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August Teach-In at Ring 50 SEPTEMBER 4TH - SCOTT ALEXANDER

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AUGUST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The August meeting featured a teach-in with four Ring 50 members: **Allen Cleveland**, **Christophe Jelinski**, **Chuck Jones** and **Noland Montgomery**. Vice President **Danny Selnick** convened the meeting and announced that renowned close-up magician **Scott Alexander** would lecture at the Sept. 4 meeting. The November meeting will showcase performances by new members of the Ring; the last such new-member night was held two years ago. The theme for the October meeting will be announced later. **Chuck Jones** noted that in addition to the lecture at the Ring, **Scott Alexander** would conduct a five-hour workshop on Saturday, Sept. 7 beginning at 4 p.m. The workshop will be held at the home of Ring 50 Treasurer **Mike Peckham** in Gainesville, Va. Details and online registration information are on the Ring 50 website, www.IBMRing50.org. The Ring 50 lecture is free to paid-up members, \$20 for all others. The workshop is \$150. **Danny Selnick** announced that planning for Magi-Whirl 2020 is already underway, but it will be held March 13 and 14, again at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall in Alexandria.

When guests were introduced, **Jens Henriksen**, a visiting

member from Ring 92 in Vancouver, surprised **Danny** by doing a quick ring on rope routine. Another guest and potential new member, **Homer L. Twigg IV**, was introduced by **Hugh Turley**. Sgt.-at-Arms **Sam Bothers** conducted the monthly 50-50 raffle drawing and **Mike Whelan** won the \$31 pot; an equal amount went to the Ring treasury. **Laurie Curry** noted that many magic items, including props and magazines from the collection of ailing member **Jim Flanigan** had been sold or given away before the meeting began. She said Jim would welcome cards or visits.

Secretary **Larry Lipman**, filling in for **Louis Meyer** (attending Kapital Kidvention West), introduced two members of the Counts of Conjuring youth group to perform tricks. **Matthew Nichols** performed a classic version of Professor's Nightmare, which had been the subject of instruction at the Counts meeting. The Counts meet at 6 p.m. before each Ring 50 meeting. **Isabell Tasheva-Shetler** performed a blooming flower effect with a prop she received at the Counts meeting.

TEACH-IN

Following the business portion of the meeting, the audience divided into groups in the four corners of the room for the teach-in. Each of

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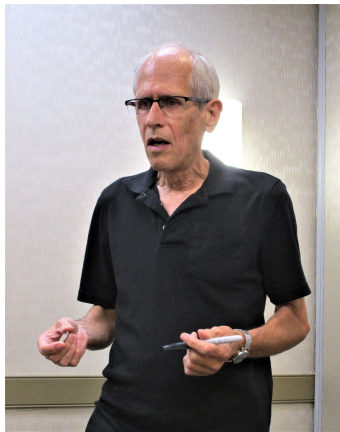
(Basic idea thanks to Alec Negri)

Effect: Can something you imagine become a reality? Let's see. (To a spectator) I want you to imagine, hanging in space before you like a hologram, a beautiful sapphire. Next to it, a sparkling diamond and next to that a gorgeous ruby. Do you see them in your imagination? Good – so do I. Now choose one of the three precious jewels. Which one did you choose? The ruby? Okay I'll put our imaginary diamond and sapphire in my pocket and the ruby in my hand. If I squeeze hard, I can turn this ruby into reality. (Open hand to show actual ruby)

Working: You begin with a jewel finger-palmed in each hand – in this case an acrylic sapphire and a ruby. As you gesture to indicate where the spectator should imagine the jewels to be, take care they are well hidden behind your middle, ring and pinkie fingers (Ramsey subtlety). If he chooses, say, the ruby, fake plucking the other two jewels out of the air and putting them in your pocket, ditching the sapphire. Then reach out and take the imaginary ruby in your hand. Remind him that he had three choices. You reveal the actual ruby in your hand proving the impossible can happen. You do the same thing if the sapphire is chosen. If the imaginary diamond is chosen, have him put it in his pocket. You mime taking the ruby and sapphire in your hands. Say "Okay, you chose the imaginary diamond. I'll just take the ones you didn't want and make them a reality. "You see? It can be done!" Open both hands.

(Note) Of course this routine can be done with any different objects; miniature animals from Michaels, sponge balls, etc., anything that can be palmed.

John S. Roberts



Noland Montgomery

Noland Montgomery taught a multi-phase routine of his own making – with moves adapted from numerous sources – that involved a half-dollar coin seemingly vanishing into the cap of a Sharpie pen and then magically appearing out of the pen. Noland said he didn't know how a half-dollar could fit into a Sharpie, but apparently it did. The coin and pen repeatedly appeared and disappeared throughout the routine.



Chuck Jones

Chuck Jones used the three ropes from Professor's Nightmare to teach a routine developed by **Richard Sanders** in his Fiber Optics DVD. Chuck made the ropes seemingly meld into one very long rope and

then demonstrated how he could remove the ends and have an endless loop before replacing the ends in the rope.



Christophe Jelinski and Sam Brothers

Christophe Jelinski demonstrated how he could make a person raise one arm or the other while standing several feet away and without appearing to touch them. Then Christophe revealed the secret to this feat of mentalism and gave pointers as several of the members tried using the techniques to cause the same effect upon other members.



Allen Cleveland

Allen Cleveland presented a rapid-fire demonstration of closeup magic using a thumb tip, sponges, rubber bands and a dollar-size coin. First Allen demonstrated how to conceal a thumb tip after performing the classic disappearing silk trick. Then he demonstrated two versions of Crazy Man's Handcuffs, using his

the four teachers demonstrated one or more effects and then provided detailed instructions. After 20 minutes, each teacher moved to another corner until every teacher had visited every corner.

hands and the hand of a spectator. He also performed a single jumping band effect that transferred the rubber band from his hand to a spectator's hand. After a devilishly clever one-coin routine, Allen showed a four-sponge routine that ended with a sponge shaped like the number 4.

After the meeting, several members stayed to go over pointers with the four instructors.

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.

RING 50 MEETING LOCATION

Holiday Inn

2460 Eisenhower Ave
Alexandria, VA.
6:00 Counts of Conjuring
6:00 Dinner
7:30 Meeting

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



COUNTS OF CONJURING MEETS AUGUST 7TH 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.

See you there!

August 7th, 2019, 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

Laura Marvel -	31-Jun
Kevin McGuire -	1-Jul
Thomas Cushing -	4-Jul
Doug Jarman -	11-Jul
Alfred Albers -	30-Jul
Dwight Redman -	13-Aug
Matt Hiller -	13-Aug
Herb M. Hughes -	16-Aug

RING 50 MAGIC FOR SALE

Ring 50 has great magic items and DVDs from the Paul White collection for sale. The proceeds go to I.B.M. Ring 50. Price is HALF of the current retail price (retail price marked on package).

Some are new, some are nearly new, and some are slightly used. Most have been reviewed and all pieces have been

assembled and sealed in the packaging. Be sure to review the URL listed at the right side of the spreadsheet for explanations of the items.

Send the Ring 50 Curator Bob Patterson an email at: [Magic.Bob@Comcast.Net] and we can work out delivery. The magic and DVD listing for sale is attached to Magi-Gram email.

RING 50 NEW MEMBERS AND APPLICATIONS

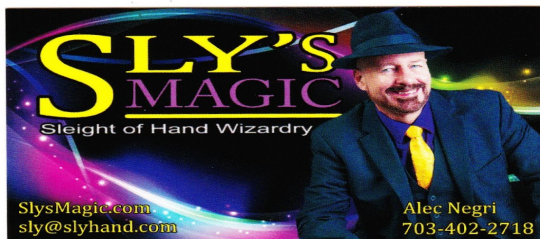
New members are always welcome at Ring 50. You must be interested in magic (full time or part time performer, hobbyist, collector, etc.)

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

MEMBERSHIP

Have **YOU** brought a prospective member to the meeting? They must be



Sly's Magic Show Dates 2019

June 15 July 13
August 2 September 13
October 11 November 8
December 13



interested in magic and be a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

Applications are available from the Secretary Larry Lipman.



CHECK RING 50'S WEBSITE

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

www.IBMRing50.Org.

If you find yourself in a photo and would like an electronic copy, please e-mail Bob Patterson (Magic.Bob@Comcast.Net) and he will be happy to send you a copy in jpg format.

MAGICIAN'S ALLIANCE OF EASTERN STATES CONVENTION



September 5-7, 2019. The MAES convention will be held at the **Crowne Plaza Cherry Hill**,

2349 West Marlton Pike, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08002. Featuring: Kyle & Mistie Knight, Stuart McDonald, Torkova, Craig Diamond, Carisa Hendrix, Erik Tait, Erick Olson, Michael Trixx, Denny Corby, Ryan Edwards, and Tucker Rudo.

See www.maesonline.org

MAGIC VIDEO

Juan Tamariz Follow the Leader:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGhCqNK8A98>