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December 2019

Dec 4

Ring 1 Meeting

6:30pm Social Gathering

7:00pm Variety Show

7:30pm Potluck Dinner

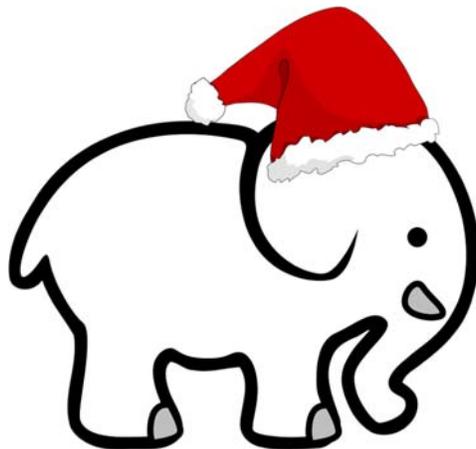
8:15 White Elephant Gift Exchange

Dielmann Recreation Center

11400 Olde Cabin Road

Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Please RSVP; see inside for details!



President's Message

The end of the year is almost here. We had some great meetings and have a great show coming up December 8th at 3:00 PM. I hope that everyone will be able to come and help support the Ring. I want to thank everyone who has helped to make this year a great one. We want to keep that going in 2020. So start thinking as to what you might like to help with next year. You know if everybody helped a little, no one would have to help a lot!

The Holiday season is a time to remember. With all the stress and turmoil in our lives and in the world around us, we as magicians need to take it upon ourselves to bring a little joy into everyone's life that watch us perform. There is nothing more rewarding that to see the smiles and hear the laughter of those that we entertain.

During this season of giving, we must not forget those who support us in our endeavors. Whether it is magic or just everyday life, we need to be sure to give a little joy and gratitude to those people who stand behind us and encourage us. This might be your spouse, your children, your mom or dad, or even just a friend. They give up much more that we know. Make sure you let them know how much you appreciate them and all they do. Thanks to them, we can continue to spread our magical joy to millions throughout the world.

Lastly, I want to let everyone know, after our Veteran & 1st Responder's Tribute Magical Holiday Show on Dec 8th, that I won't be available to participate in any Ring events for a couple months. But not to worry, Vice President, Steve Queen will be taking over for me until my return. Please give him all your support. He has got some great things planned for our January meeting. So, to close, I want say thanks for great year and I wish everyone a safe and blessed holiday season.

Terry Richison

Monthly Recap

Steve Zuehlke and Barb Langston volunteered to teach Magic 101 entitled “Craft Magic.” Barb is a “crafter” and brought a huge variety of “craft” materials. She has been crafting for years and showed how one can use her “craft” tools and materials to make magic effects. She shared that buying items at craft stores is a lot cheaper than buying them at a magic shop. She explained and actually made things using her tools and materials. Following are some of the ideas she shared: how to iron transfers on silks, how to make special cards using stickers, how to make a stripper deck, how to make a ProControl card, etc. She shared hints on using adhesives, cutters, razor blades, and rubber stamps. There were approximately twenty-five members in attendance. The members really enjoyed their presentation. Their lecture showed how Steve’s knowledge of magic can be combined with Barb’s knowledge of crafts to make amazing magic effects. They even prepared a comprehensive handout for the attendees outlining their lecture.

Terry Richison reminded the members that the “Veterans and First Responders Tribute - Magical Holiday Show” will be held on December 8th at 3:00 at the Kirkwood Community Theatre. Scott Credit Union will again sponsor the show. Members are asked to contact Terry if they would like to perform close-up before the show or even volunteer to help. So far, Steve Zuehlke, Christian Misner, and Terry are scheduled to perform. This year the Ring is charging \$5 as a transaction fee per family to see the show. All money collected will be donated to “Folds of Honor.” The annual Ring 1 Christmas party will take place on December 4th. Members are encouraged to bring White Elephant Gifts for the gift exchange. D. Jay thanked the members for visiting Shriners Hospital monthly to entertain the children and their families. He is in the process of recruiting volunteers for 2020.

The theme for the evening was Self-Working Card Tricks. D. Jay used an eight-card rainbow packet to perform a trick. Each card picked had a different color back. Steve Queen performed a card trick that used the Rule of Nine effect. John Davit used ten cards to play five-card stud with another member. Of course, John won. Steve Busking performed “The Answer” by Benjamin Earl. The volunteer shuffled the cards but Steve ended with the perfect hand. John Skarin performed two self-working card tricks. He even shared how these were done. George Van Dyke performed another poker effect. He even had a handout for everyone. Hal Scharf had a volunteer select a card and he magically found it. Dave Goldfarb performed John Bannon’s trick called “Poker Paradise.” He also gave each attendee a handout. Darrell Peplow performed an effect he teaches children called “Jack in the Box.” Everyone seemed surprised with how the effect ended. Chuck Levy used two volunteers and called his effect, “An Experiment under Scientific Test Conditions.” The attendees learned several self-working card tricks from these wonderful presentations.

The Ring always welcomes visitors to its meetings and activities.

Sandy Weis

Magic Lounge Reviews

Chicago Magic Lounge
5050 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60640
(312) 366-4500
<https://www.chicagomagiclounge.com/>

Recently I made a 3-day visit to Chicago, which included a visit to the Chicago Magic Lounge. It was a lot of fun, and I encourage you to do the same. Here is a brief review. The entrance is through a wall of laundry machines, which was cute. The place used to be a laundromat, so this comical entrance plays homage to their heritage. There are 3 main rooms: the showroom, the magic bar, & the 654 Club. On the Saturday night I was there, they had 2 seatings in the showroom: 7pm-9pm and 10pm-noon. The 7pm weekend slots often sell out, so booking early is recommended. After getting through the entrance, we were seated in the showroom, which holds about 120 people. It is tiered, and you sit at small tables. The first hour is strolling close-up magic. You can order a variety of heavy hors d'oeuvres which served as our dinner. The food was decent. Three performers come to our table, each doing just 1 trick before moving on. The room was full and it was a little tight. I'd have liked to see the close-up magicians do a little more, but what they did was good. The second hour was the stage show. There were 2 performers and an emcee, Jan Rose (wife of Danny Orleans). The shows were very good. The Chicago Magic Lounge seems to have different show performers weekly, and something going on most every night!

After the show we hung out in the bar and enjoyed the bar magic. I think the bar magician's name was A.J. He was the highlight of the visit for me. He was very entertaining, interactive. Reminded me of Doc Eason. They have a great set up for the bar magic. Guests can enjoy it before or after the show. The 654 Club (named after famous Chicago bar magician, Frank Eberhardt and his Sam the Bellhop Trick) was sold out that night, so unfortunately I didn't get to see it.

The Chicago Magic Lounge was a 20 minute ride from the Water Tower in downtown Chicago. Tickets were \$45-60. I took the train up and back to Chicago, which was fun and inexpensive. I hope you get to the Chicago Magic Lounge. I'm sure you'll have a fun evening!

Marvyn's Magic Theater
46630 Washington St, La Quinta, CA 92253
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<https://www.marvynsmagictheater.com/>

Planning a trip to southern CA? If possible, consider a visit to Marvyn's Magic Theater. I was there recently, cheering my wife on in a tennis tournament that was held in Palm Springs. Here is a brief review of the theater.

Marvyn's Magic Theater is in the Palm Springs area, in a town called La Quinta. The theater is brand new, and looks fresh and beautiful. Oddly enough, it is in a strip center, as everything seems to be in Palm Springs, which I found unusual for a theater. But that was fine. The theater is named after Marvin Roy, Mr. Electric, who is 94, lives nearby, and was there the day I was! Marvyn doesn't perform any more, but comes by quite a bit. The theater, I believe, is owned by Jeff Hobson. Jeff greeted us as we entered decked out in a sequined tuxedo and

matching sequined shoes! He led my friend's wife into the dematerialization chamber. This was a very cute entrance piece. She got into what looks like a clear phone booth. Wavy lines appeared on the clear door, obscuring her somewhat, and when the lines dissipated, she was gone, only to reappear in a door at the other end of the room. After that, we were led into the lobby bar area. It has a large bar and is the waiting area outside the showroom. The day I was there, Andy Goldenhersh (from St. Louis, I believe) performed close-up magic pre-and post-show in the lobby. He was very good. Gaye Blackstone (Harry Blackstone Jr's widow) was also there, so it was a star studded visit! Two big screens flanking the bar that black & white video of vintage magic—including clips from the acts of Blackstone, Marvin Roy, etc.

We were ushered into the theater, which is brand new and beautiful. There are 129 tiered seats. Different magicians perform each week. The show is approximately 75 minutes. Nick Lewin and a juggler from Las Vegas performed the Sunday I visited. They were outstanding. Jeff Hobson emceed and did a chair and cardboard box routine, which was very polished. Tickets range from \$45-65. They have 2 for 1 tickets Wed & Thu.

A very nice facility, a great line up of talent. I think this place will be a winner, and hope you get there to enjoy it.

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Ring 1 History Books

We are searching for our Ring's history books (scrap books). Anyone with information, please contact Steve Zuehlke at steve@sligosteel.com or 314-231-3050.

Donald “Don” Ray Burgan

Don Burgan, 78, of Terre Du Lac, passed away suddenly on Saturday, November 16, 2019, at Parkland Health Center. He was born on Tuesday, August 12, 1941.

Don proudly served his country in the U. S. Navy. He was active in the Boy Scouts of America where he served as District Commissioner and Advancement Chairman. He enjoyed 60+ years in magic and was a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 1 in St. Louis and International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 325 in Branson. He loved going to the Midwest Magic Jubilee, watching the St. Louis Cardinals, bird watching, fishing and most of all his loving dog, Siegfried.

Don is survived by his wife of 38 years, Barbara; children, Rich Burgan, Beth Burg; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and his sister, Beverly Manning.

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*Veterans & First Responders
Tribute*

Magical Holiday Show

Presented by

International Brotherhood of Magicians

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, Active Military and First Responders Who Have Served to Help Keep America Free!

*Sunday December 8, 2019
3:00PM*

For General Public Tickets Go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/MagicShowTickets>

**Tickets are FREE To All Active Military,
Veterans & 1st Responders and their Family**

For Tickets:

<https://tinyurl.com/Vets-1stResponderTickets>

There is a \$5 transaction fee, no matter the number of tickets ordered.

More Information: (314) 669-6650

December 4 Happy Holidays Meeting

Our festive event will start at 6:30pm as a social gathering. At 7pm, we'll have some great performances, followed by a potluck dinner at 7:30pm. At 8:15pm, we will begin the Ring 1 Traditional "White Elephant" Gift Exchange. The meeting will be open to immediate family members.



What is a White Elephant Gift? Normally it is something lying around the house that you don't want (some horribly ugly item that someone gave you as a gift.) Each participant should bring a GIFT-WRAPPED, COMPLETE magic effect, INCLUDING INSTRUCTIONS. The effect does not have to be new, but it must be in a presentable and working shape and be no less than \$5 in value when new.

Please bring a magic item for our white elephant get together. Anyone who brings a gift may participate in the White Elephant gift exchange. If you prefer not to participate in the gift exchange, that's ok -- just come and enjoy some great food, magic, and festivities.

For the gift exchange, participants will sit in a circle with the packages in a pile in the middle. Each person participating will draw a number out of a hat. The lowest number goes first and selects a present from the pile. Once a present is selected from the pile of gifts, the trick is unwrapped for all to see. The next person may choose from the wrapped pile of gifts, or may "take" a gift from someone that has already selected one. The person that lost a gift may then choose to select another gift from the unopened pile, or may "take" a gift from another person. A single gift can only be "stolen" a total of 3 times. This is continued until all of the presents are exhausted or everyone has a gift. As an added bonus, it is a known fact that there will be a few new gifts that Ring 1 has purchased from Ickle Pickle Magic in the pile! There will also be a free President's Banquet certificate, too. You might be the lucky one!

For the potluck, the club will provide meat and cheese trays and soft drinks. We are asking everyone to bring their favorite holiday side dish, condiment, or dessert to share with everyone. Use a disposable container for easier clean up.

Please call or e-mail Terry Richison at 314-791-9108 or TerryRich@charter.net to let him know how many people will be attending and what dish you will be bringing to share. We need a headcount for ordering food, so please do not wait.



Upcoming 2020 Meetings

The calendar (later in this newsletter) has been updated with early 2020. Magic 101 will be based on the Tarbell series. Thank you, Steve Buesking, for the fantastic suggestion.

Monthly giveaways will (when possible) be aligned with the meeting topic. Everyone who attends receives a ticket. Receive an extra ticket for each guest you bring, and receive yet another ticket for performing.

Special thanks to Jeff Lefton, Steve Finkelstein, and Steve Queen for kicking us off in early 2020. Please contact Steve Queen (see last page for contact info) to volunteer to lead a Magic 101 or a meeting.

Gary Chan

SPIRIT Backup

Please e-mail me at gschan2000@outlook.com if you would be able to help with one or two SPIRIT issues in 2020. The work entails being available the last week of the month, assembling all submitted articles (which I'll give to you) into a single newsletter, editing and making sure everything makes sense, and then e-mailing the newsletter out to the distribution list (which I'll give to you).

Gary Chan

Website Support

Please contact Terry Richison (contact in on last page) and Dan Todd (magic@thegreattodd.com) if you would be able to help keep our website updated.

Gary Chan

Volunteer for Project Magic

Volunteer to place a smile on a child's face at the Shriner's hospital on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm and finish by 7:15pm. We are looking for two magicians for each month.

We'll post a new 2020 calendar in next month's SPIRIT.

Contact Darryl "D. Jay" at djay1000@yahoo.com to sign-up!

Directions to Shriner's, 4400 Clayton Avenue St. Louis, MO 63110: If coming from downtown or IL, 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.

To check-in, go to the front desk and show a photo ID. The room we will be going to is on the 3rd floor. Take a left after getting off the elevator, and go towards the area where there is a sitting area with a large flat screen TV. It will be a small room (smaller than our Dielmann Recreation Complex meeting room).

Darryl "D. Jay"
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Submit Articles for the SPIRIT

I encourage everyone to submit at least one interesting article each year. Your article could be about a cool magic trick, your thoughts on a recent magic event, or a thoughtful diary entry about how magic has affected your life. It could be a notification of an upcoming magic conference that you'd like others to know about. Or a funny comic strip related to magic. This is your newsletter -- share your joy with others.

Submit the article to gschan2000@outlook.com anytime. I'll respond with any edits, and the final copy will be printed in the next SPIRIT.

Gary Chan

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Date	Event
Dec 4 6:30pm	Holiday Party with Terry Richison White Elephant Gift Exchange with Terry Richison
Dec 8 3:00pm	Veterans and First Responder Magical Holiday Show
Jan 8 6:30pm (TBC due to the holidays)	Magic 101: Tarbell Ch. 3 (Coin Magic) with Jeff Lefton Gimmicked Decks with Steve Queen Giveaway is a gimmicked deck
Feb 5 6:30pm	Magic 101: Tarbell Ch. 4-5 (Coin Magic) with Jeff Lefton Impromptu Mentalism with Steve Finkelstein Giveaway is related to mentalism
Mar 4 6:30pm	Magic 101: Tarbell Ch. 6 (Thumb Tips) with Steve Finkelstein One-minute Tricks (host TBD)
Apr 1 6:30pm	Magic 101: Tarbell Ch. 7 (Impromptu Magic) with Steve Queen Rings, Ropes, and Chains (host TBD)
May 6 6:30pm	Magic 101: TBD Money Magic (host TBD)

Next Board Meeting Date: Dec 18

6:30pm IBM
7:30pm Jubilee

Location: Experience on Demand, 16020 Swingley Ridge Rd, Chesterfield, MO 63017. (Register with Terry Richison so that you get any last-minute location change notifications. His contact info is on the last page.)

Contribute and help shape the future of our organization. All members are welcome!



Calendar

Other Magic Conferences and Events

Magifest 2020

Columbus, OH; January 16 - 18, 2020

<https://www.vanishinginmagic.com/magic-conventions/magifest/>

I.B.M. Convention

Pittsburgh, PA; July 8-11, 2020

<https://www.magician.org/convention/online-registration>

Magic Roundtable

Schnuck's, 12332 Manchester Rd, Des Peres, MO 63131

The St. Louis Magic Roundtable has been meeting every Saturday for roughly 40 years. It currently meets on the mezzanine at Schnucks in Des Peres at 1:30 every Saturday. There is no cost involved, but any food consumed must be purchased in their store. Bring some magic or a book. Discuss, show others, practice. Or just visit and be social. Questions? Contact Harry Monti at 636-399-5391 or MontiMagic@aol.com .

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