



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

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 4th

Maryland Heights Civic Center

Evening Agenda

6:30 Magic 101

**7:00 Meeting Topic: How to Routine
A Magic Performance.**

9:00 Social Time

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President's Message

By: Dan Todd Magic@TheGreatTodd.com

We had a great time at last month's meeting. We had a great close-up contest. It was a very entertaining evening and I think everyone enjoyed it. Congratulations to the winners. I look forward to next month we are going to have some just been discussions on staging a magic show.

I want to thank everyone the board and all the members for contributing to such a wonderful I.B.M. Ring!

Dan

Ring Report:

By Sandy Weis sweis@psdr3.org

The Close-Up contest took place during the regularly scheduled April meeting. There were six contestants. They were all grouped together rather than in two categories (Beginner – Intermediate and Advanced) as planned. Terry Richison, the winner from last year, organized the contest this year and served as the Master of Ceremonies. While the judges were scoring the acts, Terry entertained the audience by performing magic effects using lay members of the audience. He also informed the audience of upcoming events the Ring has scheduled.

The first contestant was Steve Finkelstein. He told the audience he was going to show them how magicians cheat using cards. He magically made cards appear and disappear using various methods. The audience had no idea how he was able to maneuver the cards. He made every effect look so easy to perform—the audience knew he had practiced many hours in order to do these effects.

Next Henry Schaper performed his act. He amazingly performed an effect using linking ropes (not rings). Then he performed an effect using cards, which involved audience participation. Next he did a card trick using an invisible deck of cards, which also involved audience participation. Everyone wrote down the name of a card and he had each person perform mathematical equations with the number. Then he was able to tell everyone what card they had. How amazing!

Next Dan Todd, the Ring's President, performed using music rather than words. He used gestures so the audience members would know what he wanted them to do. He even had an audience member fasten a straight jacket on him. A member selected a card from a card deck and at the end of his routine Dan knew which card the member selected. His routine brought many "chuckles" from the audience.

Larry Lucy entertained the audience using one deck of cards. He shared that he would not be the "star" but the Queens would be the "stars". He had participants select cards from the deck and then, each time, the Queens were able find the selected cards. He was right--the Queens were definitely the "stars" rather than he.

Steve Queen explained that magic involves taking something ordinary and making it extraordinary. He included comedy and lots of jokes in his routine. Steve brought out a smashed aluminum can and magically changed it into a full can of Red Bull. Everyone wished they knew how to fill cans magically like Steve. He then was able to make a deck of cards disappear.

Joey Night, who called himself a sleight of hand magician, performed several short effects, which included rubber bands, coins, scarves, sponge balls, a thimble, and even a key. He definitely kept the audience entertained.

The room was packed full of friends, relatives, and magicians. Everyone seemed to enjoy the contest.

There were several judges (including members and a non-magician). At the conclusion, Terry announced the winners—1st place—Joey Night, 2nd place Steve Queen, 3rd place—Dan Todd. All contestants did an excellent job and helped to make the night a fun-filled evening.

Snacks were provided while audience members conversed after the contest.

The Ring is searching for a new location for its meetings. May will be the last month that the Ring will be able to meet at the Maryland Heights Community Center. The Center is being replaced with a new building, which may not have a meeting room to meet the Ring's needs. The Ring always welcomes guests to its meetings. Be sure to check the website for the location of future meetings if you plan to attend.

Sandy Weis

Schedule of Events 2016

2016

May 4th

Stage Magic; How to routine a stage show
Elections

Deadline for June Spirit:

May 20nd

Email your submissions to:

jennyjonesmk@gmail.com

May 14th

Magic Live Expo
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Location: Hilton Garden Inn - St. Louis Airport
4450 Evans Place
Berkeley, MO 63134
\$9.95 in advance
\$19.95 at the door

June 1st

TBD

July

NO MEETING

I.B.M Convention July 2-5, 2016



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE:

What local St. Louis resident got his start with David Copperfield?

Watch next month's Spirit for the answer

Last Month's Question:

What was Steve Benders clown name when he was performing?

Answer - Kedso

PUZZLES

Puzzle #1: I'm looking at my watch. From this moment on, the hour hand will take exactly twice as long as the minute hand to reach the number 6. What time is it?

Answer is 5:00

Puzzle #2: Use the clues to find word pairs, the initials of the two words are given.

(for example b & b - bruised, the answer would be black & blue.) What are the words?

T & S - Conflict

T & E - Solution finding

S & D - Theatrical performance

(The answer will be in the next issue of the Spirit.)



MAGIC HUMOR:

Q: How many magicians does it take to change a light bulb?

A: It all depends on what you want to change it into



NEXT MEETING

Our next Ring 1 meeting will be Wednesday May 4th. The topic of this meeting will be how to routine a magic performance. This is an important aspect of performing as a magician and is often overlooked. It is always fun to learn a new trick, and hours upon hours can be spent practicing. As important as learning and practice is, without a good routine to display your efforts, all your hard work can be lost.

With most things in life there should be a beginning, middle and an end. This holds true to a magic show. Whether you are doing a close up set, stand up magic, a stage show, busking or even table hopping at a restaurant, a routine can bring all your tricks together in a way that entertains your audience.

At this month's meeting, we will have a panel of members who would be willing to share their insight on building a routine, and provide examples of what types of tricks they recommend for opening an act, ending an act and what to do between the two.

Members are encouraged to share examples of effects they like to open or close a show with and are encouraged to perform it for the group.



Magicians Out Working

Silly Jilly:

Syberg's Restaurant Chesterfield
Balloons Twisting - Tuesdays 5:30-8:30

Chuck Levy Magic

Most Saturdays 1- 5 PM at
Incredible Pizza Company
5254 So. Lindbergh Blvd.

Joey Night

Cicero's
Every Tuesday 5:30-8:30



**Close Up Contest. Congratulations to Everyone!
What a fun evening!**



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Hosted by Magic Magazine, SAM, IBM and Penguin Magic.

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FEATURED DEALERS:

- * Penguin Magic
- * Mark Mason
- * Paul Richards
- * Chris Smith

Saturday, May 14th, 2016

10 AM through 4 PM

Protip Session Schedule

- 11:00 Mark Mason
- 12:00 Penguin Magic
- 1:00 Chris Smith
- 2:00 Paul Richards
- 3:00 Penguin Magic

Location:

Hilton Garden Inn - St. Louis Airport
4450 Evans Place
Berkeley, MO 63134

Live Magic Expo FAQ

What is the Live Magic Expo?

The Live Magic Expo is your chance to see and buy new and exciting magic you won't find anywhere else. This is the world's top magic dealers, traveling to 24 cities over the next 12 months, to share with you some of their best products live and in-person. Not only demonstrating the tricks, but also making sure you understand what makes each effect powerful.

How long is the event?

The Expos is open from 10AM-4PM. We start pre-registration at 9:30AM so you can be ready to enter the room as soon as the doors open at 10AM. You can come for an hour or stay all day. Catch up with old friends or meet some new ones. Keep in mind we do have a Pro Tip Session every hour on the hour starting at 11AM.

For Sale:

1. **A COMPLETE BICYCLE DECK OF BRAILLE CARDS.**
Anybody interested should contact Tom Westerheide.
(618) 233-4329
2. **GRANTS CHAIR SUSPENSION MAGIC ILLUSION—\$125.00:** 2 Wooden chairs, Flat board, Covering, In suitcase box with handle, Girl suspended on board supported at one end on one chair
3. **YOGANO STOOL SUSPENSION MAGIC ILLUSION—\$150.00:** Includes stool, platform and plastic poles Girl stands on stool, poles put next to both arms for support, stool removed, then one pole, then the second pole---girl is suspended---poles and stool then replaced, girl steps off stool
4. **BOW SAW THROUGH SPECTATOR MAGIC ILLUSION \$150.00:** Includes bow saw, stocks and flat board Spectator lays on board, stocks put across midsection, pieces of wood put through openings in stocks, bow saw is then used to cut through wood and spectator, stocks are removed, spectator sits up and bow saw is then removed from around spectator
5. **STEINMEYER---THE LADY IN THE PUZZLE MAGIC ILLUSION—\$500.00;** Six large puzzle pieces fit into a 24 inch square frame. The frame is not very deep. The puzzle pieces are placed into the frame, and rearranged several times to make different pictures. Finally, when all pieces are removed, an assistant makes her appearance. Other variations include placing the assistant into the frame and then the six puzzle pieces are added. They are rearranged, at one point even with the front door of the frame open. There is apparently no place for the assistant to hide. Finally after the third rearrangement of the puzzle pieces, they are removed and the lady reappears
6. **ABBOTT'S TEMPLE OF BENARES MAGIC ILLUSION—\$400.00;** The temple is shown, the top is opened and assistant steps inside and top is closed, many swords are put through the temple, the front is opened and the temple is shown with the swords in it but the assistant has vanished, the temple is turned around completely to show no assistant, the front is then closed, the swords removed, the top is opened and girl reappears.
7. **MAGICIAN/ASSISTANT ESCAPES FROM BEING TIED TO A WOOD POST—\$125.00:** Includes wooden post and platform Magician/Assistant stands on platform against post, ropes are wrapped around the magician/assistant and tied with multiple knots trapping the magician/assistant, a curtain is raised and lowered and instantly the magician/assistant is free with the ropes on the floor—no curtain supplied
8. **SIEGFRIED & ROY MAGIC STAGE DECORATION—\$50.00** Decorative umbrella with stand Certificate of authenticity

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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 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.

Project Magic**Title: HELP NEEDED**

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. 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" **May** Darryl Lenz & John Davit, **June** Dan Todd + One Additional Volunteer, **July** Two Volunteers Needed, **August** Dan Todd + One Additional

CONVENTION CORNER

- Michael Carbonaro May 6th 7:30 PM Peabody Opera House
- AbraCORNdabra May 20-22, 2016 Des Moines, IA
- I.B.M Convention July 2-5, 2016 San Antonio, TX
- 60th Annual Midwest Magic Jubilee August 25-27 St. Louis, MO

**Round Table Meets informally Saturdays at 1 PM Schnuck's balcony lounge
 12332 Manchester Road St. Louis MO 6313**