



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

Meeting: Wednesday, February 5th Members Perform

Our February meeting will be held on Wednesday February 5, 2014 at the Maryland Heights Community Center. This meeting will be about members performing. If you are coming to the meeting be prepared to perform a 3 minute routine. If you got something new in 2013 start practicing the effect and be ready to perform. Please remember due to time your routine needs to be no longer than 3 minutes. This would be a great opportunity to practice your Close Up Routine in front of an audience for the March Meeting.

MEETING AGENDA

- 6:30 Magic 101 Quiet Please if you are not involved with Magic 101.
 - 7:00 Refreshments/ Socialize and Jamming sessions
 - 7:30 Members Perform
- Following the meeting- Workshop and Fellowship till 10PM

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President's Message

By Mike Niehaus, President and Exalted Grand Poobah mrniehaus@sbcglobal.net

I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season. Now that we have survived January in St. Louis, we can look forward to our next meeting. Ring 1 has a lot of events happening in the next couple of months. Last month Steve Finkelstein organized the JDRF event for the club. Steve did a great job, so when you see him congratulate him for successfully helping our club give back to the community. Columbus Smith said it best "It's great that this club gets us out in the community performing magic".

The Spring Parade of Magic is only days away. We are honored to have the International Brotherhood of Magicians President Bill Evans MC the show. The show is scheduled for Saturday February 15, 2014 at the Kirkwood Community Center. Show times are 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Make sure you invite all your friends to this great event. If you would like to help out please let me know.

Our March meeting is the Annual Close Up Competition. Again this year we will be having different skill levels of competition. So start practicing and getting your routine perfected. Once you win the Ring 1 Competition you will be ready for FISM in July. Imagine winning those Gold Cups all because you participated in the Close Up Contest. Let's dream big.

During the May meeting we will be having elections of officers. Anyone who would like to serve as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure, or Board Member are encouraged to run. If you are interested in any of these positions please let me know.

Thursday May 15, 2014 we will be having the Joshua Jay Lecture at the Airport Hilton. We will be giving out more information on this event. Currently, the Presidents Banquet is tentatively scheduled for Friday September 26, 2014. The event will be at Orlando Garden's in Maryland Heights. I used the word tentatively because I still need approval from the board.

Finally, don't forget to register for the IBM/SAM National Convention here in St. Louis July 1 thru 5, at the Renaissance Hotel downtown St. Louis. See you at the February meeting.



One of these guys is the President of Ring 1

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111 South Geyer Road
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Ring Report: January 2014

By Sandy Weis sweis@psdr3.org

The January meeting had to be cancelled due to the snowstorm (almost a foot of snow) St. Louis experienced.

Mike Niehaus, the President, shared that the Ring has several upcoming events planned. On January 25th the Ring is participating in the JDRF Family Event, which will be held at the St. Louis Union Station Hotel. Ring magicians will work a booth and also perform close-up magic. Members will also teach the children magic. This is an event the ring has participated in for several years. The February meeting's theme will be "Members Perform", which was the theme for the January meeting that had to be cancelled. On February 15th, the Ring will host the "Spring Parade of Magic" at the Kirkwood Community Center. Bill Evans, the IBM International President, will be the MC for the show. The annual close-up contest is scheduled during the regular March meeting. A lecture featuring Josh Jay is scheduled for May 15th at the Hilton St. Louis Airport Hotel.

Since the meeting was cancelled, members were asked to share anything they have been involved in regarding magic. Don Rataj, who retired and is now living in Florida, has been performing at several locations in Sarasota. Jill "Silly Jilly" Schmidt is enjoying performing the Vernet Ethereal Salt she received at the December "White Elephant Exchange." As she performs this trick, her audience smiles when Silly Jilly tells them she will pour salt on their head. Andy Leonard performed at the Haunted Hayloft in October and is performing at a local hospital with Jason Stack in April. Bob Blatttel has performed magic for several charities during the holidays. One of his favorite events is held at Saint Teresa and Bridget Church which is located in North St. Louis. The church hosts an annual Breakfast with Santa for more than 100 "needy" children. Bob has been performing magic for the children for thirteen years. Bob is the spotlight of the event until Santa steals the show. Bob's family and friends help to collect toys for their Holiday Magic Toy Drive which is now in its fourth year. The Ring is really proud to have a member providing this type of charity work. Larry Corona shared that he had the opportunity to visit the Magic Castle and take a Sorcerer's Apprentice class given by Mark Wilson and Nani Darnell. He had a great time learning magic from these two great magicians—a once in a lifetime opportunity. While he was there, he also had the opportunity to attend John Shryock's show at the Castle. Michael Capps shared that he is trying to learn some new routines so he can begin to perform at events for the IBM. He is busy learning from Tarbell, David Roth's Expert Coin Magic, The Royal Road to Card Magic, and Army of 52. He wants to integrate other aspects of magic into his card and coin routines, and the Ring looks forward to seeing him perform them. Marty Kopp recently performed table magic at a wedding reception at Windows on Washington, located in downtown St. Louis. He (along with the guests) had a great time. I (Sandy Weis) continue to visit the Missouri Veteran's Home in north St. Louis County weekly with my two therapy dogs. I now bring along magic to perform for the Veterans. They really enjoy the magic and keep asking how the tricks are done. They even were amazed with a "Magic Coloring Book" routine in which they colored the pages with Ickle Pickle's Nesting Wands.

The Ring and its members are very active in the community. The Ring always welcomes visitors to its meetings and events.

Schedule of Events 2013 - 2014

August 7

Ice Cream Social at
Abra-Kid-Dabra

August 15 thru 17

Midwest Magic Jubilee at the
Airport Hylton

September 4

Magic Flea Market

September 27

Presidents Banquet at Orlando
Gardens (Maryland Heights)

October 2

Surprise Meeting by Steve Levit

October 6

JDRF in Forest Park

October 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27

Purina Farms Haunted Hayloft

November 6

Roy Zaltsman Lecture Maryland
Heights Community Center

December 4

Holiday Party

January 6, 2014

Members Perform

February 5, 2014

Members Perform

March 5, 2014

Close Up Contest

April 2, 2014

Poker Run

May 7, 2014

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That's right. You can see Michael Ammar deliver a NEW lecture, LIVE from the comfort of your own home. This is really HAPPENING, and we are so, so excited to share this with you. A two-hour lecture experience with Michael Ammar. **For just ONE DOLLAR!** Why so inexpensive? Quite simply, we're very proud of the lecture series and the talent we have lined up. We WANT you to attend—just this once—for a buck, so that you can see just how cool this is going to be. Then you'll have a chance to sign up for [Daniel Garcia](#), [Jason England](#), [Jon Armstrong](#), and [Alex Pandrea](#) (our next four scheduled lecturers). Michael Ammar is the undisputed "best" lecturer of all time, and we have chosen him to inaugurate. Many of us have seen Michael Ammar lecture before, at a convention or magic club. But you have NEVER seen Michael Ammar like this. Michael will perform some things he has never lectured on before, and will also speak candidly with host Joshua Jay about his career, advice for other magicians, philosophy on creativity, what the future holds for magic and Michael, and more. We'll ask him about his time with Vernon, what it is like to perform in exotic countries, and what excites him MOST about magic in 2014. This will be up close, personal, and a riveting two hours. You'll have an opportunity throughout the lecture to ask questions via your computer; this is your chance to interact with living legend Michael Ammar!

The lecture will air on Weds February 5 2014 at 7pm EST. But if you can't be there to join us live online, you'll be able to download it afterwards for no extra charge!

[Sign up for the Michael Ammar live lecture - just \\$1](#)

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JDRF Family Day Another Huge Success

By Steve Finkelstein steve.finkelstein@experience-on-demand.com

I want to thank the IBM Ring 1 magicians who helped out with the JDRF event on February 25th. We had a great line-up of magicians. Everyone did a great job and had a lot of fun.

Magicians Who Helped Out

Steve and Audrey Levit, Jason Stack, Larry Minth, Terry Richison, Steve Finkelstein, Mike Niehaus, Columbus Smith, George Van Dyke, Daryl Jay, Cameron Jones (and mother, sister), Tom Westerheid, John Davit

There were approximately 500 people, 150 families, 175 children.

I am already looking forward to next year's events.

Here is a note we got from JDRF Staff

Hi Steve,

Thanks so much to the magicians for the entertainment on Saturday at the Retreat. This is the 7th year the magicians have helped at the Retreat. The International Brotherhood of Magicians has helped JDRF tremendously throughout the past 7 years. The entertainment provides a better experience for the children at the Retreat and the Walk. Since the children love it so much, they tell their parents they want to come back next year. This results in more education for the parents of how to better care for their child with T1D (type one diabetes). At the Walk, the magicians create a festive atmosphere, which encourages people to return the next year, bringing with them their family and friends with donations to be used for research for a cure for T1D. Our ultimate goal.

Thanks for bringing so many smiles to our Retreat throughout the years.

Laura and Ally



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Bring A Friend To A Meeting

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(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)

Go ½ of a mile and the Maryland Heights Community Center is on the right.

This Just In...

S.A.M Morgan Strebler I.B.M. Invited February 13, 2014

Ring 1 members were invited to the Feb. 13 Morgan Strebler lecture (normal SAM Meeting night). All Ring 1 members are invited. Mount Tabor United Church of Christ, 6520 Arsenal 7pm.

