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Meeting Update: Wednesday June 5, 2013 The History of Magic, with Harry Monti

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Some people refer to magic as someone pulling a rabbit out of a hat. But Harry Monti knows the true meaning of magic. You will discover how magic has developed from extraordinary phenomena to the development of entertainment. And if we are lucky Harry might tell us the history of the Academy of Magical Arts. So join us for "The History of Magic".

NEW MEETING AGENDA

- 6:30 Magic 101
Quiet Please if you are not involved with Magic 101.
- 7:00 Refreshments/ Socialize and Jamming sessions
- 7:30 The History of Magic
- Following the meeting- Workshop and Fellowship till 10PM

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President's Message

By Mike Niehaus, President Elect

Today is the start of my glorious term as President of Ring 1. Therefore, I would like to announce the date for my first Inaugural Banquet. Better known as the Presidents Banquet. The glorious event will occur on Friday September 27, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. The extravagant event is scheduled at Orlando Gardens Banquet Center (2050 Dorsett Village, Maryland Heights), and the charge will be \$25.00 per person. So mark your calendar and plan to attend this gala event. The entertainment for the night has not been chosen. Hopefully, I can find a good Polka Band to play during dinner. Maybe even an Elvis Impersonator to perform after dinner. Ray Beltz suggested we have a past FISM winner perform at the banquet.

Remember we have no meeting in July. Our August meeting will be the famous "Ice Cream Social". All the famous St. Louis magicians and Marty Kopp's mother-in-law will be present. This is a meeting you don't want to miss. The officers and board members will be performing magic that night.

During the May meeting, Don Rataj suggested we have a magic auction. So during the board meeting we decided the September meeting will be a "Flea Market". All members who are current on their National Dues, and Ring 1 Dues, will be offered table space. So start going thru all the magic you purchased at recent lectures, and get ready to sell it at the "Flea Market".

Finally, Dani Garcia will be returning to Spain soon. Today at the Saturday Round Table we had an opportunity to visit with Dani and his wife before they leave. Dani said he would be at our meeting Wednesday night. Make sure you stop by to say goodbye before he leaves for Spain.

Ring Report: May 2013

By Sandy Weis sweis@psdr3.org

On April 27, the Ring sponsored "The Spring Parade of Magic" at the Florissant Civic Center Theatre. There were two shows. The following magicians performed—Marty Kopp, Mike Niehaus, Mike Hindrichs, Dani Garcia, Randy Kalin, and Don Rataj. Terry Richison hosted the show. Tom Westerheide performed close-up magic before the show. The performance could not have taken place without the ring members who volunteered in the background (lights, cleanup, sound, etc.). This is the first time the club offered discount tickets through Living Social, which brought many spectators who normally would not attend a magic show. All seemed to really enjoy the performance. The Ring intends to offer Living Social discounts to future performances.

Jason Stack led Magic 101 at the May meeting. He taught two tricks to the participants. First, he shared one of his favorite tricks using the Gadabout paper ball routine. After that, he taught "Thieves & Sheep" using paper balls. The participants enjoyed practicing these two tricks even though many had not performed these tricks in years.

The elections were held and the officers elected are as follows: President and Webmaster--Mike Niehaus, Vice-President—Jason Stack, Sergeant at Arms and Secretary—Al Zibits, Treasurer—Sandy Weis, Board Members—Harry Monti, Larry Minth, Marty Kopp, and Terry Richison.

The theme for the regular meeting was "Plays Big and Packs Flat." Tom Westerheide shared his "egg bag" trick. Randy Kalin performed "Thought Sender" created by Eugene Berger. Harry Monti shared his famous story that accompanies the three card monty routine. Dan Todd shared his magician box that carried many small tricks that play big. Matt Olson showed how "easy" it is to swallow a balloon. Steve Finkelstein amazingly performed a mental trick entitled "Your Fate Number" which was amazing. John Davit performed using dollar bills. He even shared that he knows more than 25 ways to make a dollar bill ring. Larry Minth shared a very old multialed parasol that was donated to the Ring. Don Rataj showed a trick his father taught him when he was 9—how to print a \$2 bill. He then performed a die box routine using Blue Man Group Keyboard that is motion activated. What a way to end the performance part of the meeting!

Don Rataj shared that the Missouri Historical Society located at 225 S. Skinker Blvd, St. Louis, Mo. 63015, now has a magic collection which he started. It contains magic, lecture notes, catalogues, photos, etc. The members can view the collection using a special "password". Magicians can donate items to this rare collection. There is also a box of magic at Shriner's Hospital, which the patients have access to.

On May 6 the Ring welcomed John Shryock at the Hilton Airport for a lecture. John has been a professional magician since 1984 and has performed in a variety of venues throughout the world. The members really enjoyed the evening. The members were impressed by his ability to produce a spectator's ring in a walnut. He is truly a talented magician and a great lecturer.

The Ring always welcomes visitors to their meetings and events.

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 Freshman 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
Special Interest Groups

March 16
Ring 1 Spring show
Kirkwood Comm. Theatre

March 18
Murray Hatfield Lecture

April 3
Making the Leap From
Magician to Performer
w/ Matt Olson

April 27
Ring 1 Spring show
Florissant Civic Theatre

May 1
"Packs Small, Plays Big"
w/ Terry Richison

June 5
"History of Magic"
w/ Harry Monti

July
No Meeting

August 7
Ring 1 Ice Cream Social

August 17
Midwest Magic Jubilee

From The Magic Past

By Don Rataj Historian

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Here are some photographs of St. Louis magicians, see how many you can name?
If you do not see your photo, more coming next month.



LIVE MAGIC

By Randy Kalin

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If you want to enjoy some magic over the next couple of weeks you have the opportunity to see Dan Fleshman. Dan is a local professional that lectures around the world, and currently has a great regular performing job in Colorado, so if you would like to see him perform here you are lucky, he will welcome you the next two Thursday's at El Maguey in St. Charles on Hwy 94 and Jungerman Rd. It is next to Mr. Luckys Restaurant and he performs from 6 – 8:00 PM. A rare opportunity for sure.

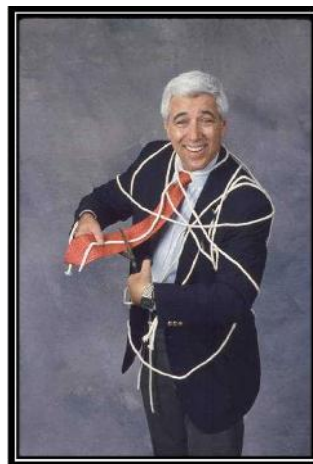


Another opportunity, Late notice but Saturday and Sunday this weekend and next (June 1st, 2nd & June 8th, 9th 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM Rain or Shine) Gregory Green will be performing at the 2013 St. Louis Renaissance Faire, check out his exact times.

Here is the link for more information www.renstl.org/main



One more opportunity on Tuesdays at La Salsa Fresh Mexican Grill at 12536 Olive Blvd-Creve Coeur MO is Chuck Levy, Every Tuesday from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM doing Magic and Balloons our very own (Laurence "Nothing Up My Sleeve" Levy) entertains one and all and Kids Eat Free.



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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...

Cool Info On A Past Ring 1 Member

Jonathan Levit son of Steve and Audrey Levit was one of the magic consultants on the new movie "Now You See Me". He was also the magic consultant as well as the hands performing magic on Burt Wonderstone movie. Wow! Another St. Louis magician makes good.

