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## October Meeting Highlights

I.B.M International President **Bob Patterson** was on hand for the October meeting of Ring 50 where he is also a long-time prominent member and past office holder. He was there to see the evening's lecturer, the well-known close-up artist **Dan Fleshman**, and to take part in several activities of the evening. But first some announcements:

## Announcements

President **Larry Lipman** welcomed the following guests: **Chuck Jones** who has applied for membership, **Charlie Yurick**, a guest of **Diego Ramirez** (both are members of the youth group, the Counts of Conjuring); **Lou Ann Generous**, wife of member **Curtis Generous**; **Hulda Jones**, sister of **Laurie Curry**; **Nefre** and **John Davis** and visiting President of Ring 123, Middletown, N.J., **Robert Francis**, who is known professionally as "The Dork of Deception". Robert and his wife Ana are thinking of relocating to the Washington area. A guest Count of Conjuring, **Samnew Amde**, aged seven, was brought forward by the youth club's Director, **Louis Meyer** to perform a very nice trick with sponge balls.



*Louis Meyer and Samnew Amde*

Then came one of the evening's highlights. **Bob Patterson** presented Louis with an official I.B.M Presidential Citation for his work with young aspiring magicians.



*Bob Patterson and Louis Meyer*



*Bob Patterson, Louis Meyer and the Counts*

Secretary **John Roberts** announced that the long-awaited Ring 50 Anniversary Parade has been published in *The Linking Ring* (pp81-99). John, (compiler and co-editor of the Parade), along with its

thirteen other contributors received letters of commendation from **Bob Patterson** for their achievement. This is the second Ring 50 Parade to appear in The Linking Ring. The first was in 1983 on the occasion of the Rings 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Ring 50 received its Charter from the I.B.M in 1947. Special thanks to member Bill Wells, past I.B.M International President, for his role as a final proofreader of the compilation of magical effects before its submission to The Linking Ring.

**Laurie Curry** presented the sum of \$50 to the club, proceeds of the sale of effects owned by **Jim Flanigan** as part of the regular silent auction. The 50/50 was won by **Phil Thomas** who donated his share of \$22.00 to the club.

## The Lecture

**Dan Fleshman** is a longtime pro in restaurant magic who stopped by Ring 50 as part of a marathon 19-city lecture tour. He has lectured and performed all over the country and much of the world. According to his website Dan has lectured in every state except Maine and Alaska. He has lectured and performed in Europe, Japan and Canada. Dan has also performed and lectured numerous times at the world famous Magic Castle. Dan kept the Ring 50 audience well entertained with a tour through proven effects with his own twists and new tricks of his own. One such was “Jiggernaut”, a cup and ball routine using a double-ended cocktail jigger and an olive that disappeared then re-appeared and finally morphed into a regular cork, a champagne cork and finally a large lime. Dan showed his handling of “Professor’s Nightmare”, “Ninja Rings” and card tricks such as “Chicago Opener”. He also demonstrated several

commercial effects: “Kinetic-key”, “Mona Lisa’s Secret” (she ends up with the selection in her hand) and “Copper-Silver-Brass”.



Jacob Miller, Dan Fleshman and Lou Ann Generous

Dan did a number of other highly effective card tricks and taught valuable slights, moves, and presentations along the way. Among them was a “bluff pass” which was so novel and smooth it was undetectable (at least by this writer). Dan also shared many experiences and lessons learned over 35 years in Magic. At one point Dan was asked if his wife shared his interest in Magic. His answer: “She hates magic – and that’s fine with me!”



Dan Fleshman

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



### President Larry Lipman

President Larry Lipman is on vacation. His Column will resume in November.

*Larry*

### RING 50 MEETING LOCATION

#### Holiday Inn

2460 Eisenhower Ave, Alexandria, VA.

6:00 Dinner  
7:30 Meeting

## Who is who in Ring 50

**Marc Carrion:** I was born in Manresa, a little town one hour north of Barcelona, Spain. My generation grew up watching **Juan Tamariz** on TV and that's what hooked me into Magic. When I went to college in Barcelona, they had a magic club, I joined, and I started my real adventure into Magic. When I came to the states I kind of put it on hold for a while, but I'm back.

I mostly do cards because that's what I grew up with, but I like coins, mentalism, kids shows, big illusions,... I like all types of magic. In my daily life, I'm a software

developer. I develop software for Universities, mostly for their admissions and counseling software.

I have an eight year old son, who just recently expressed an interest in joining the Counts of Conjuring (thanks Louis!). I live in the Kingstowne area, close to the Springfield mall, and you can reach me anytime to talk magic; I can't get tired of it.

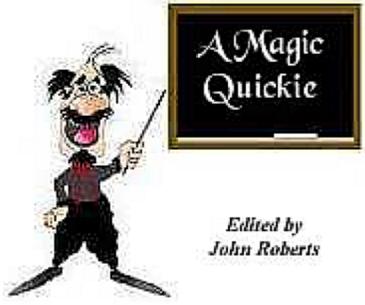
### Next Month Meeting

The November program will feature "New Members Night" where those latest magicians to join the club are offered the opportunity to show their talents to a forgiving audience. It should be noted the New Performer's Night is not a contest – there is no judging, no trophies. It is merely a time to welcome and appreciate the talents of our newest members. If you would like to perform call or email **Larry Lipman**.

(President@ibmring50.org.) He will be happy to put you on the play bill. Larry has already contacted several new members about appearing.

### Ring 50 Bookclub

we are trying to start the book club as mentioned in one of our meetings. This is the plan, we pick a book, and we meet to discuss effects from the book. We can stick with the same book for as long as we find new things in it, and then we can move to a different book. We will meet at 6:15pm before our regular meeting for dinner at the restaurant, we will have a table reserved for the book club members. You should be ready to present and discuss some of the



*Edited by  
John Roberts*

Submitted by:  
**Bob Patterson**

**Rickey Jay Ten Card Poker Pick**

Start with a setup of 10 cards on top of the deck. (1) AH, (2) Indifferent, (3) KH, (4) Indifferent, (5) QH, (6) Indifferent, (7) JH, (8) Indifferent, (9) 10H, (10) Indifferent:  
The Indifferent cards can be selected to yield a solid poker hand for your spectator. Shuffle so the top 10 cards remain on top. Explain that you are going to perform a demo of two poker hands. "Since your opponent is not a poker sharp you will keep the rules simple." "I will deal 10 cards to the table." "Each person will select a card from either end." "To start I'll select a card from this end" (You move card #1, the AH, over to your side of the table). Tell the spec he can select from either end –his choice will be either card #2 or card #10. Repeat the process and always take your card from the same end as the card the spec takes. When the process is complete you will have a Royal Flush and he will have whatever the five indifferent cards yield. (Eds. Note: If you start at the other end with Card #10, the spectator gets the Royal flush).

effects on the book.

I would like to propose the Royal Road to start with. I know some members already started with it and it's very easy to obtain for those that don't have it.

If you want to join the book club, please let me know ([marccarrion@gmail.com](mailto:marccarrion@gmail.com)) so I can add your email to the book club distribution list, so we don't have to mass email anyone not interested. Also, we can use that list to discuss the books in between meetings.

## Ring 50 New Members & Applications



### Membership

Have YOU brought a prospective member to the meeting? They must be interested in magic and be a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

Applications are available from the Treasurer.

New members are always welcome at Ring 50. You must be interested in magic (full time or part time performer, hobbyist, collector, etc.). You must join and be an active member of International Brotherhood of Magicians prior to belonging to Ring 50.

## Counts of Conjuring Meets November 1, 6:00pm



The International Brotherhood of Magicians, National Capitol Ring 50, "Counts of Conjuring" meets first Wednesday of every month at the **Holiday Inn Alexandria-Carlyle, 2460 Eisenhower Ave, Alexandria, VA** at 6:00pm. The "Counts" is a way for youths to learn about magic and the performance of magic.

Louis the Magician teaches the *Discover Magic* course. This is an amazing course that not only will teach the youths magic but will also teach them important "life-skills". This class is normally taught in after-school programs and summer camps and costs \$275 per child but will be FREE for the Counts of Conjuring (only cost is \$35 for the actual magic tricks).

Each month the youths will learn one new magic trick and have a chance to perform it.

The Counts of Conjuring is for youths 8 to 17 years.

**November 1, 2017, 6:00pm**

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## Magic Quickies Needed

Send **John Roberts** a short trick you would like to share with newsletter readers. There are no guidelines other than the entry should be brief, simple, doable and fun; the offbeat and quirky are encouraged. Send to John:

[Barjorobts@comcast.net](mailto:Barjorobts@comcast.net)

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## Be Sure to Keep Your I.B.M. Membership Current

You must be an active member of I.B.M. to belong to Ring 50. If you haven't already, don't forget to keep your membership active in the International Brotherhood of Magicians to enjoy the benefits of membership. Send dues to: **International Brotherhood of Magicians, 13 Point West Blvd, St. Charles, Missouri, USA 63301.**

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## Silent Auction at Ring 50

In August, we started a silent auction before each meeting between 7 and 7:30 p.m. As always, 10 percent of the sale price goes to the Ring. Each person having items to be auctioned in the **Silent Auction**, must complete an IBM Ring 50 **Silent Auction Bid Sheet** for each item describing the items and any reserve bid if necessary. Each seller should provide a full and accurate representation of the item, such as missing instructions, repairs, wear and tear, etc. Otherwise it shall be assumed that all items are complete and in working order and includes instructions.

The form is will be sent by email to all members and a few will be available at the Auction. At the end of the silent auction, turn in the tally sheet along with 10% to the Ring 50 Treasurer.

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