Marquee and their other publicity outlets. The Committee will make available flyers to all members and encourage member tickets sales. Additional publicity releases with radio and TV stations will be made as appropriate. This Committee is also responsible to provide personnel for ticket sales at the door at the day of the show. The show program is also their responsibility.

The **Stage and Theater Management Subcommittee** will assure there is sufficient and competent staff to handle sound, lights, curtains and other stage crew activities. They will provide an experienced stage manager. The committee is responsible to assure that there are sufficient ushers to take tickets and seat the house. It is mandatory that all those assigned theater activities be proactive in working with the performers to assure that the show produced is of high caliber and appears professionally done. This Subcommittee is also responsible for the house clean up after the show.

Please contact Terry Richison at terryrich@charter.net or 314-791-9108; or Mike Niehaus at mrniehaus@sbcglobal.net or 314-691-0507 to sign up to help.

Upcoming Lecture:

Monday, January 16, 2012 Airport Hilton @ 7pm



CHRIS RANDALL

Born and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada, Chris Randall is considered one of the top sleight of hand artists in the world. He has appeared on television's *Masters of Illusion* as well as performing as a regular at the famed Magic Castle in Hollywood. He has been working up and down the Las Vegas Strip for 15 years. The last few years Chris has been focusing on traveling the world with his award winning act. Chris has also been hitting the streets becoming one of the finest street magicians in the world being hailed by the best in the business as the *future of street magic*. His original material has been featured in *MAGIC Magazine*, *Genii*, *MUM*, *The Penumbra* and his DVDs *Live at the Castle*, *Sugar High*, *Magic at the Bar*, and *Sweet*.

THE LECTURE

Bill in Lemon – Chris gives the real work on his big money maker this is worth the price of the lecture

Desert Rose – over a dozen effects with the paper napkin rose

Scandal Switch – the ultimate linking ring routine it's has fooled the best minds in magic

Swoosh – the deck switch

Coaster Card – a new approach to card under drink

Sugar High – a sugar packet is held by a spectator then a color is named, the sugar packet is opened, the sugar is poured out and it is the named color.

Red Rising – a very visual ambitious card

7 digits – the ultimate "pick up" trick

Martini – produce all the needs for a martini



Plus Chris will be speaking on restaurant magic, street magic and how to successfully travel the world with a commercial, marketable magic act.



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International Brotherhood of Magicians

St. Louis Ring 1

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. (Except July) at the *Maryland Heights Community Center 2344 McKelvey Rd in Maryland Heights, MO 63043*. Unless noted in the schedule.

Meeting Agenda

6:30 Magic 101

7pm Announcements

7:15 Break

7:30 Meeting Theme

9pm Workshop / Social Time

Board Meetings held the 3rd Monday of the month. If you have something for the good of the club please contact one of the officers. All are welcome at the board meetings.

Directions

From the St Louis Airport:

Take I-70 West to I-270 South, Take the Dorsett Exit, Turn Right onto Dorsett, Turn Right onto McKelvey Hill Rd (McKelvey Hill turns into McKelvey Rd) Go ½ of a mile and the Maryland Heights Community Center is on the right.

From I-64(Hiway 40), I-44 or I-55:

Take I-64(Hiway 40), I-44 or I-55 West to I-270 and go north.

Take the Dorsett Exit, Turn Left onto Dorsett

Turn Right onto McKelvey Hill Rd (McKelvey Hill turns into McKelvey Rd)

Go ½ of a mile and the Maryland Heights Community Center is on the right.

This Just In...

Former Ring 1 Member at the Whitehouse



Former Ring One member Justin Willman (Justin Kredible) and host of the TV show Cupcake Wars, got a chance to meet with the Prez.

Willman says, "So this happened...on Halloween I had the crazy honor of performing a private show for the President, First Lady and guests at the White House. It was incredibly surreal. Having done that, I think it's safe to say my career's all downhill from here. "