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Phillips & Curry Amazing Lecture at Sept Meeting **OCTOBER BRINGS RING 50 TEACH-IN NIGHT**

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September 5th Meeting Highlights

President **Stan Hillard** began the meeting with some comments on the coming events for Ring 50. October brings Teach-in Night with rope, coins, mentalism, and cards. Just around the corner for November it's a lecture by Darwin Ortiz. Followed by December's Annual Children's Holiday Show.

Stan introduced the Counts of Conjuring instructor **Louis Meyer** who introduced one of his pupils in the Counts of Conjuring class, **Matthew Nichols** to perform an opening magic effect.



'Count' Matthew Nichols performs for Ring 50.

As luck would have it, the 50/50 raffle for \$40 was won by **Stan Hillard** who donated his share back to Ring 50.

Thanks Stan!!



Ring 50 Coming Events

Free Lecture with Gregory Wilson (Saturday, Sep 15)

Ring 50 will hold a special lecture from 9:30AM to 11:30AM, at Holiday Inn, 2460 Eisenhower Ave, Alexandria, VA with world-renowned magician Gregory Wilson. Free for Ring 50 members and just \$20 for non-members.

Hands-On Workshop with Gregory Wilson (Sat, Sep 15)

This hands-on workshop, 12:30 PM to 4:30PM is \$95 for members, \$125 non-members. This personal training session goes beyond cards to focus on normal and natural props that would make MacGyver proud. From coins, phones, watches, and rings, to toothpicks and anything in a coffeehouse. Click here to: [register now!](#)

Masterclass with Dani DaOrtiz (Sunday, Nov 4)

Class is from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM. \$150 Ring 50 member, \$180 non-member. Knights of Columbus Hall (behind St. Leo Church), 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22030

This 6-hour masterclass is an extraordinary opportunity to learn from one of the top magicians in the world. Dani DaOrtiz combines superb technique with crazy humor. Click: [register here.](#)

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MORE Ring 50 Coming Events

Trip to *Six Impossible Things* with Joshua Jay (Sat, Nov 10)

Join Ring 50 as Ring 50 travels to New York City for a private performance of Joshua Jay's acclaimed interactive show, *Six Impossible Things*, at a huge discount of more than 40% off! In each room, a new mystery unfolds to reveal another "impossible thing." With only 20 participants per show, everyone has a chance to be up close and personal. Magicians, family members, and friends 14 or older. Perhaps see other Broadway shows and make group pilgrimages to Tannen's Magic Shop and Houdini's grave. Click here:

[buy tickets here.](#)



Richard Cohn -	15-Sep
Keith Harmon -	19-Sep
Alec Negri -	19-Sep
Matthew Nichols -	19-Sep
Bob Carnathan -	26-Sep
Bryan McDaniel -	02-Oct
Gregory Szlyk -	09-Oct
Matthew Biegun -	12-Oct
Edward Spells -	12-Oct



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September 5th Meeting Highlights

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Dueling Curry & Phillips Lecture



Mark Phillips and Brian Curry

September 5th was a lecture by **Brian Curry and Mark Phillips** known as the "Dueling Magicians". Brian and Mark are currently performing their successful show at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington DC. It was a lecture with a good bit of the magic they use in their show intertwined with their narrative and how the process of putting their successful show together. Brian and Mark put on a hilarious lecture that kept the audience involved and entertained every step of the way..

There were card tricks, rope tricks, children's magic, and mind-reading. They were a comedy duo as well, so it was magic and funny.

The Magic Duel have offered a special pricing for Ring 50. Shows at 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM. Sep 15, 22, Oct 20, 27, Nov 23, Dec 15.

IBM Ring 50 Schedule

(Subject to Change)

Sep 15 ... Greg. Wilson Lecture
 Oct 3 Ring 50 Teach-in
 Nov 7 ... Darwin Ortiz Lecture
 Nov 10 ... NYC Trip
 Dec 5 ... Children's Holiday Show

October 3rd Meeting has a Teach-in Scheduled for Ring 50

The October Ring 50 'Stars of Magic' Teach-in will be shaping up for an educational evening to enhance our Art of Magic. The lecturers may present a bit of related magic history, techniques, and then teach a trick or two. Each of the lectures will last about 25 minutes. The divided group will move to the next lecture.



If you are interested in being one of the instructors for the Teach-in send an email to:

President@IBMRing50.Org.

Ring 50 New Members & Applications

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 to belong to Ring 50.

Be sure to keep your membership active in the I.B.M. to enjoy the benefits of membership. Send your I.B.M. dues to: International Brotherhood of Magicians, 13 Point West Blvd, St. Charles, Missouri, USA 63301

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Let's Play

To Quote George Bernard Shaw, "We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing." So let's play.

I'm excited. And it's because of all of you.

A few weeks ago I started the new year as President of Ring 50 with that little voice within saying, "My God, what have you gotten yourself into?" After the first meeting the anxiety has abated substantially.

As the new officers were announced I saw a group of committed individuals around me with enormous talent and experience who are willing to work relentlessly to give you those things you are looking for in your Ring 50 experience. But we can't really do it without your support, help, and involvement.

A membership survey has recently been distributed to each of you and I encourage you to let us know how you feel. Answer the questions, make suggestions, then be ready to pitch in and support the efforts of your Ring to give you all the outstanding opportunities that membership in Ring 50 provides.

Hopefully the program we envision will make us all more successful as magicians and more

successful as human beings in this magical world in which we live.

Become involved in membership performances, teach-ins, competitive and non-competitive performance nights, and opportunities to travel and rub elbows with some of the very best in the magic business.

During that first meeting in August we were treated to performances by several of our magical brothers/sisters as they performed "non-card" magic superbly for an hour and a half. And in a word it was delightful.

Our second meeting of the Ring 50 year highlighted the talents of Brian Curry and Mark Phillips, two local professional magicians, who have a wonderfully successful parlor show several nights monthly at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington DC. Again the evening was a delight. If you attended you know it was an evening filled with good magic, humor, and that great feeling of magical comradeship.

But all of these things cost resources, particularly the special lectures, workshops, and travel events. So please join in. Be there or be square. I think I just dated myself with that last sentence. But you will not be sorry. And remember that without your support our efforts to do these things will soon dry up like the leaves of autumn and blow away.

I look forward to seeing you all at the "special" Gregory Wilson lecture and workshop on Saturday, September 15 at the Holiday Inn on Eisenhower Avenue in Alexandria, VA. It will be a special day with a special performer in our midst. So let's not grow old because we stop playing. Let's play.

Magically,

Stan Hillard



Keep Your I.B.M. Membership Current



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Other Conventions & Shows

Sept 27 - 29, 2018

Atlanta Harvest of Magic
Atlanta, GA

Registration \$165.00
Spouse \$95.00

www.atlantaharvestofmagic.com

November 1-3, 2018

Carolina Close-Up Convention
(TRICS) **SOLD_OUT**
Charlotte University Holiday Inn,
Charlotte, NC

Registration \$175.00
Spouse \$105.00

www.tricsconvention.com

Nov 2-4, 2016

Daytona Festival Of Magic
Daytona Beach, Florida.

Registration \$165

www.daytonamagic.com/2016-convention.html

Counts of Conjuring Meets October 3, 6:00 pm



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

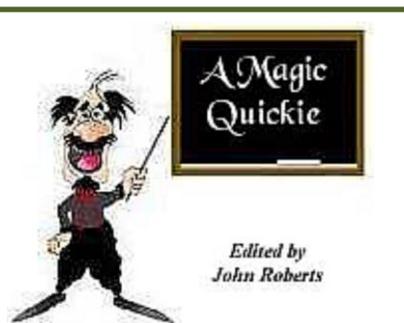
Louis the Magician teaches the *Discover Magic* course. This is an amazing course that not only will teach the youths magic but will also teach them important "life-skills". This class is normally taught in after-school programs and summer camps and costs \$275 per child but will be FREE for the Counts of Conjuring (only cost is \$40 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.

October 3, 2018, 6:00pm

Magic Quickies Needed

Send John Roberts a short trick you would like to share with newsletter readers. He will pick the best one (in his judgement), one for each edition of the Magi-Gram. 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



"Back to Back, Belly to Belly"

Let us now praise the lowly two-card Monte, named for a by-gone western gambler called Willie Two-Card. This is actually a very good little trick for walk-around, or just to have handy in your wallet. You need a double-back card and a double-facer of contrasting color and value, say, QH and 10S. If you don't already have these gimmicked cards just glue some together). Put a regular duplicate of the QH in the pocket you will be using first (#1) and a regular duplicate 10S in a different pocket (#2) for the last part of the trick.

"I would now like to show you the notorious three-card monte, but to make it easier I am only going to use two cards. Try to keep track of the Queen of Hearts." Overlap the two cards L to R to show the QH face up on top, the double-backer on the bottom. Thumb is on the face card, fingers are on back of DB. Turn your hand over and in doing so, slide the top showing the QH card to the left and the bottom double to the right.

With the 10S now showing, you apparently have shown both cards in a fair fashion. With the "10S" showing, place in pocket #1 and ask which one is left in your hand face down.

The audience will say the QH. Put your hand in your pocket, reverse the DF and bring out the QH to show that, no, it is in your pocket. *"Sorry about that, try again."* Place QH on top of DB as before and do the switch to show both cards. Now reverse the sequence. Put the QH in your #1 pocket but when you bring it out as the 10S, place it under the DB, do the move and show that this time the QH is in your hand.

"Sorry about that. To make it easier, I will put the Queen someplace else." Turn cards so that the face down double is apparently the QH and place it in pocket #2. Place the double-facer with 10D face out in regular pocket #1. *"Now, which card did I put in pocket #2 to make it easier to follow?"* They should say the QH. You pull the duplicate 10S from pocket #2 and you pull out the regular QH from #1 and toss both cards face-up on the table.

"Sorry 'bout that - I would try to make it even easier, but there is no such thing as a 'One-Card Monte'."

John S. Roberts



KAPITAL KIDVENTION 2019

January 25th-28th, 2019

Hilton Mark Center
5000 Seminary Rd, Alexandria, VA 22311

Kidvention has everything for the Children's Entertainer. Whether you are a magician, clown, face painter, or balloon artist! We will have 3 days of classes for everyone. Including tons of business classes to get more gigs! We have over 20 different presenters this year!

Ring 50 Shirts for Sale



There seems to be an interest in doing the Ring 50 shirts again. If you are interested let Bob Patterson [Magic.Bob@Comcast.Net] know. The anticipated cost is \$30 (2XL & 3XL add \$3). Sizes available are: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, & 3XL. The shirts will be light blue made of easy care material with button-down collar. The sharp look is complete with a box back pleat and patch pocket. Minimum order is 8 shirts. If we get that many requests I'll order them.

ATTEND THE MEETING



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.



The 2019 I.B.M. convention will be in Scottsdale, AZ, July 10 – 13, 2019.

Early Bird Registration \$299.00

(until Feb 28, 2019)

Spouse \$210.00

See you there!

Reserve your Talking Stick Resort room early!!!

RING 50 MEETING LOCATION

Holiday Inn

2460 Eisenhower Ave
Alexandria, VA.

6:00 Counts of Conjuring

6:00 Dinner

7:30 Meeting