



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

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 2nd
at the Maryland Heights Civic Center**

**Magic 101 starts at 6:30 pm*

**Meeting Starts at 7:00 pm*

**Magic 201 starts at 9:30 pm*

Evening Agenda

6:30 Magic 101

7pm Announcements

7:15 Break

7:30 Meeting Theme: Money Magic

9:00 Workshop/Social Time

9:30 Magic 201

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President's Message

By: Dan Todd Magic@TheGreatTodd.com



This month we will be "In the Money", that is to say Money Magic. We will introduce the subject in Magic 101 at 6:30, where I will teach an effect using money. The main Magical Event will be Money themed and the new Magic 201 at 9:30 by Steve Finkelstein, will also be about Magic with Money!

So bring your money...not to spend, but we will gladly take some for the September 18th, President's Banquet tickets. Tickets are \$25 for adults & \$12.00 for children.

Dan Todd, Ring 1 President

Ring Report:

By Sandy Weis sweis@psdr3.org

The Ring does not meet in July so the August meeting was the first one of the year. The Ring purchased Ted Drewes frozen custard for the members and their guests. The members socialized while enjoying this “special” treat. Ted Drewes was established in 1930 and is a “favorite” of many of St. Louis residents, and even elsewhere. After the social the Ring had a flea market. Tables were set up for the members to display their “magic” which they finally decided to part with. Members left that evening with “treasures” they had purchased.

The members of Ring 1, along with members of the Society of American Magicians, Assembly 8, have been busy preparing for the upcoming Midwest Magic Jubilee. This convention takes place at the St. Louis Airport Hilton on August 14th, 15th, and 16th. It requires an enormous amount of volunteers to make this annual convention a success. Mike Niehaus, the chairman, announced the latest list of performers—Tom Burgoon, Doc Eason, Todd Lamanske, Bob Little, Danny Orleans, Jan Rose, Ken Scottt, Jay Sankey, Trent James, and Roy Zaltsman. Mike encouraged the members to register for the convention if they have not already. According to Mike, this year’s convention will be one of the best, if not the best.

One of our members, Henry Schaper, was recently featured in an article in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Henry submitted one of his recipes consisting of a low fat, low carb tiramisu to the newspaper. Tiramisu is a coffee-flavored Italian dessert using the following ingredients—Neufchatel, sour cream, coffee, cocoa powder, etc. The newspaper wrote a really nice article about him, including the fact that he is a magician. It states that he is as clever in the kitchen as he is with magic and card tricks he performs as a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. Make sure to read this article in detail at the following website --Stltoday.com to learn more about Henry and his unique recipe.

Steve Finkelstein, a member who has been active in magic for 40 years, shared that he offers a “magic lesson” to non-profit organizations to use for their silent and/or live auctions. He customizes a magic lesson to the “lucky” winner to fit their interests. This could include: cards, gambling, money, ropes, business cards, math, bar bets, mentalism, table magic, magic in business, trade shows, etc. Steve also shares his skills and knowledge with the members of Ring 1 at the meetings and various functions. Along with his vast knowledge of magic, he is also an excellent presenter. Thanks you Steve for sharing your talent and expertise with the community and also Ring 1’s members.

Columbus Smith shared that he is working on the “Mnemonic” stack by Juan Tamriz, and false cuts and shuffles from the “Gambling Moves with Cards” DVD set by Simon Lovell. He is able to create excellent, mind-blowing card magic by combining these two techniques. He uses the Mnemonic stack with both jumbo and miniature cards. In addition, he is working on the “Muscle Pass” from a Penguin download by Jay Noblezada. Further, he is practicing “Metal” which is a coin DVD series by Eric Jones. He is preparing a show for a Fall Festival to benefit a local church. They intend to use the proceeds to purchase new equipment for a newly built Children’s Activity Center. Columbus sure has been busy with magic and he also works full-time! Great job, Columbus!

Dan Todd, the President, is doing a great job keeping Ring 1’s website up-to-date. He has revised the format of the website and is constantly adding information and pictures. Thanks Dan for the magnificent job!

The President’s Banquet is scheduled on September 18th at Orlando Gardens Banquet and Conference Center in Maryland Heights. The newly, elected officers will be installed. The featured entertainer is Johnny Ace Palmer, World Champion Magician. He will perform strolling magic before the dinner. After the dinner he will do stand up/parlor magic. There is also a possibility that he will perform a late night close-up show. The members are very excited about this upcoming banquet.

The Ring always welcomes visitors to its meetings. The meetings are always on the first Wednesday of the month.

Sandy Weis

Schedule of Events 2015

September 2nd

Money Magic

September 18th

President’s Banquet

*Banquet Entertainment - Johnny
Ace Palmer*

October 7th

TBD

November 4th

TBD

December 2nd

TBD

January 6th

TBD

Fellow Magicians,

We are piloting a new program in our club – Magic 201. This was based on input from the survey we administered in the summer. Where Magic 101 is more for beginners to intermediate in magic, Magic 201 is for intermediate to advanced. The goal is to provide a forum for each of us to improve our magic knowledge and skills regardless of our level. Magic 201 will start when the normal meeting ends – we have the room until 10:00PM.

Everyone is invited to attend but there may be a certain level of understanding the basics required. This Wednesday the focus will be on the “Bill Switch”. There are many different methods of which some use a special gimmick and some do not. This is an opportunity to share different methods and also to perfect the method you choose to use. There will be opportunities to break into pairs and practice in front of others and provide feedback. Please be sure to bring a \$1 and another denomination plus any gimmicks that you use. Let me know if you are willing to discuss your method(s) and why / when you choose which method to use.

Also, I am interested in your thoughts and other topics. Several additional suggestions include:

- Coin Matrix
- Rising Card
- Book Test
- Card Slights – false cuts, second deals, forcing cards, etc.
- Books – Some of the best books to buy plus perform 1 or 2 effects.
- DVDs – Some of the best DVDs to buy plus perform 1 or 2 effects.

Hope to see you Wednesday. Please give me a call if you have any questions or have any ideas.

Steve Finkelstein 314-409-6869

Magicians out working:

Rusty Pliers and the Farmtastic Magic Show, returns to Eckerts Millstadt Fun Farm for its Fourth Award Winning Season. The show has been voted "Best Magic Show at an Apple Orchard in Millstadt Illinois" four years in a row. The show runs every Saturday and Sunday starting September 12, 2015 and runs until Sunday October 25, 2015. Show times are 11, 1, 3, and 5 every Saturday and Sunday. It's going to be a Humdinger of a time!



Amaze your family, colleagues and friends!

A 1.5 Hour Private Magic Lesson for you, your family or your company.

Value: \$300

The customized Magic lesson is designed to provide the skills and knowledge necessary to perform simple yet amazing magic that will entertain your family, friends, employees or customers. The class combines instructor presentation, step-by-step explanation and time to practice.

Before the session, Steve will listen to your areas of interests and will tailor the session to meet the interest and skill level of the participants. Example areas of magic may include: cards, gambling, money, ropes, business cards, math, bar bets, mentalism, table magic, magic in business, trade shows, etc.

Steve Finkelstein is a St. Louis professional magician and has been active in magic for 40 years. He is a member of three international magic clubs, International Brotherhood of Magicians, Society of American Magicians, and International Magicians Society where he earned a Doctor of Magic Diploma. Steve has received numerous magic awards in both close-up and stage competitions. He uses magic in business and also to make kids smile and adults act like kids.



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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
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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)
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This Just In... Title: HELP NEEDED

*The IBM Ring 1 is looking for someone to be the Ring's historian. If you are interested, please see Mike Niehaus for further details.

*Darryl "D. Jay" is still in need of magicians for Project Magic. The Ring 1 commitment to Shriner's is now on THE 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH. Please see D. Jay if you are available to help. His email is djay1000@yahoo.com

Shriner's has changed their time from 6:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and we must be out by 7:15 p.m., so they can quickly clean up and be out by 7:30 p.m. The best way, if coming from downtown or IL, is to take 64 and exit north on Boyle St. and turn left onto Clayton St. If coming from West County, head east on 64 and go North on Boyle and then left on Clayton St.

We have to go to the front desk and we show a photo ID. The room is on the 3rd floor. Take a left after getting off of the elevator and towards the area where there is a sitting area with large flat screen TV. It will be a small room (smaller than or meeting room). The new address is: 4400 Clayton Avenue St. Louis, MO 63110

If you have any questions, please call me.

Thank you,

Darryl "D. Jay"

CONVENTION CORNER

*Genii The Conjurors' Convention Orlando, FL October 1-3 www.geniiconvention.com

*15th Annual Daytona Festival of Magic Daytona Beach, FL November 6-8 www.daytonamagic.com