



The SPIRIT | Official Newsletter of I.B.M. Ring 1

Next Meeting: Holiday Party Wednesday, December 3rd 6:45 pm. No magic 101

Our next meeting is Wednesday December 3, 2014 at the Maryland Heights Community Center (2344 McKelvey Road Maryland Heights MO 63043). The meeting will begin at 6:45 pm, and we will eat at 7:00 p.m. We will not be having Magic 101 on Wednesday night.

We are asking everyone to bring a dish. Please RSVP to Mike at 314-691-0507, and let him know what you plan to bring. If you are unable to bring a dish, we are asking for a \$5 donation to help cover the cost of the food.

This year we will not be having the "White Elephant Gift Exchange". Instead, we are asking everyone to remember what magic trick inspired you to become a magician, and share your story, or magic trick with the club.

President's Message

By Mike Niehaus

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Ring 1 has had an exciting year of magic and growth. I want to take this time to thank everyone who has helped make Ring 1 successful this year. We have a lot of exciting things planned for 2015. So make sure you get your \$15 yearly dues paid by the end of January.

Remember, as a member of Ring 1 in good standing, your registration fee for the Midwest Magic Jubilee is only \$120.00. The President of Ring 1 holds a position on the Board for the Midwest Magic Jubilee. Since I am now Chairman of the Jubilee, and President of Ring 1, I have asked our Vice President Jason Stack to represent Ring 1 on the board until my term as Presidents ends.

Our holiday show is Sunday December 14, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at the Kirkwood Community Center Theatre. This show is free to veterans, their families, and other not for profit organizations. Please share the show flyer with organizations you are involved with. Please remember that reservations for the show are necessary.

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Ring Report:

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The Ring was very fortunate to have Charles Gauci present a lecture during the regularly scheduled November meeting. The lecture was held at the Hilton St. Louis Airport Hotel. The lecture was well attended and everyone present felt the lecture was extremely worthwhile.

Charles shared at the beginning of the lecture that he has been performing magic professionally for sixty-one years. He is from Australia and has traveled to the United States 17 times. He has decided that this would be his last trip here even though he stated that "the older he gets, the younger he feels." The Ring members present felt fortunate that they had attended this lecture since it would be the last time he would offer a lecture in the United States. He has created 301 effects, of which 19 are best sellers.

Before he shared his favorite magic effects, he offered several helpful hints to the members. He feels it is very important to have one's photograph on his/her business card. People remember faces rather than names. He also shared that his effects are easy to learn but are mind boggling to audiences, including lay audiences and even magicians. (As the lecture proceeded, the members were amazed to learn how the effects were performed). He performed all of the effects and then at the end of the lecture he shared how each was performed.

First he shared his version of a magic square that he developed. He asked a volunteer to think of a year that meant something to him/her which was between 1905-1999. After the year was chosen, he placed numbers on a magic square that contained 16 squares. Amazingly, the sum of the numbers every possible way was the year the person had selected. How amazing!! Charles assured the members that he could teach them the "secret" in just 30 seconds with no mathematical skills required. (When he shared the secret, the members were actually able to learn the secret in just 30 seconds!)

He performed all of the effects in his "WOW Lecture Notes" dated October 2014. Many of the members bought the notes. The effects were clearly explained so one could perform these effects with a little practice. Members commented after the lecture that this was one of the best lectures the Ring has offered.

Several Ring members performed at Purina Farms for the Haunted Hayloft event. This was held during the last two weekends in October. The following members volunteered—Jason Stack, Larry Corona, Terry Richison, Alan Zibits, Chuck Levy, Columbus Smith, Joey Lortz, Don Burgan, Randy Windsor, and Marty Kopp. The money the Ring receives from Purina Farms helps to bring well-known magicians, such as Charles Gauci, to St. Louis to present lectures for the Ring members.

Several members shared events that they have participated in recently. Bob Blattel recently taught two magic classes in St. Louis City for middle school students. He also performed at a homeless shelter for a 9-year-old birthday boy and his friends. Chuck Levy performed and lectured in Iceland during the month of November.

The members are looking forward to the annual Christmas party in December. There is always plenty of food. However, the members really look forward to the annual "White Elephant Gift Exchange." It is comical to watch the members open a wrapped gift that they have selected from the table. If they select a "good" gift, another member usually steals it. Most members try to remember to bring their gifts (that they did not need and/or like) to the next year's exchange.

The Ring always welcomes guests to its meetings and events.

Sandy Weis

Schedule of Events 2014 - 2015

July

No Meeting

August 6th, 2014

Ice Cream Social
and Flea Market

September 3rd, 2014

TBA

September 26th, 2014

Presidents Banquet

September 27th, 2014

Oscar Munoz Lecture

October 1st, 2014

TBA

November 5th, 2014

Charles Gauci Lecture
AT THE AIRPORT HILTON

December 3rd, 2014

Holiday Party



Veterans Tribute

Magical Holiday Show

Presented by

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #1

at
Kirkwood Community Theatre

111 South Geyer Road - Kirkwood, MO 63122

**An Exciting and Magical Show for the Entire Family
Featuring Mid America's Finest Magicians!**

**With A Special Tribute to Our Veterans
Who Have Served to Help Keep America Free!**

*Sunday December 14, 2014
3:00PM*

**This show is FREE for Veterans, their families and
Not For Profit Organizations.**

Reservations are required.

To Make Reservations Call 314-691-0507

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Bring A Friend To A Meeting

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(Hwy 40), I-44 or I-55:

Take I-64(Hwy 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...

Sad News....

It is with a heavy heart that I must tell you that our dear friend David Snetsinger passed away suddenly on Sunday, Nov 23, 2014. Dave had been an I.B.M. Ring 1 member since 1978. He will be missed.

There will be a memorial service on Sunday December, 7th at 5:00 pm at the Unitarian Church in Kirkwood
 100 South Taylor
 Kirkwood, MO 63122.