



March Spirit 2009

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Up Comming Meetings

Youth Meetings 6:00 to 6:30

Magic 101 6:30 to 7:15

Meeting 7:30 to 8:45

March 4 th	Close Up Contest
April 1 st	Everyone Performs
May 6th	Stage Contest
June	To Be Announced

Driving Directions

Ring 1 Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00PM. (Except July)
All meetings will be at the Maryland Heights Community Center
2344 McKelvey Rd in Maryland Heights, MO 63043. Unless noted in the schedule.

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

Take I-64(Hiway 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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Close-up Contest

March we will be

having the annual close-up contest which will be hosted by last year's First Place Winner Steve Fickelstien. We seem to have more members who are interested in performing close up magic, than stage or parlor magic. So here is your chance to shine. The time limit is a minimum of 6 minutes and a maximum of 10 minutes. I know it is nerve racking but if you cannot perform in front of judges and your friend how will you perform for strangers. This is a chance to o find out if you have what it takes. Give Steve a call or email him to reserve your place in the contest. sfinkelstein1@sbcglobal.net or call 314-409-6869.

Elections

Elections for the upcoming year are drawing near. For over eighty years Ring One has been active and has a great history to boast. Here is your chance to become a vital part of the history of Ring One. We need members to volunteer to become part of the board and officers, to guide us through the upcoming year. Feel free to call or talk to me at the meetings and any of the current board and officers now in office. This is my last year as president; you are only allowed to run for the office of president for two years, all of the other officers and board members are unlimited. New members on the board mean new ideas, new suggestions to keep the meetings and functions of the Ring going strong. Please don't let this opportunity pass you by.

Nathan Kranzo Review

By Steve Zuehlke

The February meeting was an evening with Nathan Kranzo. For those not familiar with the name, Nathan has been around for a while and has been making quite a stir lately. He publishes a bi-weekly newsletter, performs, lectures and has a monthly column in the M-U-M magazine. Nathan's forte is close-up but he does some stand-up as well. What is nice about Nathan's material is that it has been audience tested and it works! This lecture was one of the best I have attended in a long time. All the material was good and most of it was easy. As a bonus there were very few props you had to buy. While Nathan had

a large assortment of products to sell, his sales pitch was minimal while focusing on teaching, Nathan covered a little of everything including tips, thumb tips, cards, loops, mentalism, sleights, theory, cards and coins. A few very nice effects involved Nathan's handling of loops. This prop should be in everyone's arsenal! Also very educational was Nathan's instructions on the Mercury Card Fold. While most of us shy away for the fear of getting caught, Nathan's instructions make this move look effortless. The most difficult thing Nathan presented was his version of Three Fly. While the original effect is not for the beginner, Nathan's version was streamlined to the bare minimum of sleights which amounted to only two. Both of these "moves" are easily learned with just a bit of practice. All of Nathan's material was available in note form and DVD. Nathan was readily available after the lecture and is a HELL of a nice guy! We look forward to seeing Nathan again soon.

Parade of Magic Review

It would appear that Friday the 13th was an excellent choice for the magic show. John Reider had the foyer aglow as patrons arrived and exited the show. The attendance was around two hundred, the largest we have had in quite some time. What puzzles me is, we did the same advertising as anytime before and the crowd was larger. Go figure! My thanks to all that help make the show possible, and a success. Back stage Larry Minth, John Reider and Mike Hendricks, lighting Steve and Audrey Levit, ticket

booth Larry Skorepa, Dave Snetsinger and Barb Redmond, ticket takers Don and Barb Burgan. Close up performer John Davit and Larry Minth. Emcee Steve Zuehlke, performers Steve Barcellona Josh Routh, Marty Kopp, Terry Richison and Alexia Richison.

and Ted Schnarre, for their help packing up The Linking Rings, loading the trailer. Extra big thank you to Terry and Steve for unloading the trailer by themselves.

Ring 325

Ring One members Don and Barbara Burgan are really keeping busy these days. Don is the historian for Ring One which I really appreciate him taking over this duty and restoring the scrap book and updating the book. Don and Barb are not only Ring One members they also are members of Ring 325 in Branson Mo. and recently performed on their annual show. Show Me the Ring Magic Show at the Jim Stafford Theater, in Branson. Don and Barb have performed on past Ring One shows, and the Society of American Magicians Assembly 8 Fall Festival of Magic Shows. They also have helped us out with the Midwest Magic Jubilee. Ring 325 is very fortunate to have Don and Barb as we are members of our rings.

IBM Headquarters Moves

The International Brotherhood of Magicians has moved its main office from St. Louis Mo. to St. Charles Mo. The new location is so much more spacious than the old office and a lot easier to find. It is at the intersection of interstate 70 and the Cave Springs exit. A big thank you to Ring One Members, Terry Richison, Steve Zuehlke, Al Zibits, Dave Snetsinger, CSJ, Sr. Michael Therese Bauer,