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A Ring 50 Teach-in Slated for Aug 7 Meeting

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STAN HILLARD'S YEAR IN REVIEW August 2018-July 2019



President Stan Hillard.

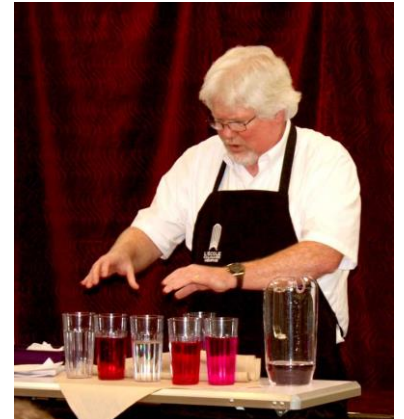
Aug 2018 – Magical Apparatus Night.

Past International President of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, **Robert Patterson** presented an Award of Excellence from the I.B.M. Linking Ring to **John Roberts** for his One Man Parades April 2017 and February 2018.



*John Roberts receives Linking Ring
award from I.B.M. International Past
President Robert Patterson*

Stan Hillard performed his "Somewhere in Time" segment by showing a pocket watch on a chain. He opened the watch and closed it. Suddenly the watch vanished. All that remained was the chain. He put the chain in his palm and it vanished too.



Bartender Chuck Jones.

Chuck Jones, the bartender, poured from a pitcher a glass of water and drank from it. Then he talked about pouring various drinks from the same pitcher of water into 5 more glasses. The second was a glass of red wine, then a glass of gin, fourth was red wine.

Mike Peckham performed a amazing effect with a Dean Dill Box using a white rope and a red rope along with a box with a door that allows a complete view of the interior of the box and two large holes in the sides. Magically the two ropes linked inside the wooden box. The ropes were genuinely linked together and could be examined.

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Danny Selnick using Trio by Astor Magic told of the many types of mentalism; Telekinesis, Telepathy, and Psychokinesis. He went on to exhibit his mentalistic powers. Three predictions were written by the Magician on a transparent plexiglass card stand. A spectator shuffles the deck and places the cards face down on the table. Three cards selected from the face down deck and placed in the holder on the stand. When the stand was turned around the predictions matched with the selected cards!



Cristian Vidrascu shows the size of the magic box.

Cristian Vidrascu opened the 4 inch black Gozinta Box and inside was a red box. The red box was smaller - it was removed, and the black box was closed. From the red box he removed a small ball, the ball grew in his hands. Now it does not fit in the red box. Then he picked up the black box put it into the red box. The black box was now smaller than the red box!

Arnold Fuoco performed his version of the Ultimate Block Penetration by Tony Curtis Magic. He displayed a wooden tube, a wooden "sword", along with a

bright red block with a hole running through its center. The magician then openly inserted the sword through the holes in the sides of the tube, blocking its passage. The block was then dropped into the tube where it is heard to stop as it hits the sword. Now, the performer merely taps the tube against the table and the block magically penetrates the sword and ends up visibly in the window at the front of the tube!

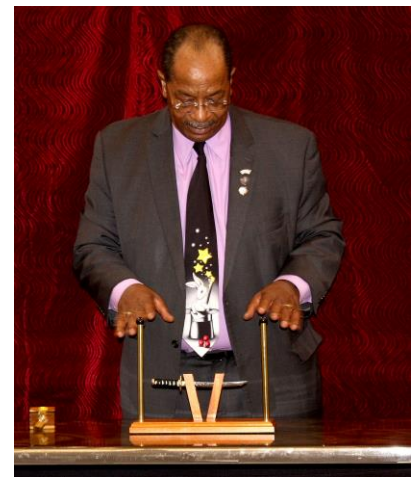


Joe Mielnicki begins his fantastic Cups and Balls routine

Joe Mielnicki performed an outstanding cups and ball routine. Joe's routine consisted of vanishing the three balls, to reappear under the cups, the penetration of the balls through the cups, the spectator choosing which cup to invisibly transport a ball to, the removal and return of the balls, and the revelation of the final large production items, several fruits, and a large Ball. Proving the hand is quicker than the eye!

John Roberts demonstrated his skills with a beautiful large coin box that he had made. He showed the box to be empty by opening the front and back doors. He retrieved a giant replica of a coin and explained that he could make it vanish using his magic box. He opened one of doors and placed the coin inside. With all the doors

closed he explained the coin will vanish. He tip the box side to side, there was a loud clunk each time the box was tipped, thus telling the audience the coin was just sliding side to side. He opened the front door opposite where the coin has landed to reveal it had vanished. He tipped the box so that the coin slides the other way and now opens the door the audience wanted. He does it again until the audience was begging to see all doors open at once. Finally he opened all the doors showing front and back revealing coin had vanished.



TVP Dwight Redman displays the beautiful Samurai sword

Dwight Redman displayed a small Samurai sword and placed it on display stand. A bag covered the sword. He then borrowed a finger ring from an audience member. He placed the solid ring on a shoelace while the ends of it are in full view and held by the spectator the ring penetrated the shoelace. He did it again only this time the spectator's had ring vanished. The magician gave a key and a small box to the spectator. When he opened the box was a message to check the Samurai sword that was under the cloth covering. When the cover was removed there was the ring trapped on the sword in the stand.

Christophe Jelenski, the Mentalist, threw a paper ball into the audience. The person catching the ball then selected a spectator, Brendan Mulvaney.

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Christophe Jelenski in a trance with the spectator to read his mind.

The amazing mentalist gave several magazines to Brendan and he was to select any one of them. He was told to page through the magazine and select any page that had paragraphs of words. Read through the article and find any large word and remember it. The amazing mentalist wrote a prediction on the large pad. He asked the spectator what letter did selected word start with. He said "H". Then Christophe said was the word "heroic"? Brendan said "No". When the mentalist turned the pad around he had predicted correctly he spectator's reply "No" on the pad. Next the mentalist Christophe concentrated on the spectator and wrote a word on the pad. He had the spectator hold the pad without looking at it on his chest and announced the word he selected. When the pad was turned around it matched the word exactly!!

Sep 2018 – Curry & Phillips Lecture.

The Counts of Conjuring instructor **Louis Meyer** 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.

September 5th was a lecture by **Brian Curry and Mark Phillips** known as the "Dueling Magicians". 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.



Mark Phillips and Brian Curry

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.

Oct 2018 – Ring 50 Teach-in.

The October meeting began with a show by the Counts of Conjuring: **Sean Mulvaney, Ryan Mulvaney, Matthew Nichols, Jacob Miller, Jayden Bowers, Matthew Biegun, Daniel Carrion, and Eddie Muir.**

The October Ring 50 meeting featured a Teach-in by four of its

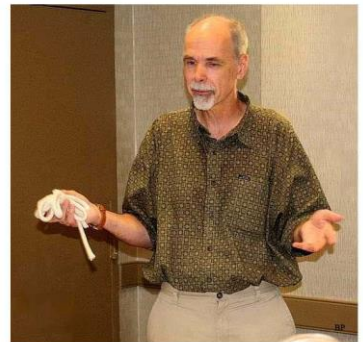
Stars of Magic: Stan Hillard, Joe Melnicki, Drew Owen, and Dwight Redman.



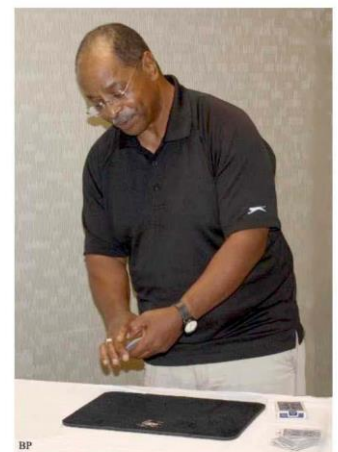
Stan Hillard



Joe Melnicki



Drew Owen



Dwight Redman

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Nov 2018 – Darwin Ortiz
Lecture



Darwin Ortiz

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 was a delight with his charming presentations and ridiculously smooth handling of some of the most intricate of techniques.

Darwin Ortiz's lecture covered magic philosophy, moving beyond presentational theory and exploring the very structure of magic effects. He took the time while teaching his routines to give specific examples of theories and how conflict is the essence of dramatic story telling.

Dec 2018 – Annual Childrens
Holiday Show.

Larry Lipman the MC for the Holiday Children's Show began with telling the 80 children and 60 adults that his name was Lorenzo the Great. Then he asked them what their name was. A resounding roar came from the children.

He explained the rules for the children. Remain seated with legs

criss-cross applesauce, sit straight, and be very quiet (sometimes).



Larry Lipman MC for the Holiday Children's Show

Santa was on hand to greet the children and parents as they arrive at the Holiday Inn and the Ring 50 Children's Holiday Show. (AKA Richie Klein)



Happy children with Santa while waiting to see the magic.

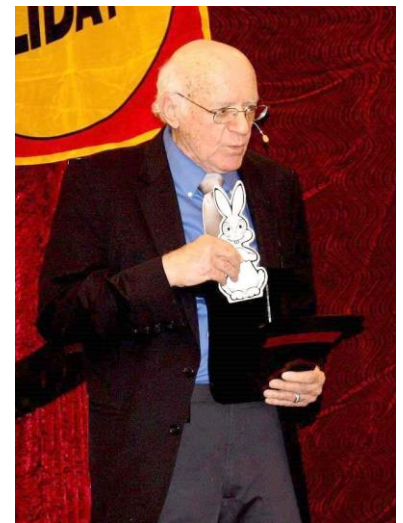
The admission was FREE for a donation of a new unwrapped toy or non-perishable food items to be donated to needy families of the area during this holiday time by the Alexandria Citadel, Salvation Army. **Jim Shiels** of the Alexandria Citadel expressed his appreciation for all the items and money donated.

Noland the Magician (Noland Montgomery) was the first magician to perform. He produced a wand from his hand and it got lost only to be found as a banana. Then another banana and still more bananas, final a jelly bean can appeared



Noland Montgomery and helpful assistant.

The **Magic of Arnold** (Arnold Fuoco) was the next performer. His magic hat contained a rabbit that kept peeking out of the hat. Then he mysteriously vanished and Arnold could not find him. However the when he turned around to put the hat away the children all shouted at him because the rabbit was on his back. Very hare raising!



Arnold Fuoco and the rabbit.

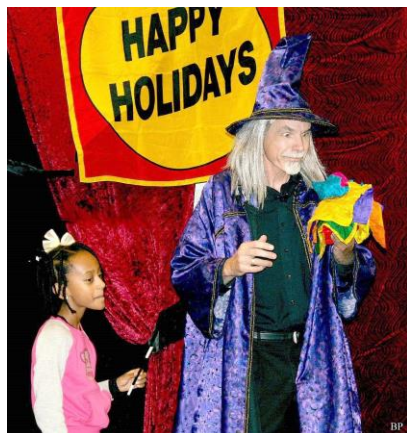
JT the Unstoppable (Joe Mielnicki) magically produced 4 balls from his empty hat. These were thrown out into the audience. The 4 adult males catching the balls became volunteers for the Four Man Chair Trick.



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Drew Owen came on stage and transformed into **Professor Fizzwiffle's** by donning a wizard robe, and a wig. He needed a hat, so he tried a floppy hat. No, not magical. Then he tried the Cat's Hat. No, not magical. Lastly was a wizard's hat, it was magical.



Professor Fizzwiffle with the help of a lovely assistant watching the silk flower fountain

Jan 2019 – Ring 50 Members Perform Classics of Magic.

President **Stan Hillard** began the Classics of Magic with favorite effect 'Sympathetic Thirteen!' from a book published in 1929 by Leipzig that was modified by Jorg Alexander and called Sympathetic Ten.



July 2019



Noland Montgomery and Jason Goldberg with invisible ball

Noland produced a small purse, but it was only the frame of the purse. He said it contained an invisible ball. He handed the invisible ball to Jason to examine. Upon taking it back the invisible ball became visible as a yellow ball, then it was a red ball, then magically it was a larger ball.

Bob Carnathan hiding the Ace

Dr. Bob Carnathan told of his visit to a Pub for lunch. He queried a few patrons if they knew the Irish 3 Card Game. He had 4 cards and placed one blank card aside. The Ace was placed in the middle of the cards and the cards moved around. Then, he showed the Ace had vanished, and all 3 cards were blank. He picked up the card set aside and turned it around to show the Ace!



Bob Carnathan hiding the Ace.

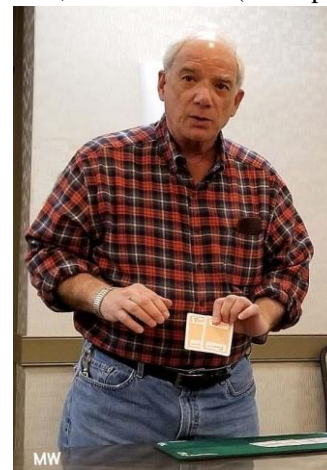
Chuck Jones spoke of ancient history when drawings on the wall may have led to the development of

the magician's Egg Bag. The Egg Bag has always been a popular trick. In 1913, Max Malini changed the design of the bag to make it the perfect trick. Chuck then went on to perform the classic Egg Bag routine



Chuck Jones shows the egg to and Stan Hillard.

The amazing **Dr. Arnie Levin** performed Lennart Green's *Stolen Cards* combined with the late Bill Pryor's *Three's a Charm*. A deck of cards were shown with all different backs stolen from many casinos all over the World. A random number was called out and a marker card was inserted face up as cards were dealt one at a time. The second and third time another number was called out and a marker card was inserted face up. The face to face pairs are removed. All pairs not only do the faces match, so do the backs! All the faces of the remaining cards in the deck were revealed to be all identical, the same card (9 of Spades)



Arnie Levin showing the cards matched.

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The infamous **Arnold Fuoco** presented a *Zombie* routine, not like the Tony Montana's *Zombie*, but like the inventor of the *Zombie* illusion Joe Karson which he patented the effect in 1940. Other magicians like Neil Foster of Colon Michigan and Bill Abbott's "the Thing" helped to add variety the routine.



Arnold Fuoco.

Marc Carrion surprised us with *Out Of My World* by Joe Barry, original version *Out Of This World* is a classic card effect created by Paul Curry in 1942. Many magicians have performed their own variations of this trick. It has been billed as the trick that fooled Winston Churchill, after amateur magician Harry Green performed it for him.



Marc Carrion (c) and helpers.

Dwight Redman carried out Pat Page's version of the *Ambitious Card*. The effect is often credited to French magician Gustav Alberti, in the mid-19th century. The magician spread through the deck and had a spectator select a card (10 of Hearts) and sign the card to insure there were no duplicates and inserted into the middle of the deck. A snap of the finger and it invisibly reappears on the top of the deck. This is repeated under more and more impossible conditions. On two occasions after the card was put back in the middle of the deck the card appeared in the magician's pocket.



Dwight Redman with Bud Smith watching closely.

Larry Lipman reached into his bag to get a deck of cards. Oops he pulled out a package of sliced cheese. These were put back and he found the deck of cards in the bag. He placed the deck in the bag and got a blindfold. While blindfolded he went to the bag to get the deck of cards. Unbeknownst to him he got the pack of cheese. He had the spectator shuffle the deck (cheese). Then the spectator selected a card (cheese) and returned it to the deck. Lorenzo the Great while blindfolded was going to find the selected card. He said the cards felt a little damp. He asked the spectator to name his card (two of Hearts). Then he had a spectator get the envelope in the back of the room. When it was opened inside was a piece of cheese with two hearts cut out!! Cheesy but amazing presentation!!



Marc Carrion watches as Lorenzo the Great shuffles the cheese.

Christophe Jelinski gave a demonstration of the paranormal. He had two audience members sit in two chairs on stage and to close their eyes. Christophe began with assistant #1 and touched a point on his shoulder. He then told them to raise their hand if they felt anything. They both raised their hand. Then he touched assistant #1 on the arm and told them to raise their hand if they felt anything. They both raised their hand. Again he touched assistant #1 on the leg and told them to raise their hand if they felt anything. They both raised their hand. An eerie event.



Christophe Jelinski with assistants Mike & Mike.

Augie Arnstein accomplished *Bank Night* by Tom Sellers. Five numbered envelopes are spread out for 4 spectators to each select one of the envelopes. They are told that only one of the envelopes contains a \$20 bill, and whoever chooses it, wins it. They each had a free choice of what envelope they would like to have.

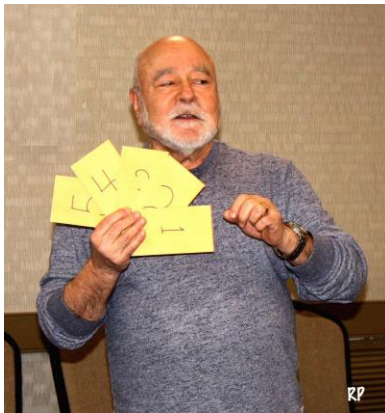
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One envelope was to be left for the performer. He had no choice but must take the one left for him. One by one the spectators open their envelopes to find a blank piece of paper the size of a bill. However, when the performer opens his envelope, he removed the \$20 bill.



Augie Arnstein and 5 envelopes

Denny Haney Passes

The infamous **Denny Haney** of Baltimore passed peacefully in his sleep after a brief battle with cancer on January 22, 2019.

Feb 2019 - *Alain Nu Lecture - The Man Who Knows.*

Before the lecture began, Counts of Conjuring member **Sean Mulvaney** performed an amazing card trick for the 62 attendees.



Sean Mulvaney



Alain Nu doing "Party's Over".

Alain Nu's bizarre demonstrations combined with his own power to amaze, created a riveting performance of clairvoyance, psychokinetic movement & thought control. Unlike the usual "magician," Alain was truly different.

His presentations were conducted in a fun, off-beat style which included oracular thinking, synchronicity, and self-fulfilling prophecies. Being a full-time working mentalist, speaker, and author, Alain shared some of his most cleverly guarded secrets and ideas.

From his "Any Card Book", Alain went on with "Easy ACAAN", a signature piece of his. Spectator named any card, 3 of Hearts was named. Another spectator was asked for any number, 7 was named. All the questions were asked and answered before the deck was even in play. Another spectator dealt down showing the cards face up to number 6. Next card turned over was the 3 of Hearts. This made ACAAN look ultra-real.

Mar 2019 - *Carl Andrews Lectures at Ring 50.*

At the finish of the Ring 50 business meeting and before the lecture began, Counts of Conjuring member **Ryan Mulvaney** expertly performed the *Stack of 5* trick he had learned at the Counts learning session



Louis Meyer, Ryan Mulvaney & Adam Stone.

Carl Andrews, Jr. a professional with snappy routines developed and tested under fire in real life performance. He calls his performance "Mental Comedy", a show that happens in your mind! Most important of all, there is some of the most straight-from-the shoulder practical advice on making a living with close-up magic. His tips on booking and working restaurants are pure gold



Carl Andrews and Caleb Rudow.

During the course of his lecture, Carl blended practical advice, humor and greatly entertaining tricks which he explained in detail. Among them were: a copper-silver transposition with non-gimmicked coins; an effect called "You don't know Jack" involving an origami frog that Julie kissed and turned into a (signed) prince; a superb Black Jack routine and a deceptively simple effect called "Teach me one" for those occasions when a spectator wants to learn a trick.

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Apr 2019 – **MAGI-WHIRL**.



Washington, D.C. “The best little convention in the National Capital Area”. The Ring 50 Magi-Whirl 2019 convention was held in a new venue, Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 E. Campus Dr, in Alexandria, Virginia with ideal facilities including a 981-seat theater for the Gala Show.

The 2019 event featured lectures by illusionist **Gustavo Raley**, children's entertainer **Christopher T. Magician**, coin master **David Roth**, and I.B.M. international president **Michael Finney**.

The Gala Show featured Master of Ceremonies **Michael Finney** and performances by **Gustavo Raley** and **Christopher T. Magician**. Also performances by magical entertainer **Jessica Jane**, comedy juggler **Niels Duinker**, and D.C.'s magician of the year **Christophe Jelinski**!

The dealers were: **Guaranteed Magic Co.** - Bob Little, **Mike's Magic** - Mike Hummer, **Sorcery with Class** - Scott Correll, **A-Z Magic** - Arlen Solomon, **MK Cups** - Michael Kaminiskas, **Alan's Illusions** - Wayne Alan and **Fuller's Magic** - Mark Fuller.

The Lectures



Laurie Curry and Michael Finney.



Christopher T. Magician



Gustavo Raley and Quinton Hodges



Eric Jones

The Dealers

In the Dealer Hall you could see and talk to professional magicians and look at new magic

items for sale. The dealers were continuously demonstrating the latest magical items, silks, accessories, and supplies they had brought with them for sale. This gave you a chance to see the latest magic items, touch them, and see them in action before making a purchase.



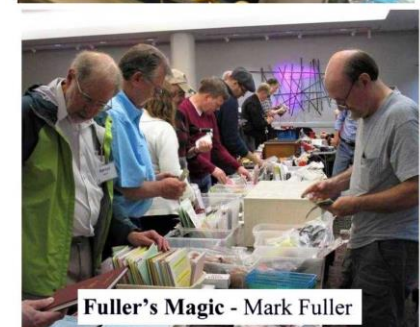
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Mike's Magic – Mike Hummer



Sorcery with Class – Scott Correll



Alan's Illusions – Wayne Alan

Saturday Night Gala Show

When it was time for the doors to open for the public Gala Show, more than 600 men, women and children began streaming into the Schlesinger Concert Hall to find their assigned seats. Six strolling magicians (**Matt Biegun, Louis Hofheimer, Chuck Jones, Larry Lipman, Noland Montgomery, Dwight Redman and Barney Sperling**) mingled among them doing tricks and heightening expectations for the entertainment to come.

July 2019

The show opened with welcoming remarks by emcee Michael Finney, International President of the I.B.M.



Michael Finney waiting on the roaring laughter to die down



Christophe Jelenski and helpers.



Niels Duinker



Jessica Jane

Pre-Show Strolling Magicians



Strolling Magicians for the gala pre-show at Magi-Whirl. Barney Sperling, Noland Montgomery, Larry Lipman, Dwight Redman, Louis Hofheimer, Matt Biegun and Chuck Jones. (Photo by Bob Patterson)

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Gustavo Raley mixing Cocktails

May 2019 – Dan Lacey Contest.

Magical skills were honed and sharpened for the May 3rd meeting for the Dan Lacey Memorial Trophy and the title “Magician of the Year”. All Ring 50 members both new and veteran members were eligible to seek the title. A panel of judges declared the winner.

The competition is a challenge and a learning experience when performing in front of peers and experienced magicians. The contestants in order of performance were: **Reggie Rice**, **Adam Stone**, **Joe Melinicki**, **Arnold Fuoco**, **Christian Vidrascu**, **Christophe Jelinski**, **Dr. Cat**, **Nolan Montgomery**, **Chuck Jones**, **Alec Negri**, **Dwight Redman**, **Thomas Kozlowski**, **Marc Carrion**, and **Tom Beutner**.

The first competitor **Reggie Rice** showed a small house-type structure and the front doors were opened. In stepped the lovely assistant, barely fitting, and the



Gala Show- Christopher T. Magician with Samantha Levin, the coin catch.



Reggie Rice and Skylar Hepner

front doors were closed. Instantly he inserted a large evil-looking blade, followed by a large solid plastic tube through the front that reveals a gaping hole. Another large solid plastic tube was inserted from the side, revealing yet another open space. There was no space remaining in the box. Then the bottom half of the illusion was slid over-where could she be? The illusion was turned for all to view the two holes left by the tubes. Then the magician reversed the procedure and out steps the young lady without a clue as to where she has been!



Adam Stone with Matthew Biegun and Ryan Mulvaney.

Adam Stone performed his version of the classic six card repeat only with 4 cards. Ryan gave him 3 cards from the deck. How-

ever when Adam counted them he had four cards. One was tossed aside and four still remain. Again the four cards were shown, one was tossed aside and still four cards remained. Now one was tossed aside and still four cards remained. This continued and each time the magician found he still had four cards remaining.



Newsy Nicki

Newsy Nicki (Joe Melinicki) the newsboy had a several pieces of torn newspaper which he gathered up. Then in a flash the paper was whole again!



Arnold Fuoco with Louis Hofheimer

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Arnold Fuoco said he had physic ability with numbers. He had Louis Hofheimer hold a sign with the numbers 577345 663 on it. As a Physic he was going to decipher what the numbers meant. How do we get from here to there? From a nearby flower he plucked a pedal and placed it into a glass. As he shook the glass the pedal turned into an egg. He got rid of the part of the egg that was not in the prediction. The egg was broken leaving Arnold with his prediction "Egg Shells". When Louis turned the sign upside down the numbers changed to "Egg Shells".



Christian Vidrascu (r) with Matthew.

Christian Vidrascu had Matthew take a blank card and to draw something artistic like Picasso, Monet, or Rembrandt might draw. Magician Christian had a Joker that was an art critic. After the picture was drawn and signed, the card was buried in the deck and shuffled. Then the joker was jammed into the deck and shuffled. When the cards were spread and the art critic Joker had found the artsy card drawn by the spectator!



Christophe Jelinski (c) with Danny Selnick and helper

Christophe Jelinski had two people select cards and to keep those cards in their minds as they stared at the back wall. Then he tossed out the deck to the audience and had five people select and remember a card. He then named each card the spectators had selected and gave the deck to an audience member as a souvenir.

Competitor Dr. Cat had **Matthew Biegun** think of something people didn't know about him. She was able to read his thought and told him (whispered) what it was. Then she had him thumb thru a book and pick a page and a word on that page. Again she was able to describe the word.



Noland Montgomery tied up by Danny Selnick.

Nolan Montgomery had Danny tie his thumbs tightly together. Danny placed the magic hat over Noland's tied hands. However the hat was not on his hands correctly so Noland brought out his hand and showed Danny exactly how to place the hat. Then he had Danny hold the hat while one arm was

linked around Noland's. He was still able to magically get out of the link.



Chuck Jones

Chuck Jones showed a cabinet with 3 drawers and a large vertical empty storage area. He removed a roll of TP from one of the drawers and all the drawers were now empty. But not to worry, if you need more TP he just opened the vertical cabinet and it was full of TP.



Alec Negri

Alec Negri (Sly) opened his segment by removing the invisible deck from the box and shuffling them. He had a spectator remove an invisible card from the deck. He had a cloth attached to the table covering a card saying it was a duplicate of the selected card. Of course it was invisible too. Spectator reversed his card and placed it the invisible deck. Sly placed the deck into a glass.

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Alec said looking at his invisible watch on his bare wrist that the cards would come visible in 10 seconds. The cards became visible and so did his watch. When the deck was spread there was only one card reversed, the spectator's card.



Dwight Redman (c) with Sean Mulvaney and Christian Vidrascu.

Dwight Redman performed his version of Jeopardy. Using a deck of jumbo cards, two spectators each mixed up half of the cards. Then he had them change about 1/3 of the cards with each other reversing the cards. The cards were then shuffled each pack making the cards completely messed up, some cards were face up and some face down. This was repeated, more were messed up, some face up and some face down. The two packs were then shuffled together and spread on the table showing them well mixed some face up and some face down. Then came the Jeopardy answers: 23 cards face up; 16 black cards; 9 of the black will be spades, and all face up cards are hearts, (except the 6 of diamonds). Amazing results from a mixed up deck!

Zander – (**Tom Kozlowski**) selected a lady from the audience and asked for a personal item. She

gave him her watch. Then he began to tell amazing true things about her just by her watch. He fooled the audience as she was his mother.



Tom Kozlowski

He had a card selected. Another new unopened deck was given to the spectator. When she opened it her red back card was face up in a blue deck! Another spectator selected a card. He had a prediction in his pocket. When opened it was not the selected card. With a small flame he heated the prediction and it turned into the selected card.



Scott Phillips, Marc Carrion, Alan and Chuck Jones.

Marc Carrion had three spectators each select a card and then he gave them about 1/3 of the cards from the deck. Each shuffled their selected card into the stack they had. He then identified each card selected. Then he gave each of them 4 cards and some members of the audience each got 4 cards. Each then folded the cards in half and then tore them in half. One half of a card was selected by each spectator and put in their pocket. Then through a series of shuffles, changing card positions, trading

cards, and throwing some away the last remaining card matched the one in the pocket.



Tom Beutner with "Lucky Jack's" skull.

Tom Beutner as he told the story in rhyme of "Lucky Jack" performed a magical effect. He had Cecelia place her initials on the corner and continued the rhyming story of "Lucky Jack". The card was torn into 4 pieces. As his ship went down in flames he heated the torn cards. Something was not quite right; the cards were whole but joined at the corners. Her initials were visible in the center. He placed the miss made card into a bottle and gave it to Cecelia as a remembrance of the evening.



John Roberts with his pet "Hanky"

John Roberts performed while the judges tallied their scores. He brought out his hanky pet and did a few antics with him. Then he went on to perform his version of Professor's Nightmare with 3 ropes.

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Christophe Jelinski was presented with the rotating Dan Lacey Memorial Trophy and given the title of "Magician of the Year". He also receives a spot to perform at the 2020 Ring 50 Magi-Whirl and a free convention registration. Cecilia Lacey gave him some books from Dan Lacey's magic library.



1st Christophe Jelinski
2nd Nolan Montgomery
3rd Reggie Rice

The Judges were Con Ward, Mike Hummer, David Bowers (PNP SAM) and Howie Richie.

Jun 2019 – Glenn Morphew Lecture.

Glenn Morphew was still enthused by his recent appearance on "Penn and Teller: Fool Us" when he came to lecture Ring 50 for its June meeting. Penn. & Teller claimed Glenn did not fool them with his cards to pocket routine (E=MC2) but sure fooled his Ring 50 audience when he performed it - and then he explained the same effect to his audience.



Morphew with ring finger routine.

The 2019 Winner of the Dan Lacey Contest National Capital Ring 50 Magician of the Year



Ring 50 President Stan Hillard, Christophe Jelinski, and Cecelia (Lacey) Richie.

Glenn opened with a bewildering ring-on/off finger routine that he said was ideal for those situations where somebody calls on you to "show me a trick".



The rising card effect

Next up was a "set" of card tricks: "Viagra", a rising card effect (of course), "Impossible Transition" where cards instantly change places as in a David Copperfield stage trick, "Mr. Stickman" (a figure drawn on a card does amazing magic), and "Houdini" which drew gasps from the audience. Afterwards, audience members felt

that Glenn Morphew's lecture was one of the best ever.

Ring 50 Officers Elected

Election was Held June 5

The following officers were elected to the Ring 50 Executive Committee for 2019-2020.

President: Craig Fifer
Vice Pres: Danny Selnick
Secretary: Larry Lipman
Treasurer: Mike Peckham
Sgt-at-Arms: Sam Brothers
Magi-Gram Ed: Marc Carrion

Board of Directors

Sr. Director: John Roberts
Immed Past Pres: Stan Hillard
Dir. at Large: Reggie Rice
Emeritus Mbr: Bob Patterson

The new officers will be inducted into office by the **Territorial Vice President, Dwight Redman**, at the September 4th meeting and take office immediately.

Counts of Conjuring

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.

Each month **Louis the Magician** has taught the *Discover Magic* course. This is an amazing course that not only teaches the youths magic but also teaches 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 learned one new magic trick and had a chance to perform it. The Counts of Conjuring is for youths 8 to 17 years.

Ring 50's Counts of Conjuring



Prior to the Ring 50 Holiday Show the Chief Wizard of the Counts of Conjuring, Louis Meyer presented Certificates of Advancement after completing a year in the course to the youths. The Magic Aficionados were: Ryan Mulvaney, Sean Mulvaney, Jacob Miller, Anthony Jackson, Matthew Biegun, Jayden Bowers, Isaac Exline, and Daniel Carrion.

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!

Ring 50 Needs You!

As an all-volunteer organization, Ring 50 relies on its members to help make our meetings and events a success. If you can help with one or more of the following committees, please email: craig@ibmring50.org:

Program Committee: Recommends programming for each Ring 50 meeting, including guest lecturers and performers, member performances and teach-ins, and other activities.

Magi-Whirl Committee: Plans and executes Ring 50's annual convention and public gala show.

Budget Committee: Prepares an annual Ring 50 budget for presentation to the Executive Committee.

Auditing Committee: Audits Ring 50's financial records and makes a report to the Executive Committee.

Sam Shapiro SABAR Award Committee: Recommends potential recipients for the Sabar Award, which is given in some years when warranted to a current Ring 50 member for exceptional performance or service over an extended period.

Dan Lacey Award Committee: Organizes Ring 50's annual contest to determine the Magician of the Year, who will also perform at the following year's Magi-Whirl public gala show.

By-Laws Review Committee: Reviews Ring 50's Constitution and By-Laws and recommends any necessary changes to the Executive Committee.

Membership Committee: Plans and conducts activities to attract and retain a diverse Ring 50 membership.

Facilities Committee: Identifies and assists with logistics of potential venues for Ring 50 meetings and special events.



Alfred Albers -	30-Jul
Dwight Redman -	13-Aug
Matt Hiller -	13-Aug
Herb M. Hughes -	16-Aug
Edward Kaczka -	16-Aug
Paul White -	19-Aug
Robert Patterson -	20-Aug
Dick Steiner -	23-Aug
Michael R. Wolfson -	24-Aug
Jason Goldberg -	25-Aug
Tommy K. Meeker -	28-Aug
Ken Norris -	14-Sep
Richard Cohn -	15-Sep

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

RING 50 MEETING LOCATION

Holiday Inn

2460 Eisenhower Ave
Alexandria, VA.

6:00 Counts of Conjuring

6:00 Dinner

7:30 Meeting



Check Ring 50's Website

You can always check the latest Ring 50 scheduled event at:

www.IBMRing50.Org

IBM Ring 50 Schedule

(Subject to Change)

Aug 7 Teach-in

Sep 4 Lecture

Oct 2 TBA

Nov 6 ... New Members
Perform

Dec 4 ... Children's Holiday
Show

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AUGUST 7th RING 50 MEETING

The August meeting of Ring 50 will feature a teach-in by four accomplished Ring 50 members. Among the instructors will be **Noland Montgomery** and **Christophe Jelinski**, both winners of our annual Dan Lacey Memorial Contest for Ring 50 Magician of the Year. Also teaching will be: **Allen Cleveland** and **Chuck Jones**.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at our usual place, the Holiday Inn Alexandria-Carlyle, 2460 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria, VA. The Counts of Conjuring will meet in the same room at 6 p.m.

Members and guests are invited to join us for dinner before the meeting at the hotel's Bistro restaurant.



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 Ring 50 Secretary Larry Lipman.



Other Conventions & Shows

August 4-7, 2019
MAGIC Live!
Las Vegas, NV

August 7-10, 2019
Abbott's Get Together
Colon, Michigan

August 21-24, 2019
KIDabra
Atlanta, GA

August 30 - September 1
Midwest Magic Jubilee
St. Louis, MO

September 5-7, 2019
Magicians Alliance of Eastern States (MAES)
Crowne Plaza Cherry Hill, NJ.



Sly's Magic Show Dates 2019

August 2 September 13
October 11 November 8
December 13



January 24 -26, 2020
Sheraton Hotel
Tysons Corner VA

This 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!

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