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Ring 50 has Teach-in for October Meeting NOVEMBER 7TH BRINGS DARWIN ORTIZ LECTURE

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October 3rd Meeting Highlights

President **Stan Hillard** began the meeting with some comments on the coming events for Ring 50. November brings a lecture by Darwin Ortiz. Then in December it will be the Annual Children's Holiday Show. Watch the members perform in at the January meeting.

The Lucky Lady, **Laurie Curry** won a whopping \$32 in the 50/50 drawing.



Prior to the Ring 50 meeting the Counts of Conjuring put on a show for the Ring 50 members.

Showtime for the Counts of Conjuring

The Counts of Conjuring performed an amazing show at 7:00PM for everyone in attendance at the October 3 meeting. If you were not there, you missed a great performance!

Leading off the show was card shark **Sean Mulvaney**.



Sean Mulvaney

With Sean's skillful card handling technique he changed four Queens to four 9's.



Ryan Mulvaney

Ryan Mulvaney performed a colorful effect with ESP Crayons. He had a spectator pick a crayon from a box. He guessed the color with mind-reading powers!



Matthew Nichols (r) and helper.

Next on the bill was **Matthew Nichols** using an overhand knot several times tied up a spectator's hand and the rope penetrated her hand.

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Showtime for the Counts of Conjuring

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Jacob Miller

Jacob Miller convinced the audience of his abilities to move cards throughout a deck using nothing but magic with a story about cops and robbers.



Jayden Bowers

Jayden Bowers amazed us with a mountain rope being tied around his body and in a flash it penetrated his body



Matthew Biegun

Matthew Biegun displayed a small red ball and pushed it into his closed fist. When he opened his hand there was a large red square and in his right hand was a black ball!



Daniel Carrion

Daniel Carrion demonstrated his mind reading skills with the Travel Cube. As he turned away, the spectator selected a destination and placed the cube in the box. The lid was placed onto the box and given to Daniel. Within seconds, he told the spectator the destination that he selected.



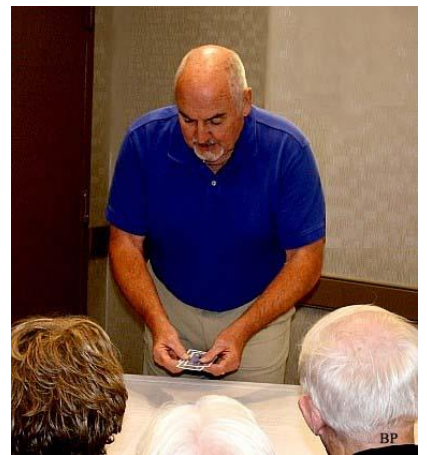
Eddie Muir

Closing the Counts of Conjuring show was **Eddie Muir** baffling the audience by mixing the cards face up and face down. Further mixed with a shuffle and a few cuts. He placed the cards behind his back and when they were brought back they were all in the correct order!! Amazing!



RING 50'S OCTOBER TEACH-IN

The October Ring 50 meeting featured a Teach-in by four of its *Stars of Magic*: **Stan Hillard, Joe Melnicki, Drew Owen, and Dwight Redman.**



Stan Hillard

Stan Hillard taught the energetic 5 card trick using 5 cards selected by the spectator.



Joe Melnicki

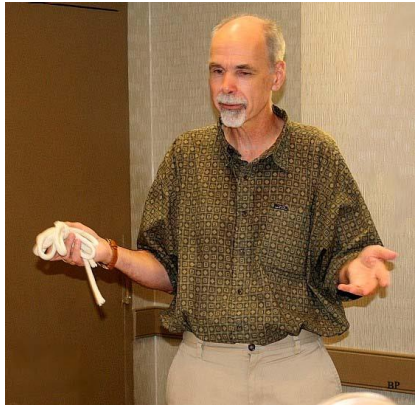
Joe Melnicki performed and explained his techniques for the Cups and Balls.

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RING 50'S OCTOBER TEACH-IN

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Drew Owen

Drew Owen taught the members various versions and handlings of the infamous rope trick Professors Nightmare. Click [HERE](#) for performance video. Also click [HERE](#) for explanation.



Dwight Redman

Dwight Redman with his card handling dexterity taught four tricks: Paul Gordon's Diminishing Not Likely; Dominique Duvivier's Blank Royal; Kiddie Kards (Trick Deck), and Hold Your Card.



Darwin Ortiz to Lecture at Ring 50 November 7th



Darwin Ortiz is a MASTER of close-up card magic and gambling techniques. Known worldwide for the many books that he has released on both subjects, Ortiz is sure to delight with his charming presentations and ridiculously smooth handling of some of the most intricate of techniques. Having spent decades deceiving others with his uncanny skills, Ortiz is sharing some of the many classic effects that he is known for and some unpublished material.

Ortiz was a consultant to a number of casinos in the United States, Europe, Africa, UK and Australia, and was a regular featured presenter for a succession of years at the World Gaming Congress in Nevada.

This lecture will leave you wanting more, as he dives deeply into presentation, sleights and theory. The lecture will begin at 7:30 PM after a short Ring 50 business meeting. Be sure to see it at the Holiday Inn, 2460 Eisenhower Ave, Alexandria, VA.

Special Event

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](#).



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](#).

IBM Ring 50 Schedule

(Subject to Change)

- Nov 7 ... Darwin Ortiz Lecture
- Nov 10 ... NYC Trip
- Dec 5 ... Children's Holiday Show
- Jan 2 ... Ring 50 Members Perform

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



The Magic All Around Us

"Magic exists. Who can doubt it when there are rainbows and wildflowers, the music of the wind, and the silence of the stars? Anyone who has loved has been touched by magic. It is such a simple and such an extraordinary part of the lives we live." *Nora Roberts*

What an extraordinary month it has been since last we talked. I thank everyone for the great turnout we had for the **Gregory Wilson** lecture which was two plus hours of wonderful magic and entertainment. Gregory pointed out many of the subtle aspects of time and physical misdirection as well as presenting some great magic effects - keeping us laughing the entire time. I am hoping that the Ring can sponsor several of these types of extracurricular (non-meeting night) events during the year. And I'm hoping you will all avail yourselves of these opportunities to participate in something very special. After all, the lectures are free to all Ring members with only a small fee charged to non-members. Your yearly Ring dues of \$20 may be the best bargain you can find in this crazy magical world in which we live.

As to upcoming extracurricular events we have Dani D'Ortiz coming in November for an entire day workshop of out-of-your-mind

card magic. If you are into card magic this is an opportunity that you do not want to miss.

And we have internationally known and respected Darwin Ortiz, another incredible card manipulator, lecturing at our monthly membership meeting on 7 November. And to add to the attraction of our November meeting we believe we will have a new video system in place - big screen and all - that will allow even those in the last row to see clearly the manipulations of this master of cards. I have always been bothered by having someone wonderful doing incredible things up front and having to ask the person next to me "what did he do?" because I couldn't see it. This should be a significant improvement.

For the October membership meeting we had four of our own members teaching wonder tricks with ropes, sleight of hand, mentalism, and cards. It was a wonderful night of magic and I thank you all for turning out and I thank these incredible members for sharing their secrets and routines with all of us. Hopefully we can maintain a great and interesting balance between the incredible talent within the Ring and bringing in the best and the brightest of the magic community.

Looking forward we still have a few spaces for the "special" New York trip to see Joshua Jay's Six Impossible Things. This is a presentation that will be presented to Ring 50 members and their invited guests only. It represents a great chance to meet and chat with Joshua and see a show that has been touted as something uniquely wonderful. For those of you with spouses or significant others, just think of how many points you'd earn taking them to the Big Apple and seeing an incredible show of magic and doing some of the other things that only New York has to offer. As I used to say to my kids,

"Don't think about it, don't talk about it, do it!". And the tickets are discounted from \$140 to \$80. Just another incredible benefit of your membership in Ring 50.

Until I see you next month and the magic continues,

Magically yours,
Stan Hillard

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

Other Conventions & Shows

Nov 1-3, 2018
TRICS SOLD OUT
(Carolina Close-Up Convention)
Charlotte, NC
<http://tricsconvention.com/>

Nov 2-4, 2016
Daytona Festival of Magic
Daytona Beach, Florida.
Registration \$165
www.daytonamagic.com/2016-convention.html

Jan 17-19, 2019
MagiFest
Columbus, Ohio
Registration \$200
<https://www.magifest.org/>

Counts of Conjuring
Meets November 7,
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.

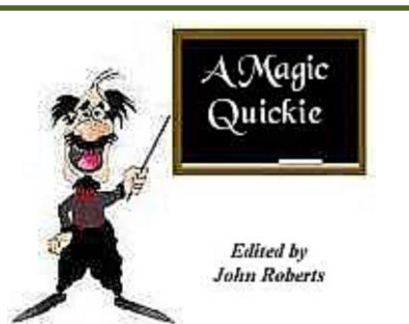
Louis the Magician teaches the *Discover Magic* course. This is an amazing course that not only will teach the youths magic but will also teach them important "life-skills". This class is normally taught in after-school programs and summer camps and costs \$275 per child but will be FREE for the Counts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

November 7, 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



"Lazy Man's Card Trick"

An Al Koran effect
submitted by "Anymouse".

Put Ace thru King of any suit (say hearts) in order on bottom of deck, Ace on the bottom. Shuffle, controlling the bottom cards in place. Spread the deck, ask a spectator to select a card. Cut the cards at that point, and ask the spectator to place his card on top of the packet in your right hand, then place the of the bottom half on top of that, putting the A/H on top of the selection. (In the following, all cuts are completed). Spectator cuts off about 1/3 from the top of the face-down cards and then cuts again, about 2/3s. Cards are turned over and cut until a heart appears. The value of that heart equals the location of the selection by counting down in the face-down deck. Make up any story you like for having him count down.

Editor's note:

You could riffle or spread the deck facing you to "memorize" it, then count down to where you "remember" it.

John S. Roberts



- Matthew Biegun - 12-Oct
- Edward Spells - 12-Oct
- Linda Barrett - 19-Oct
- Rucj Uffelman - 22-Oct
- David Edelstein - 01-Nov
- Betty Heyman - 08-Nov
- Arnold Fuoco - 10-Nov
- John Wesley Iseli - 10-Nov
- Richie Klein - 11-Nov
- Robert Malinchock - 16-Nov

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.)

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Kapital Kidvention



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 know [Magic.Bob@Comcast.Net]. 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 Secretary.



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



Count of Conjuring performers with instructor Louis Meyer.