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## Meeting Update: February 6<sup>th</sup> The Ring 1 Annual Close Up Contest

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Come out to the close up competition! This Wednesday, February 6th. You'll see St. Louis' premier prestidigitators battle it out for the Title of "Close-up Magician of the Year!" It's going to be a great time for everyone. You don't want to miss it! The contest will start at 6:30PM and there will not be a Magic 101 class at this meeting. We almost ran out of time last year so we are starting a little earlier this year to compensate.

Like last year we are dividing the contest into two categories, Beginner to Intermediate and Advanced. Within each category there can be a Youth division (under 17 years) and Senior division (17 years of age or older) if warranted. Division is determined by the contestant's age on the day of the competition.

### NEW MEETING AGENDA

6:30 Close Up Contest  
NOTE: There will be no Magic 101

Definitions of each category are as follows:

**Beginner – Intermediate Category:** A person who has not placed 1st or 2nd in any magic contest, does not earn a living, either part-time or full-time as a magician, and does not lecture or teach magic.

**Advanced Category:** A person who has placed 1st or 2nd in any magic contest; or is a professional magician, earning a living through magic, full or part time; or lectures on or teaches magic; or placed 1st or 2nd in the Beginners to Intermediate Group contest.

Who will it be? We need you there to witness and cheer on! Do You Want the Title? We still have space for one or two more in the Advanced category! And, If you would like to test the waters, we have plenty of room in the beginner/intermediate category. This year's Chairman is Jeff Copeland, last year's Close-up champion. Jeff's email is [requestjeff@gmail.com](mailto:requestjeff@gmail.com). His phone number is 718-882-1938. You will need to notify Jeff if you intend to compete by Feb 1, 2013.

Come for a great night of entertainment from our performers. AND some exciting trivial and magical feats in between competition performances.

## It's Time To Pay Your Dues

It's that time of year again to pay dues for the 2013 calendar year. Local dues remain at only \$15 per year!!! Please make sure you are current on your International Dues. You have several options to pay:

1) Log on to <http://ibmring1.com/dues/> and click the "buy now" button. That will take you to Paypal, but you **DO NOT** need a paypal account to pay this way. Click the "Don't have a paypal account?" button and enter your credit card info. **(Obviously this is not going to work right now due to the website outage)**

2) Or, you can mail a check to our Treasurer, Sandy Weis at:

Sandy Weis  
1755 Elkins, St Louis, MO 63136  
Phone: (314) 524-7859 (314) 213-8293 (314) 378-4403

3) Or, bring a check or cash to the and give it to Sandy.

## Volunteers Needed for JDRF Family Day

It is that time for the annual JDRF Family Day. Feb 23, 2013. This is our 5<sup>th</sup> year. We will need performers for the young children (5 to 9) and older children (10 to 16). In addition, we will need magicians to entertain at the booth and walk around. The more the merrier. A great chance to perform your new effect. Also, to learn from each other. Fun for all.

The tentative schedule is: We need 4 performers in each slot for a 15 minute routine. Please sign up below and forward to me. Thank you.

Set up 3 :30 to 4 : 3 0 pm

Show from 4 : 3 0 to 5 : 3 0 PM

We also need magicians at the booth from 5:30 to 7 :30 . As before, we will perform magic and teach a few tricks. We need at least 3 to 4 people per slot. Please contact Steve Finkelstein to sign up for an hour or more. Any time is appreciated.

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

# Ring Report: January 2013

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Mike Hindrichs volunteers each month to lead Magic 101 before the regular meeting. There were approximately 15 members who came early for this event. He taught 3 card tricks from the book, "Royal Road to Card Magic". The tricks were "Red and Black", "Piano Trick", and "Do as I Do." The members really appreciate the time he spends planning and teaching Magic 101.

Terry Richison, Ring President, made a few announcements. One of our members, Jeff Copeland, is moving from Missouri and is performing a Farewell Missouri Show, which ring members can attend at a discount. Next month during the regular meeting, the annual close-up contest will take place. There will be two contests—one for intermediate magicians and one for advanced magicians. Those who want to participate should contact Jeff Copeland, who was the winner last year. Terry shared that the Ring's website was hacked and shut down. However, it should be up and running soon. Steve Finkelstein requested volunteers to perform at the 6<sup>th</sup> annual JDRF Family Day, which takes place on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Millennium Hotel in Downtown St. Louis. Mike Hindrichs requested volunteers for the monthly Project Magic, which involves performing magic at Shriner's Hospital. Devin Knight, a professional magician and hypnotist, has been booked for a lecture next month.

Keith Smith planned the evening calling it "The New Year Post Apocalypse Party." He recruited members to perform magic that they feel should never go away. First, Steve Bender (Ickle Pickle) performed; however, he was shown on a video since he was unable to attend. The "chain and horse ring" and "Destination Unknown Version 2" are two of his favorites. He also shared a new trick, "Melting Coin", which was amazing to watch. He stated that any trick that lasts ten years is a good item. His "Ickle Pickle Nickel" is now 37 years old! Keith shared that he feels the fire wallet is a trick that gets an audience's attention and is one that should never go away. He also shared a beer die he made and was able to perform an ESP trick using it. This was a very original and creative trick which he made using an old principle. Steve Finkelstein then shared a card trick in which he was able to find a spectator's card. Chuck Levy also performed a card trick in which he also found a spectator's card. He then did a simple trick using a string and a ring and asked the spectator if the ring was on or off the string. Terry Richison then performed his routine using a lemon and a dollar bill. He also did a routine using two different coins, which were placed in a spectator's hand. Magically, he was able to make a coin switch while the coin was in the spectator's hand. John Davit and Keith both performed card tricks. Ray Belz performed "spirit magic" which involved a light bulb magically lighting up when asked questions.

Everyone enjoyed the evening even though members performed tricks without sharing how they were done. The members who performed felt their tricks were ones that should be on the "Never Go Away List of Effects of our Time." I am sure other members would feel their favorite tricks should be on this list. In summary, magicians each have their own "favorite" tricks, which should never disappear. It was a fun and interesting meeting and the Ring appreciates members who perform at the meetings.

The Ring always welcomes visitors at their meetings. Meetings usually have a different theme and are also planned by different members.

## Schedule of Events 2012 – 2013

September 5  
Poker Run

September 21  
Jon Armstrong Lecture  
Airport Hilton

September 28  
President's Banquet

October 3  
Halloween and Spooky  
Magic

October 7  
JDRF in Forest Park

October 19-21 and 26-28  
Purina Farms  
Haunted Hayloft

November 7  
Danny Fleshman lecture  
Maryland Heights  
Community Center

December 5  
Holiday Party  
White Elephant

January 9 (Special date)  
Keith Smith's New Years  
Post Apocalypse Party

February 6  
Ring 1 Close-up Contest

February 18  
Devin Knight Lecture

March 6  
TBA

March 16  
Ring 1 Spring show  
Kirkwood Comm. Theatre

March 18  
Murray Hatfield Lecture

April 3  
TBA

April 27  
Ring 1 Spring show  
Florissant Civic Theatre

May 1  
TBA

June 5  
TBA

July  
No Meeting

August 7  
Ring 1 Ice Cream Social

August 17  
Midwest Magic Jubilee

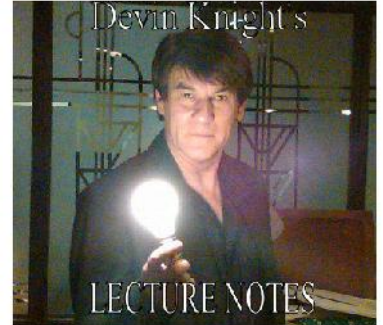
# Devin Knight Lecture 7pm, February 18

**When:** Monday February 18, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m

**Where:** Airport Hilton 10330 Natural Bridge Rd St Louis, MO 63134.

With the New Year brings new lecturers. Beginning around Groundhog Day, we have one of the country's leading lecturers on mentalism. **Devin Knight** will be available for a lecture tour across the country. Some of you have hosted Devin in the past and know the quality of his lecture and the strength of his material. What you may not know is that he has a second, completely different but equally powerful lecture that he can deliver to your group.

Devin Knight is regarded as one of magic's most prolific inventors. He is also a highly sought after lecturer for both magicians and mentalists. Most of his effects are run-away best sellers and have received rave reviews. Devin was a protégé of the late Al Mann and currently works as a full-time magician and mentalist. Devin strives to create effects that not only fool magicians, but at the same time are easy to do. The majority of his effects rely more on clever ideas, rather than difficult sleights. This puts most of his effects within the skill range of most magicians.



***A Knight of Magic*** consists of:

**SALT IN LIGHT BULB:** Magician causes salt to vanish and appear inside a borrowed light bulb that was just lit.

**POKER TELLS:** Instantly give any spectator psychic ability so he can correctly name 4 cards sealed inside opaque envelopes. No instant stooge.

**DISSOLVING ACES:** An incredible effect where 4 aces vanish one at a time in slow motion. Nothing used by 4 aces. The closest thing you will see to real magic. One of the most talked about effects of Devin's lecture.

**DELUXE BABY GAG:** A new and improved version with NEW topical gags and a kicker ending where an actual photo of the named person is produced.

**PREDICTIONARY:** Any word called out is found to be the only word circled in a dictionary. **NO SECRET WRITING.** Baffling beyond words and an effect that fooled every magician who saw it. Dictionary can be left with spectator for examination.

**FARSIGHT:** Magician is able to reveal the name of a card selected while his back is turned and he is 20 feet away. Positively no forces and this is another effect that fooled all the magicians.

**RING IN PAINT CAN:** A novel effect in which a borrowed ring appears inside a spray paint can and can only be gotten out by spraying it out! A great comedy effect that Devin shows you how to make up for a few bucks. No actual paint is used, but it sure looks that way!

**OUTTA SIGHT:** A tossed out deck that fools magician and blows away lay people. Imagine doing the tossed out deck, with an EXAMINED and shuffled deck. Despite this you correctly reveal three cards just peeked at

**RETRO SIGHT:** A weird effect unlike anything you have ever seen. Devin shows you how to make words reflected in a mirror to suddenly become readable. Suddenly they are no longer mirror images. A reputation maker.

**DEAL OR NO DEAL:** Another impossible effect. A person names any card.

**NO FORCE** or preshow. The named card is found to be folded up inside a sealed cardboard box that has been in full view the entire time. Baffling beyond words and **NO** card index is used. This effect alone is worth going to the lecture.

**AROUND THE SQUARE:** Performer shows a piece of newspaper and cuts out a square, when the paper is opened the square visibly changes to a circle. Can be used as a prediction for an ESP card in which you cut out the wrong design and it changes to the correct design. A **NEW METHOD** with **NO** angle problems.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** Another magician fooler. A spectator and the magician both secretly choose a food from a menu. It turns out they both selected the same food. **NOT ONLY THAT**, the magician has predicted the selected food on a restaurant's bill that has been on the table the full time. No secret writing. The secret is stunning.

**CHESS GAMBIT:** A spectator secretly removes any chess piece from a set up chessboard. His chosen piece is found to be the **ONLY CHESS** piece that is circled in a chess book held and opened by an audience member. The audience member finds the circled piece in the book **BEFORE** the spectator shows his selected piece. Baffling beyond words and the effect doesn't seem possible. 100% hands off, the magician touches **NOTHING** including the book

Plus a whole lot more! See your there!

# Murray Hatfield Lecture 7pm, March 18

**When:** Monday March 18, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Airport Hilton 10330 Natural Bridge Rd St Louis, MO 63134.

Coming out of the doldrums of this winter we have one of Canada's top touring magicians ready to lecture early next Spring. **Murray Hatfield** has done more shows for more people across Canada than any other Canadian magician in history. Well over 2 million people have attended his show and over Twenty Million Dollars have been raised as a result, for charities ranging from Burn Units and Hospital Wings to Training Dogs for the Visually Impaired and Breast Cancer Research.

Murray has thrilled audiences in numerous countries around the world taking his magic to such diverse locations as Israel, Cyprus, England, Mexico, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand and Japan. He has even entertained in the most northerly community on the globe (just 200 kms south of the North Pole) and on Luxury Cruises in every corner of the globe. He is a regular headliner at the famed Magic Castle in Hollywood and has appeared in the *"It's Magic"* show as well as at national conventions for the International Brotherhood of Magicians, Society of American Magicians, Canadian Association of Magicians, Pacific Rim Association of Magicians and the European International Brotherhood of Magicians.

He is a lecturer, writer, creator, producer and director and has won numerous awards for his work including being named **"Magician of the Year"** by the Canadian Association of Magicians. In 2009 he was honored with a Presidential Citation by the International Brotherhood of Magicians for his work.

This will be a lecture that truly has something for everyone. It covers Murray's theory of the **Five Basic Elements of Building a Show**. It applies to any type of show **from a close-up show to a full on stage show**. He uses effects out of his repertoire to illuminate the various elements. These effects include everything from close-up and card work to stage effects as well. He also covers ideas, tips, thoughts and theories based on 25 years of touring with a full scale illusion show. **All of this is with lots of interaction, humor and fun!**

Many of the effects he demonstrates are able to be done without buying anything and the rest are available following the lecture. He has two pieces that he hopes to have ready for the lecture that are signature effects directly from his show that he's held off making available for many years.

All of the effects that he teaches and/or sells are directly out of his show and not just tricks he's creating in order to sell. The close-up effects are ones he has used in both his strolling and stage shows (with camera and projector). And the stage effects are some of his favorite "in-one" pieces that have been performed for audiences of two to three thousand people.

Anyone of any skill level will walk away from this lecture with useable material and a lot of ideas on how to take the effects and routines that they already perform and craft them into a stronger more compelling show. He is also very open to questions and thoughts from the attendees and will happily delve into anything in my experience that people might wish to discuss.

*"We truly appreciated the effort you put into the production of the show. This was far above and beyond what we normally see at a lecture. Everyone commented on how wonderful it was to see simple, straight forward magic effects that have such a big impact."* – **Scott Hood, President I.B.M. Ring #49**

*"Given the diverse makeup of the club, I think the lecture offered a good mix for everyone. There were simple items that could be learned relatively quickly combined with practical theory that professionals could use to enhance the quality of their existing shows."* – **James Allen, President I.B.M. Ring #17**

*"His presentation of the lecture was most entertaining, funny/serious, informative and enjoyed by all attendees. His lecture covers a broad spectrum of magic and the learning brought forth helped both the novice and most experienced magicians of the club."* – **Rob Lavergne, President I.B.M. Ring #151**



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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

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