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## May 2nd: Drive In Movie Night

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One of my favorite memories as a child was putting on my Mighty Mouse jammies, getting my blanket and pillow, cramming into the LTD, and heading for the Drive Inn Movie Theatre. Those were magical summer nights eating Good and Plenty, cheap popcorn, nasty bathrooms, and drinking Coke straight out of the bottle. I usually fell asleep shortly after the cartoons ended, and have no memory of what movies were playing. Real Estate Developers have demolished all our memories. Kids today have no chance to enjoy those hot summer nights watching movies in the great outdoors.

To celebrate Ring 1 will be having a Drive Inn Movie Theatre meeting Wednesday night. So bring your favorite jammies, a pillow and blanket, and we will provide the snacks, soda, and cheap popcorn. We are going to watch short videos of famous magicians, and maybe even a cartoon. What I can promise you the restrooms will be clean, and we won't be turning out the lights.

- 6:30 Magic 101 Card Controls and Sleights
- 7 pm Regular meeting begins / Announcements
- 7:25 Drive in Movie Night
- 8:30 Workshop and Fellowship

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## Slate of 2012-2013 Officers and Board Members

Below is the slate of officers and board members for the upcoming year. In lieu of anyone else wanting to run for an office or on the board, there will not be a need to have an actual election. The deadline will be our May 2nd meeting for anyone else who might want to run.

### Officers

President – Terry Richison  
 Vice President – Mike Niehaus  
 Secretary – Alan Zibits  
 Treasurer – Sandy Weis  
 Sgt of Arms – Alan Zibits

### Board Members

Steve Levit  
 Fred Quick  
 Marty Kopp  
 Larry Minth  
 Harry Monti

## President's Message

By Terry Richison [magictwr@charter.net](mailto:magictwr@charter.net)

As we start to wind down and get ready for summer, I want to thank all those who helped to put the club meetings, spring shows, Haunted Hayloft, and the contests together. Sandy Weis has been great about making sure that we had snacks every meeting, not to mention always writing up the Ring Reports and balancing the checkbook. Mike Hendricks has been outstanding putting Magic 101 on every month, as well as organizing Project Magic. Steve Barcellona has typed his fingers to the bone some months to get us a great edition of the Spirit Newsletter. We have had several people who had taken the lead to host several of our meetings. Several others have gone far out of their way to make things happen for the club that no one ever knows about. This is what makes Ring 1 a great Club. This is what makes us proud to be a part of Ring 1. I don't know everyone's talents outside of magic so if you would like to help, just let me know.

Terry

## Project Magic: Spreading Smiles with Magic

By Mike Hindrichs [magicbymike@att.net](mailto:magicbymike@att.net)

Hal Scharf and Don Rataj performed at Shriner's Hospital in April. A special thanks to both of you for giving a little of your time to entertaining the kids and their parents.

Our performers for May are Dan Todd and Gene Schaefer. Lastly, I still have not been able to find anyone to perform in August.

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

If you are interested please contact me.

Thanks,  
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### 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 Sandy Wies  
July Don Rataj  
Aug. **YOUR NAME HERE**  
Sept. Gene Schaefer  
Oct. Tom Westerheide, Ted Schnarre  
Nov. Ken Trokey, Gene Schaefer  
Dec. Mike Hindrichs

## Magic 101 May: Card Controls and Sleights

By Mike Hindrichs [magicbymike@att.net](mailto:magicbymike@att.net)

Our theme for May is card sleights and ways to control a card. We will be discussing basic methods and some subtleties to make your card work more magical. I would like this class to be a hands on session with everyone contributing ideas and tips. I have learned in our last couple classes that there are many ways to accomplish the same result. So be prepared to share one of your

favorite card moves. Hopefully I will 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. NO CLASS  
Apr. Brain Freeze  
May Shuffle, Cut, Repeat  
June Scam School

July NO MEETING  
Aug. Slightly Easier  
Sept. The Royal Road Less Taken  
Oct. Monsters of Magic  
Nov. Pick a Packet  
Dec. Tarbell's Treasures

# IBM Ring 1: April 2012 Ring Report

By Sandy Weis      sweis@psdr3.org

Magic 101 is led by Mike Hindrichs before the regular monthly meeting. The topic for April was Brain Freeze. Mike assured us that the three mental effects he shared were entertaining, but they were also very easy to learn.

Mike called the first effect "Rune Stones". He had everyone write a symbol on paper. The papers were put in a container. Then Mike was able to predict beforehand which symbol he would pick out of the container. The second effect involved making a clock predication using cards. The final effect involved making a movie prediction based on the audience's favorite movie. All participants agreed that the effects were VERY easy, but they would be quite magical to spectators.

The Ring Vice-President, Mike Niehaus, began the meeting with several announcements. He encouraged all members to attend the upcoming lecture featuring Bill Wisch, who was one of Slydini's students. The featured entertainers were announced for the upcoming Midwest Jubilee, which takes place in August. The Ring is having a Spring Parade of Magic Show at the Florissant Civic Center on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Elections for the Ring will take place in May, so members who intend to run for an office are to contact Election

Committee Chair Larry Minth. A stage contest is being planned and further information will be forthcoming as the plans are finalized. The close-up contest was a huge success this year and the members are looking forward to a very successful stage contest. On April 21<sup>st</sup>, the PBC Theatre in Bethalto, Illinois is featuring a Ring 1 Magic and Comedy Show. This is one of the fundraisers for Ring 1, so members are encouraged to attend.

After a short break, the topic for the meeting was "Kid Show Performances." Several members requested this since they perform "kids" shows regularly throughout the year. Larry Minth shared one of his favorite magic tricks which involved a tube which contained color changing flowers. Mike Niehaus shared a story about how he became involved in magic. He can still remember the cassette tape he bought which taught him "Fifty Ways to Make Children Laugh" by David Ginn. He recalls working at a pizza restaurant in Florissant, Missouri where he performed magic when he was younger. He said he would perform 7 or 8 shows on both Saturday and Sundays. He shared The Color Changing Shoelace, by David Ginn, which had been one of his favorite magic tricks. Robert Campbell then shared his money die box. His large play coin would appear and disappear in this box. Then he tried very hard to make a ball appear under a cup, but it didn't happen. Mice kept on coming out of his magic wand, which the audience thought was hilarious. Then Larry Levin shared a topic about how to ask for volunteers when one is performing for kids. Several members shared their viewpoints and everyone agreed that it depends on the audience and the magician. In conclusion, Mike Niehaus shared a couple more magic tricks he uses with kids. One of his favorite tricks involved putting a nail through a tube which had a balloon in it. He also shared how the crowds enjoy it when he "eats" a balloon, but he says it is really hard work to do this. He then showed the members his incredible flexible mirror. A lot of us were amazed with this trick since we had never seen it before.

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, Ring 1 was fortunate to have Bill Wisch lecture at the Airport Hilton. He shared many stories and magic he learned from Slydini. He is the only student of Slydini who was ever authorized by Slydini to lecture his magic.

The members really enjoyed his lecture and ended up purchasing the Slydini books and other material he had for sale. Several of the "older" members recall seeing Slydini perform at past conventions when he was alive. Many members felt this lecture was one of the best that the Ring has offered.

## 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

## 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](mailto:steve@magiconthemenu.com)

# From the Magic Past

By Don Rataj, Ring 1 Historian

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More meaningless stuff from Don Rataj somewhere in outer space!



It is still amazing the interesting stuff that I find in St. Louis. Let me know if you have some St. Louis related magic items, to post in the Spirit.



Here is a vintage set of playing cards that were made in St. Louis several years ago.



IBM National Convention "Originality" contest winner trophy from the 1950's. This historic trophy is currently located at the IBM national headquarters office in St. Louis



Money from Town House Magic shop

# Ring 1 Annual Stage Contest

By Steve Finkelstein

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*When:* June 3, 2012 at 2:00pm

*Where:* St. Cletus School Gym

2721 Zumbahl, St. Charles, 63301

Cost: \$2.00 Donation (all proceeds go to Life Teen)

Let's keep the momentum going! Our close-up contest was a great success with 10 participants, five in each category. We will use the same guidelines for our stage contest- two categories- The *Beginner to Intermediate Group* and the *Advanced Group*. This will provide the opportunity for all skill levels to compete with an equal chance to place 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be awards given for each category that will be presented at the President's Banquet in September.

## Below are the definitions for each category.

<b>Beginners to Intermediate Group</b>	<b>Advanced (*) Group</b>
Has not placed 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> in any stage magic contest.	Placed 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> in a stage magic contest. e.g. local magic club or a magic convention contest, etc.
Does not earn a living, either part-time or full-time as a magician	Professional magician, earning a living through magic, full or part-time
Does not lecture or teach magic	A magic lecturer or teacher
	Placed 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> in the Beginners to Intermediate Group stage contest.
(*) Answer "yes" to one or more of the definitions below	

Anybody can compete in the Advanced category regardless of their situation. But, only those who qualify can compete in the Beginner to Intermediate Group. If there are any questions as to which category a person fits, the I.B.M. Ring 1 Board and the Stage Contest Chairman will make the final decision. Once somebody places 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Beginner to Intermediate Group, they will move into Advanced Group for future competitions.

To enter either category, contact Larry Minth at 314.706.7936 or via email at [magicminth@yahoo.com](mailto:magicminth@yahoo.com). Rules can be found at [www.IBMRing1.com](http://www.IBMRing1.com) or contact Larry directly.

Fun for all! We encourage everyone to attend the competition. Invite family and friends to this magical event. In addition to the magic competitors, there may be some performances as time permits

Larry Minth  
Stage Contest Chairman

# Lecture: Rafael Benatar June 14<sup>th</sup> @ Airport Hilton



Live from Madrid, Spain

## Rafael Benatar

RAFAEL BENATAR was born in Caracas, Venezuela and resides in Madrid, Spain. He is one of the most active exponents of the renowned Escuela Mágica de Madrid.

Best known for his close-up magic, his versatility makes him one of the few magicians that perform regularly in all three rooms of the Magic Castle, where he is a favorite.

Rafael is a recipient of The Linking Ring Parade of the Year Award. His video tapes, later released as DVDs, received rave reviews from all major magic magazines.

Rafael has written and translated a number of magic books and articles and has lectured extensively, in five languages, for magicians of many countries.

### ABOUT THE LECTURE

Rafael's lecture is stand-up for stage and parlor as well as card magic for the table including original sleights and routines also from his commercial act. He will also teach magic with silks, and explain his theoretical approach to magic through his cups and balls routine. At least half of the lecture includes previously unreleased stand-up material from Rafael's working repertoire with valuable advice on misdirection, timing, wording and practice. The lecture may also include mentalism and coin magic includes valuable advice on misdirection, timing, wording, and practice.

Given the time, he can also provide intense workshops on: card magic, card sleights, cups and balls, and magic theory or he could customize and combine them according to the interests of the attendees. He can also give a Master Class where you perform your routine in front of the other participants, and Rafael starts a discussion on your performance and brings out related subjects of interest to everyone. Please contact Scott Wells if your group is interested in these workshops.

### TESTIMONIALS

*"A master of timing."* - **Ascanio**

*"His thinking is superb and his card handling is exquisite."* - **Michael Close, MAGIC magazine**

*"He does it all better than all the rest."* - **Billy McComb**

*"Rafael is not only an excellent performer and entertainer but, even more important, has a thorough understanding of his craft."* - **Martin A. Nash**

*"One of the notable practitioners of refined cardmanship."* - **Jon Racherbaumer**

*"He will amaze you and astonish you but you are so charmed by his personality that you could not possibly resent it."* - **Charles Reynolds, Genii**

*"Rafael has a real flair for presentation and his sleights are smooth as silk. He is well read in card magic, has a fine appearance and a charming personality."* - **Michael Skinner**



# Bring A Friend To A Meeting

## 2011 – 2012 Officers

### Officers

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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...

## Spring Parade of Magic – Encore Edition

Another Spring Show in the books and what a show it was. For all of you who saw it you know what I mean and for those who didn't, well you should have been there. The Florissant Theatre was an exceptional theatre and the staff was great to work with. Every member that was there was saying that we should do it again next year. We will take that issue up at the board meetings. The show started with our newest member, Dani Garcia, who kicked the show off with a fantastic manipulation act. The crowd loved it. SAM President, Dan Todd followed with his comedy routine and kept the ball rolling by involving an audience member to help keep the audience in stitches. Speaking of stitches, Marty Kopp and Vice President, Mike Niehaus did a fantastic job with their magic and Mike's ventriloquism. President, Terry Richison closed the show with more comedy and audience participation. He actually levitated a little girl from the audience, much to her and the crowd's amazement. Tying all the acts together and being the outstanding emcee that he is, was Don Rataj. Congratulations to all the acts and emcee for an outstanding job. Big thanks to those behind the scenes, Larry Minth, Audry and Steve Levit for all the great tech work. Of course we could not have done it without the front of house volunteers, headed up by Alan Zibits. Out front were Fred Quick, Sandy Weis, Tom Westerheide, Jeff Lefton, and George Van Dyke. Thanks for all hard work. It takes a team to pull off a show like this and Ring 1 did it with style.