



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

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, December 2nd
Maryland Heights Civic Center

Evening Agenda

7:00 pm Christmas Party with
White Elephant Gift exchange

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President's Message

By: Dan Todd Magic@TheGreatTodd.com



I want to thank everyone that performed at the Self Working Card Magic in November. From Magic 101 to Magic 201, the feedback was all positive. Pictures are on our website: <http://IBMRing1.com>.

The Holliday Season is upon us while we are all recovering from Thanksgiving feast, I hope remember that December 2nd will be our annual Holiday Party! We will have our White Elephant this year. Please read the instructions, in this Spirit, so you know how it works. Hint, Ickle Pickle has what you need for a White Elephant present, just call Steve Bender for ideas! Ring 1 will be spiking the gifts with \$25 Ickle Pickle Gift Certificates.

Ring 1 will be having our big Holiday/Tribute to Veterans and First Responders Magic Show on December 13th. Get your tickets now, before we sell out. You won't want to miss this one, bring your friends and family! Pictures from last year are on our website.

Great news about our Midwest Magic Jubilee too! Mike Niehaus announced that we have secured Barry Mitchell! Visit: <http://MMJubilee.com> for the line up so far. We have a 5-Star hotel this year and the discounted registration has been extended through the Holidays. Take advantage of the savings!

We are so lucky to have a great Magic Jubilee, right here in our area! Mike Niehaus, Terry Richison and the whole board are working hard to improve each and every aspect of it. "You gotta love em."

HAPPY HOLIDAYS,

Dan (the Great) Todd, President

Ring Report:

By Sandy Weis sweis@psdr3.org

Dan Todd led Magic 101. The topic was self-working card tricks. The first trick was called 1,2,3,4,5. He took 5 cards that were the same suite and put them in numerical order. He turned the cards upside down. He moved the cards around and they ended up the same as when he started. He called this effect the Lost Sheep Effect that Found Its Way Home. He shared that Penguin sells an effect similar to this called Pocket Illusion. He then showed cards with a lady cut apart. He used the same principle as he did with the cards and put her back together. Then Chuck Levy thought of an idea using the same principle, which would use a Jack, 2 Queens, and 2, Kings. Henry Schaper shared a self-working card trick called the Nine Card Trick (also called the Wizard) by Jim Steinmeyer. Henry had a volunteer shuffle the cards. He dealt three piles with 3 in each. The volunteer was told to remember one card that was at the bottom of one of the piles. The piles were stacked. Then she was told to spell her card one word at a time. For example, she spelled "The" and then put the rest of the cards on top of the pile. Then she dealt the cards back in three stacks. She gave him the outer two stacks. She spread the three cards in the pile she had left. She gave him the two outer cards and amazingly the card that was left was her card.

Dan Todd led the very brief meeting. He thanked the members who performed at the Haunted Hayloft. The money Purina gives the Ring for performing is used for lectures the Ring offers. Dan reminded the members that the December meeting will be a holiday celebration and members will be asked to bring food to share. The Ring is advertising for its Veterans and First Responders Magic Show. Free for their families.

Steve Queen performed one of his first effects. He riffled a deck of cards and his volunteer, Sister Michael Therese, selected a card. Steve told her to put it in the middle of deck. Amazingly, the selected card ended up on top of the deck. He explained that he used a Svengali deck. Next, Chuck Levy borrowed a regular deck of cards from one of the members. He explained that the deck is a story deck since it contains characters. The Jacks were the robbers and the king was the detective. He put the robbers in the deck and the detective was able to follow the robbers. David Sudia put four aces on the table. His volunteer, Sister Michael Therese, picked one, which was the ace of clubs. Amazingly, the Ace of Clubs was the one card that had a blue back. David called this effect his version of "Triumph." Henry Schaper performed the same effect that he taught at Magic 101. There were several members who did not attend Magic 101 and enjoyed watching Henry perform this effect. Cameron Jones had Sister help him. (She seems to be a very popular volunteer since she is so amazed watching the members perform magic). Cameron had Sister choose a card. He gave her several directions as to what to do with the cards. Amazingly, the only card left was her card. John Davit performed an effect he called the "1, 2, 3, Penny Mystery". He had a volunteer deal out pairs of cards with his deck. He then asked if the volunteer wanted to use one, two or three pennies. She picked 3 pennies. She put the pennies on her choice of piles. The 3 piles all contained pairs. All the other piles did not contain pairs.

Steve Finkelstein asked who has seen the movie "Rain Man". He used a deck of cards and asked volunteers to shuffle the cards. He then told a volunteer to take a handful of cards and mix them up. He predicted that there were 29 face up cards and 23 face down cards. He then knew that there were 10 red cards and 13 black cards in the face up pile. Then he said that all the black cards were spades except for the Ace of Clubs. He then turned over a prediction card that read "Except for the Ace of Clubs." He explained that he learned this effect from Paul Green's "Rain Man" which was inspired by Simon Aronson's "Shuffle-bored." Terry Richison performed an effect called "Twisted Sisters". He had 4 blue cards and 4 red cards. He asked a volunteer to pick red or blue. Sister picked red and picked a queen. He picked blue and picked a queen. Their cards were the only ones turned up and the backs had changed.

Terry did another effect with a married couple. He had a deck of cards with people's first names printed on the backs that he called a compatibility deck. The man picked a card and she picked a name. He explained that it would be amazing if the card the man picked had the name his wife chose on it. It worked and it was determined that they were compatible. He then performed Danny Archer's "My Grandpa's Deck." He also performed "The Future Foretold." Steve Finkelstein performed a prediction card effect – Impossible. Four different people selected a number from 10 to 20, 20 to 30, 30 to 40, and 40 to 50. He counted down to these random numbers and laid the cards aside. Steve was able to predict the four cards selected. D. Jay Lenz used an "Invisible Deck."

Schedule of Events 2015

December 2nd
Christmas Holiday Party

December 13th
Veteran's Show
Kirkwood Community Center
1:30 PM

2016
January 6th
TBD

February 3rd
TBD

March 2nd
TBD

April 6th
TBD

May 4th
TBD

Ring Report continued:

He explained that he could paint a picture of a card in his mind that a person selected. He had a volunteer hold the cards and another volunteer named a card. The cards were fanned and the only card face down was the card the volunteer named. Dan Todd performed an effect called the White Star. Cameron & Sister looked at pictures and had to decide if the characters survived or sunk on the Titanic. Amazingly their decisions were accurate! George Van Dyke performed an amazing close up effect. The members really enjoyed his effect.

Steve Finkelstein led Magic 201. He taught the effects that he performed for the members. He then taught an effect called "Absolutely Amazing." He had three volunteers select a card. The cards were shuffled and Steve put them in three piles. He had the volunteers put their card on the top of the piles. His challenge was to know the name of their card by looking at the expressions on their faces. He showed the cards one at a time and amazingly, the remaining three cards were the volunteer's cards. He then taught "Rain Man" to the group. Steve is an excellent teacher always prepares handouts explaining the effects he teaches to the members.

Sandy Weis

I.B.M. Ring 1 Holiday Party is Dec 2nd Maryland Heights Community Center

2344 McKelvey Rd, Maryland Heights, MO 63043

Party Begins - 7:00PM

We are gearing up for this year's Ring 1 Holiday Party. Below is the information on the entire evening. We need to know if you are coming and how many in your party. Also let Dan Todd know what side dish you would like to bring.

All the details and Dan's contact information is below.

Terry

The I.B.M. Ring 1 Holiday meeting is coming up on Wednesday December 2nd. This is a meeting where members are encouraged to bring their immediate family members to take part in the festivities. Yes, we will again be having the ever popular "White Elephant" gift exchange. Everyone who brings a gift will be eligible to participate. Rules are below.

But the reason for this message is the food portion of the meeting. As part of the meeting will be lots of food for everyone to enjoy. Ring 1 will be taking care of the meats and condiments but we need our members to bring Salads, Soda, Ice, Side Dishes and Desserts. If you don't want to bring a side dish you can donate \$5 per adult in your party.

We need two things. Please notify Dan Todd of your answers to the questions below even if you are not able to come.

- 1) Please let us know if you will be attending and how many people you will be bringing.
- 2) What food would you like to bring from the list above.

Email, Text or call Dan with your answers at magic@thegreattodd.com or [314-283-2123](tel:314-283-2123) as soon as possible so Dan has time to get the correct amount of food ordered.

Please let us know as soon as possible so we can make this a great Cheerful Event!

White Elephant Gift Exchange

The Ring 1 Annual White Elephant Gift Exchange.

Traditionally, a "White Elephant" is something lying around the house that you don't want (some horribly ugly item that someone gave you as a gift.) For our meeting we are asking you to bring a magic item for our white elephant get together.

Here are the rules:

1. There is no requirement that you have to participate in the White Elephant. You can just come to the meeting and just enjoy the evening. Each person wanting to participate in the Gift exchange must bring a WRAPPED, COMPLETE magic effect, INCLUDING INSTRUCTIONS if needed. The effect does not have to be new, but it must be in presentable and working shape and no less than \$5 in value if new.
2. 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.
3. New this year- Once a present is selected from the pile of gifts, the trick is NOT unwrapped for all to see. It will remain a mystery. So wrap your gifts up nicely so they will be appealing to the eye!
4. The next person may choose from the wrapped pile of gifts or may "take" someone else's gift that they had already selected. The person that lost the gift may choose to select a gift from the unopened pile, or may take a present from another person.
5. A single gift can only be stolen a total of 3 times.
6. 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 at least one gift that will be worth over \$50! You might be the lucky one!

The meeting will be open to immediate family members. Anyone who brings a gift is allowed to participate in the White Elephant.

We would like to get a rough number of people that are coming we will have people Text, Email or call Dan Todd at magic@thegreattodd.com or [314-283-2123](tel:314-283-2123). Also let Dan know what food item you will be bringing.

International Brotherhood of Magicians
Presents a
Veteran & First Responder's Tribute Magical Holiday
Show

1:30 p.m. Sunday December 13, 2015
Kirkwood Community Theatre
111 South Geyer Road Kirkwood, MO 63122

The International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 1, announced there would be a performance of the "Veteran & First Responder's Tribute Magical Holiday Show" (<http://www.ibmring1.com/HolidayShow.html>) on Sunday December 13, 2015 at the Kirkwood Community Theatre 111 South Geyer Road Kirkwood, MO 63122. Show Time is 1:30 p.m. Tickets are FREE for all Veterans, First Responders their family.

The Veteran & First Responder's Tribute Magical Holiday Show will be a fantastic magic show for the whole family. Both children and adults will embark on an unforgettable journey of comedy and magic with a special tribute for all those who help keep America free, presented by Terry Richison! The impressive list of St. Louis Magicians includes Marty Kopp, Dan Todd, Steve Zuehlke and Terry Richison. Curtain time for the performance of the Veteran & First Responder's Tribute Magical Holiday Show is 1:30 p.m., at the Kirkwood Community Theatre, 111 South Geyer Road Kirkwood, MO 63122. Tickets for the show are **FREE to all Veterans and First Responders and their families**. General Public is also welcome. General Public Tickets are only \$10.00. Seating is limited so reservations **are required** and can be made by calling (314) 669-6650.

To learn more about the International Brotherhood of Magicians Spring Parade of Magic visit our website at <http://www.ibmring1.com/HolidayShow.html>.



*Veterans & First Responders
Tribute*

Magical Holiday Show

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #1

Presented by

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 and First
Responders Who Have Served to Help Keep America Free!**

***Sunday December 13, 2015
1:30PM***

**This show is FREE for ALL Veterans, First Responders
and their families.**

General Public - \$10.00

Reservations are required.

To Make Reservations Call 314-669-6650

Thank You for your Service

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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
 9:30 Magic 201

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.

Title: HELP NEEDED**This Just In...**

*The IBM Ring 1 is looking for someone to be the Ring's historian. If you are interested, please see Mike Niehaus for further details.

*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., so they can quickly clean up and be out by 7:30 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"

CONVENTION CORNER

- 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