



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

## Next Meeting:

Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Magic 101 with  
Johnny Harper 6:30 PM  
Meeting 7:00 PM

May's theme is "Special Event Magic"  
come ready to show your favorite effect  
for birthdays, anniversaries,  
retirements, and weddings!

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**DON'T FORGET TO  
PAY YOUR DUES**

## President's Message:

Hello Ring 1 members! I want to thank all of those who attended and competed in our 2018 Close Up Competition. We had some great magic and routines by those who competed and know everyone present enjoyed every minute. Also want to thank all our judges who took the time to help. I hope to see more of our members compete next year, as this is a great way to hone your skills and get some great feedback from your peers. A special thanks to Steve Finkelstein for organizing and running the competition, Steve did an excellent job and was able to perform some wonderful magic for attendees throughout the competition. Winners of the competition will be announced at our next meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

A couple of things to put on your calendar: We have 2 scheduled lectures coming up.

On May 16<sup>th</sup> we have Adrian Vega scheduled. The lecture will be held at the Airport Renaissance Hotel. Here's the address to Adrian's website so you learn more about him. <https://www.adrianvega.es/>

June 6<sup>th</sup> we have Jason Ladanye scheduled. This coincides with our regular membership meeting. Take a look at Jason's website as well.

<https://www.cardmagicbyjason.com/>

One more date to lock into your calendar and that's our Annual Ring 1 President's Banquet. Please mark **September 28<sup>th</sup>** for this year's banquet. Again this year, we are combining the event with our fellow magicians with S.A.M. Assembly #8.

Looking forward to seeing everyone next month on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at our membership meeting. May's theme is "special event magic" come ready to show your favorite effect for birthdays, anniversaries, retirements, and weddings!

Believe in your magic!

Johnny Harper



## did you know?

Close-up magician Lennart Green gave such an astounding performance at the 1988 World Championship of Magic that the judges disqualified him because they thought he used actors posed as volunteers to help him cheat. He returned 3 years later, performed the same trick, and used only the judges as his volunteers. He won first place.



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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



Dan Todd 6<sup>th</sup>  
Silly Jilly 6<sup>th</sup>  
Jeffrey Lefton 6<sup>th</sup>  
Jerome Novack 20<sup>th</sup>  
John Davit 21<sup>st</sup>  
Amelie Nguyen 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Columbus Smith 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Darryl Lenz 28<sup>th</sup>  
Paul Leonard 29<sup>th</sup>  
Sterling Dare 31<sup>st</sup>

James L Nagel  
1951-2018

It is with a heavy heart that I must inform you of the passing of Ring 1 Member and Past International I.B.M. President, James L. Nagel. Jim passed away on Monday, April 16, 2018 at 5:30AM. His wife, Bonnie, said that Jim had requested that the I.B.M. perform a Broken Wand Ceremony at his funeral. We shall honor Jim's wishes. May he rest in peace.

The visitation was held at Kutis Funeral Home, located at [10151 Gravois Rd, St. Louis, MO 63123](http://10151GravoisRd.com), on Friday, April 20, 2018 from 4pm – 7pm. The funeral was on Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 12:00PM (Noon) – 1:00PM. The Broken Wand Ceremony was held towards the end of the funeral. All magicians were invited and encouraged to attend and participate in the Broken Wand Ceremony. All Magicians are invited to a reception after the funeral at Jim and Bonnie's home at [2523 Johnson Place Drive, Ballwin, MO 63021](http://2523JohnsonPlaceDrive.com). Sincerely, Terry Richison I.B.M. Executive Committee

### Schedule of Events 2018-2019

#### **Deadline for June Spirit:**

May 18th Email your submissions to:

[jennyjonesmk@gmail.com](mailto:jennyjonesmk@gmail.com)

#### **2018**

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>** Special Event Magic/  
Club Elections

**May 16<sup>th</sup>**, Adrian Vega Lecture  
Airport Renaissance Hotel

**June 6<sup>th</sup>** Lecture – Jason  
Ladanye

#### **July No Meeting**

**July 4<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup>** IBM 2018 Annual  
Convention Grand Rapids, MI

**July** possible lecture by Mickaël  
Chatelain no date, time or  
location determined yet.

**August 1<sup>st</sup>** Ice Cream Social  
Board and Officers Performance/  
Flea Market

**September 28<sup>th</sup>** 6:30 PM  
President's Banquet Orlando  
Gardens Banquet center in  
Maryland Heights

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## Ring Report

The annual Close-up Contest took place during the regularly scheduled April meeting. Since Steve Finkelstein won the contest last year, he was in charge of organizing the event. Members were encouraged to invite their relatives and friends. The following agreed to be judges—Steve Bender, Al Zibits, Ted Schnarre, Sarah Dubberke (lay judge), and Jonathan Cox (lay judge). There were two categories—beginner/intermediate and advanced.

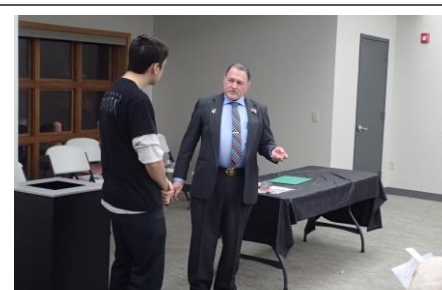
The first performer in the beginner/intermediate category was Chad Jacobs (Chef Bananas). He pretended he was a Chef in a restaurant. He invited a couple to sit at a table which was decorated as a restaurant table. Each effect he performed involved the restaurant theme. The napkins on the table actually had “ghosts” in them. He took orders using a pen that confused the couple—was the pen point pointing up, down, left or right? He then gave each of them a menu and they were able to order—pizza or spaghetti. He even had effects that went with pizza and spaghetti. At the end, they ordered desert—a banana split—which they actually received. He split a real banana and give them the pieces in doggy bags. Next Gary Chan (Gazam) performed. He stated that he needed a volunteer to assist him who had a “keen sense of perception.” He chose a volunteer who claimed he met this qualification. He then performed a card trick. The volunteer chose a card and placed it back in the deck. Then, all the cards were mixed up on the table. Gary chose five cards and the volunteer stated that one of these cards was his. However, the card magically disappeared. While the volunteer was looking for his card, Gary changed his green shirt to a white shirt which had the volunteer’s chosen card printed on it. No one in the audience even noticed when he changed his shirt. Magically, his shoe laces, which were untied at the beginning of his act, were tied. The volunteer chosen, as well as the audience members, really didn’t have a “keen sense of perception” since he was able to fool everyone. In conclusion, Gary gave his business card to the volunteer, but it was blank. He sprinkled “magic dust” on it and it changed into his real business card. David Suda performed next. He placed 4 quarters on a pad. He covered each with a card. Magically, he was able to move the coins without the audience seeing him do this. John Skarin performed next. He asked for two volunteers to assist him. Since his act was really a close-up act, he encouraged the audience to move close to the table. He had each of the volunteers choose a card and sign their name on it. He then performed an effect—the 3 card Monti using two jokers and one ace. At the end, he had two jokers and one Ace. He then went back to the first trick and, magically, one of the volunteer’s cards ended up in the box.

Next, the advanced contestants performed. Johnny Harper performed first. He shared that he started performing magic as a youngster and learned magic by using everyday objects. First, he was able to make a card box disappear, with only the cards left in his hand. Then he tied a knot in a scarf and magically blew the knot out. He used rubber bands which melted through each other. He then borrowed a ring and was able to pull it through the “larger end” of the key. He had an invisible coin in his hand and magically it became visible. In conclusion, he placed two glasses on the table. He used two different colored decks. He placed the spades in order in one glass. He then put the hearts from the other deck in the other glass mixed up. Somehow, when he revealed the cards that were in the glasses, they matched. Columbus Smith performed next. He had two volunteers assist him. He had one volunteer shuffle the cards and had the other volunteer select one as he flipped through the deck. Columbus knew what the selected card was. He then had the female volunteer think of a time. She wrote it on a card and folded it. He had the other volunteer use his special watch. The volunteer turned the stem back and forth. Amazingly, the time on the card and the time on the clock matched. Steve Queen performed next. He stated that he would perform a demonstration of trust and memory. Each of his effects led to the next effect. First, he asked if anyone would give him a quarter. He placed the quarter in his “magic” piggy. He then borrowed two \$1 bills from an audience member. He folded them, and they changed into a \$2 bill. Then he borrowed a wedding ring from one of our members, Silly Jilly. He then performed a card trick where a volunteer chose a card. Silly Jilly was expecting her ring to be in one of the oranges he cut open next. Instead, the volunteer’s chosen card was in the orange. There had been a box on the table all along as he performed his effects. He opened the sealed box and the volunteer’s quarter was in the box—not Silly Jilly’s ring. Then he looked in the box again and there was bubble wrap with something inside it. Silly Jilly was relieved—her ring was inside the bubble wrap. John Davit performed last. He has been performing longer than any of the other performers. He used a rope and was able to tie a knot in it with only his one hand. He called it his” mechanical” rope. He also did other effects using the rope. Then he performed several effects using a large ring with the rope. He then performed several card effects. Everyone enjoys when he performs the card trick where the chosen card pops out of the gun (cards placed so they look like a gun). He also did the three card Monti with the deck of cards. He concluded his act with the card effect in which he manipulates the cards, so the Aces pop out.

Steve Finkelstein entertained the audience between contestants. The audience really enjoyed the variety of effects he performed. A few of the effects he performed are as follows—he used sponge balls which magically switched hands, he used a cell phone stand to pick up cards (audience members chose the number of cards), he performed a card trick where the chosen card ended up in his pocket, he performed a mentalist effect knowing which word a volunteer chose from a magazine page, he performed a compatibility test to see if a couple were compatible, he also told a clever story about the Queen and King twins, etc. The members really appreciated the great job he did preparing and organizing the Close-up contest. It was a huge success! The winners were not announced that night but should be announced at the next meeting.

Visitors are always welcome to attend meetings and activities. The Ring usually does not meet during the summer so please check online to see the schedule.

# April Close-Up Contest





President Banquet is scheduled to be combined event between the I.B.M. Ring 1 and SAM Assy.8. It will be held on Sept 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Orlando Gardens Banquet center in Maryland Heights.

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2002	Feb, March
2003	July, Dec
2005	Aug, Sept, Oct
2006	Feb - sept Nov Dec
2007	March April, may, Dec
2008	March, April, July Aug, Sept - Dec
2009	Complete year
2010	Complete year
2011	Complete year includes the 20th anniversary (Sept)
2012	Almost Complete year less October
2013	Almost Complete year less October
2014	Almost Complete year less Jan & July
2015	Complete year
2016	Jan – Sept less June & July, Sept was the last issue published.

# Bring A Friend To A Meeting

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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 Dielmann Recreation Center 11400 Olde Cabin Rd Creve Coeur, MO 63141.

### Meeting Agenda

6:30 Magic 101

7:00 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 St Louis Lambert Airport:**

Take I-70 West to I-270 South, Take the MO-340 E. EXIT 14, Turn slight left onto MO-340/Olive Blvd, turn right onto Old Ballas Rd, Turn left onto Olde Cabin Rd Dielmann Recreation Ctr, 11400 OLDE CABIN RD 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. Merge onto Olive Blvd/MO 340 E. Exit 14, Turn right onto Old Ballas Rd, turn left onto Olde Cabin Rd Dielmann Recreation Ctr, 11400 OLDE CABIN is on the right

## Project Magic

## 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](mailto: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 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** John Davit + 1 volunteer, **June** need 2 volunteers, **July** need 2 volunteers, **August** need 2 volunteers, **September** need 2 volunteers, **October** Darryl Lenz + 1 volunteer, **November** need 2 volunteers, **December** Darryl Lenz + 1 volunteer.

## CONVENTION CORNER

- IBM 2018 Annual Convention Grand Rapids, MI July 4 – 7, 2018

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