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Silent Magic Night

September 8th, 2014

7:00PM – 9:00PM

Do you have a magic trick that you would like to share, but just don't have the words to present it? Then "Silent Magic Night" is for you. It can be Close-Up, Parlor or Stage. Though the theme is "Silent", music may be used as part of your performance.

Your performance may just leave us speechless.

- Multiplying Balls
- Linking Rings
- Card Manipulation
- Miser's Dream
- Silks
- Bubbles
- Zombie
- Rope
- etc...

If you are interested in participating, please contact Greg Wauson at socalbeliever@hotmail.com

— Greg Wauson

An August Occasion

President Sal Barajas called meeting to order at 7:05 pm., and began with the usual welcome, but there was something different this time. He was using the Ring's new sound system! And he acknowledged that he would sound even better next time when he learned how to use all the bells and whistles our new system possesses.

The first order of Ring business was a Broken Wand Ceremony for our friend and fellow Ring member

Performance of the Month

August 2014 - New Magic Trick

Timmy Qafiti

For his outstanding performance of an effect involving a smart-phone called "Tech Magic".

Charles "Chuck" Cook. Chuck was a colorful, creative, and determined performer and his love of the performing arts in general and magic in particular was obvious. Ring 76 will miss a great friend and funny performer.

By initiative of the Board, the meeting seating arrangement was no longer in "church pews" but a curved small auditorium around a close-up table. This was done to give members better visual and hearing access to performers.

President Sal went on to describe some revisions to an award and a new recognition. Entertainer of the



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Chuck Cook*

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President's Message

Welcome to a new season of Ring 76, We had a lot going on at this month's meeting, but we were able to get thru it with very little difficulty. Hooray!!



- Library Night was a great success and we will have another coming this coming October.
- Wand Breaking Ceremony of Charles Cook. May he rest in peace.
- Two new member Auditions – Congratulations to Gaelan Abney & True Southfox
- Installation of our new 1st Vice President of Entertainment, Greg Wauson.
- New Magic Night – Lots of participation
- And of course field testing our new sound system. We will get it right, I promise.

I am looking forward to seeing you again at the September meeting.

— Sal Barajas

Year will now be decided on those who have performed a minimum of 3 times over the year. There will also be a Performance of the Month — a member will be recognized for a particularly outstanding performance at a single meeting. Performance of the Month is meant to give more encouragement to members to participate in meeting performances.

Kenny Shelton announced that Jason Latimer is at the Reuben H. Fleet through August. (Mention your IBM membership for a ticket discount.) He also noted two magic shows currently on the CW network.

Larry Samuels announced he is performing on bagpipes with the San Diego Symphony. Bagpipes with the Symphony? Wow, you ARE a magician, Larry!

Our visitors for the evening included Dave Weston, Warren Bausser from Long Island NY. Local Conner Breen brought his Russian sweetie Marina. Ed Goldberg was visiting from Vancouver. Alumni Craig Stone was back visiting from Indianapolis after 6 years away from us. And our final guest was Steve Castaneda from San Diego.

Two auditions were held: True Southfox performed a 3-card monte and a ring trick, and Gaelan Abney of Abney's Magic shop did (an abridged) cups and balls; both were accepted as members. Pay yer dues, fellahs!

Next Greg Wauson was installed as VP of Entertainment, to replace the recently elected Alfonzo Vazquez. Alfonzo got a scholarship to pursue a Master's Degree for his employer, the Marine Corps. Way to go, Alfonzo!



Greg Wauson is sworn in as VP of Entertainment

Next month's meeting is "silent" or - no talking - magic. Using sound tracks is allowed, but patter is not.

And after all that was said and done, the meeting got to our theme of the evening, New MAGIC night.

Joe Mystic started things off with Dots to Die and Driebeck Die, two wonderful effects that packed small – played big. He was followed by Conner Breen's card and coin effect called Prediction.

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Photos from the August Meeting



Sal Barajas



Gaelan Abney



True Southfox



Joe Mystic



Photos from the August Meeting



Conner Breen



Bob Pozner



Warren Bausert (left)



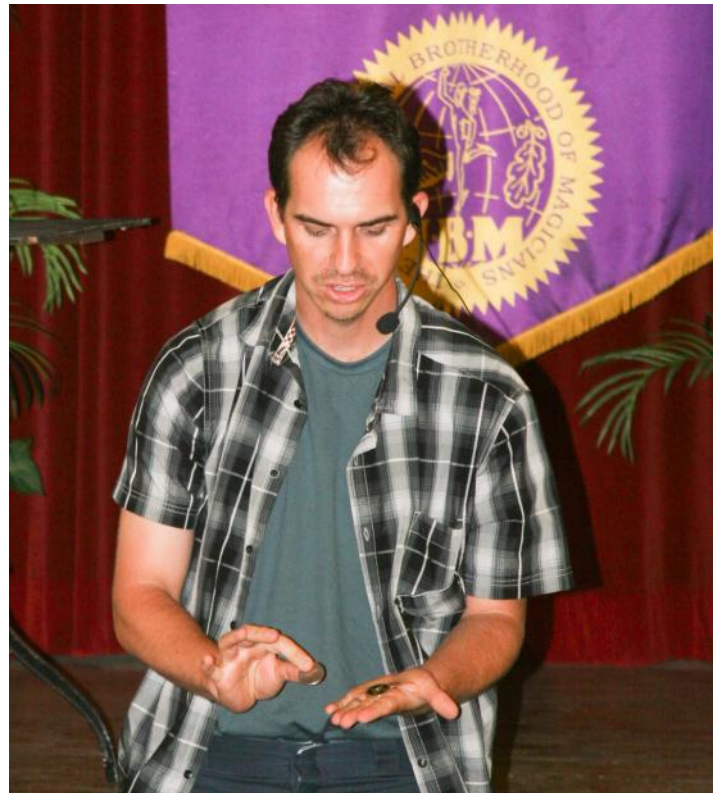
Jacques Lord



Photos from the August Meeting



Cary Schaffner



Kenny Shelton



Jeff Sargent

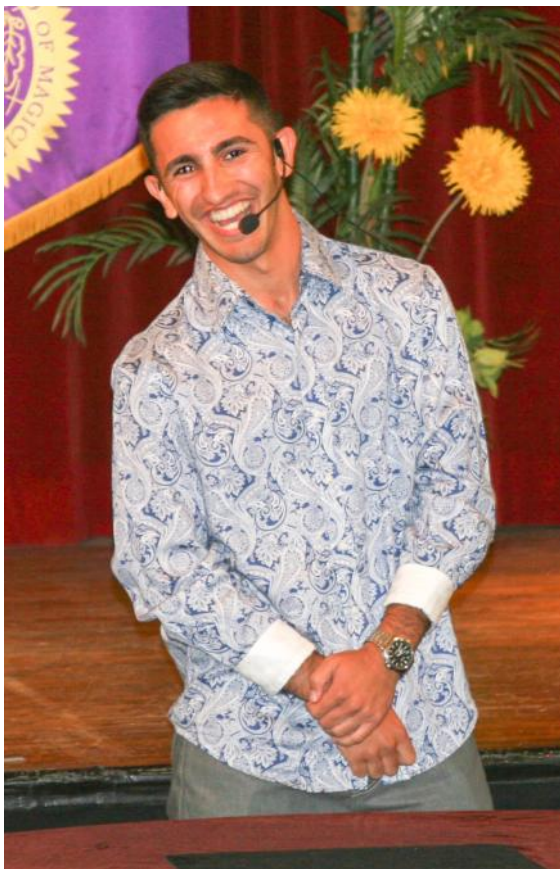


Jeff Marcus

Photos from the August Meeting



Bob Meigs



Timmy Qafiti



Nick Brown



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Bob Pozner was next with his visually strong version of Joe Monte's take on Spellbound. Jacques Lord followed with David Roth's Chink-a-chink. Cary Shaffner presented his comedy rope cutting routine with a nice sucker finish derived from Kevin James' lecture notes. Cary promised to make the knife props for retail.

Kenny Shelton performed a Johnson Product copper brass silver routine derived from a J.C. Wagner coin routine with a great reveal move published in the July 2014 Genii magazine. Ring gambling expert Jeff Sargent tried his hand with mentalism and an ESP cards prediction (I knew he was going to do that).

Jeff Marcus explained to us that he had The Gift of Grab (by A-1 magic) a mystifying selected card assembly to a shopping bag. Visitor Warren Bausert performed two quick effects, the Bamboozled Bill Count which he learned from a friend in NY, and

"MagiToon"

by Jim Whiting & Ellen Friedman



"Hey, that's neat!
But, what's a thimble?"

Pages by Raphael Benetar. Come back any time Warren! Bob "Igor" Meigs gave a thorough presentation on the Magic Square and its history.

Prof. Nick Brown (emeritus) presented a clever multiple-appearing Rubik's cubes effect followed by a prediction routine with Sherry Luft ending up with a balloon animal and custom headgear in multicolored latex. Our final performer of the evening was Timmy Qafiti, who has distinguished himself as the winner of a week at the Jeff McBride School of Magic, and has been asked to audition for "Arabs Got Talent" to be broadcast on the NBC affiliate in Beirut, Lebanon! Timmy performed a Matt Marcy 7-card match to a randomly generated 7-digit number using a calculator.

That concluded the meeting at 9 PM, with the after meeting moving to Rudford's Diner for more magic and a late night snack.

— Jacques Lord

And the Winner Is...

Our multi-purpose July meeting took place of the magical date of July 13, a Sunday, at the home of Bob and Mary Meigs. It was our Installation Banquet, Awards Banquet, and first ever LUNA Party.

A LUNA Party is an event in which the participants provide an array of entertainment, reflecting their various interests and talents. Larry Samuels was one of our premier entertainers, arriving in Kilts and playing his bagpipes to guests. A half-dozen are more members performed close up magic, Sal Barajas took portrait photographs, and Conner Breen displayed the custom costumes he fabricates. After the meeting, Bob Meigs and Conner entered into a timed strait-jacket escape contest (Conner won).

Only about half of the entertainment actually took place as planned, but this was enough that there was non-stop entertainment in multiple locations right up to the time we assembled for the installation of officers and awards.

The installations went smoothly, with Jeff Marcus swearing in the new board. Our new board consists of Sal Barajas, President; Alfonso Vasquez, Vice



President (Entertainment); James Thayer, Vice President (Membership); Bob Meigs, Treasurer; Jacque Lords, Secretary; Jeff Sargent, Sgt. at Arms; and Joe Mystic, Kenny Shelton, and Malcolm Campbell, Members-at-Large.

Ring 76 owes a great debt of thanks to Richard Ustick and Sherry Luft, two long-term board members who will be taking a hopefully brief hiatus from the board.

Next came the awards. The winners of our Close-Up Contest were Derek Ostovani, Third place; Alfonso Vasquez, Second Place; and the winner . . . Terry Godfrey! In the Stand-Up contest, they were Alfonso Vasquez, Third Place; Kenny Shelton, Second Place; and Mago Ruly taking top honors.

A special Tip of the Hat award went to Sal Barajas, for having serving as Acting President after Derek Ostovani's unexpected departure, all the while continuing to perform the demanding duties of Vice President for Entertainment. Then, last year's Member of the Year, Jeff Marcus, passed the torch to this year's recipient, James Thayer. Member of the Year is awarded to a member who has performed outstanding service to the Ring, and James, who both prepares our newsletter and maintains our website, is about as deserving as a candidate can get!

The big winner in the entertainment arena was Alfonso Vasquez, who not only placed among the winners in both the Close-Up and Stand-Up Contests, but also was voted Entertainer of the Year! Congratulations, Alfonso, and THANKS, for the many fine performances!

All in all, it was a fine evening of camaraderie, entertainment, and well-deserved recognition. (Insiders are aware of a few glitches, but those will not be revisited here.) Thanks to all the Ring Members who made this grand evening happen!

— Bob Meigs

Ring 76 Roster

Who you gonna call? Right now, no one.

Ring 76 2014-15 Calendar

Sep 8	Silent Magic*
Oct 13	Halloween Magic*
Nov 10	Swap Meet
Dec TBD	Holiday Banquet
Jan 12	Mentalism*
Feb 9	Close-up Competition
Mar 9	Ice-Breakers & Business Cards*
Apr 13	Teach-A-Trick
May 11	Stand-up Competition
Jun 8	Kids Magic
Jul TBD	Installation Banquet
Aug 10	Classic Magic

* Opportunity for Members to Perform

Currently there is no Official Ring 76 roster for our members. If you are interested in adding your name and contact info to an Official Ring 76 roster, I will have a sign up sheet at our Sept. Meeting. If you are part of the official Ring 76 roster, our members now have someone to contact if they are double booked for a gig, or would like some feedback on a performance, or would just like to talk magic with someone. We encourage everyone to sign up for our official ring 76 roster, but it is not mandatory. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me. See you at the Sept. meeting.

— Jeff Sargent

The Fair Was There...

...And So Were We!

Once again, Ring 76 played a major role in the many magic attractions of the San Diego County Fair. (During it's 24-day run, the Fair hosts more magic shows – about 11 per day - than any venue is the world, with the possible exception of the Magic Castle.)

Ring members Terry Godfrey and Bob Meigs both had daily shows (Terry actually had three!), and the



two of them also put on the Fair's popular and unique Abra-KID-Abra magic camp for kids.

Bob again produced the daily After Six magic show, which was staffed entirely by Ring 76 pros, with the exception of Whit (Pop) Haydn, who came down from LA.

Ring 76 members performing in After Six, in order of appearance, were Kenny Shelton, Terry Lunceford, Michael E. Johnson, Jeff Marcus, and Joe Mystic. Each performed multiple shows, with Kenny being tapped for both the opening and closing weekends! Management was so impressed with After Six, that it was one of the first events scheduled to return in the 2015 Fair.

— Bob Meigs

Jason Latimer's Perception: See Beyond the Illusion

The Reuben H. Fleet Science Center is getting magical! Last weekend my wife and I and another couple went there, near the San Diego Zoo, to see the Jason Latimer magic show, "Perception: See Beyond the Illusion." This is one very good show, and with a ticket price of just \$22.95, it's a very good deal, too.

Jason is billed as "World Champion Magician" and he very much is. He was the winner of FISM's "Grand Prix 'Best Overall' World Champion of Magic" and his website states he has won 17 consecutive championship titles and awards for his work. I hadn't seen him or heard much about him since he lectured

at Ring 76 several years ago at Jack's Place but it turns out Jason has been a very busy guy. He was the opening act for the Amazing Johnathan Show in Las Vegas and the series champion of the BBC One's six live specials, "The Magicians."

So I was very much looking forward to a magic show which must be good, right? Well, I wasn't

disappointed. We got in line about 30 minutes before the show started. With the audience somewhere between 100-150 people, this allowed us to get second row seats. Although there are good sight lines

from every seat, sitting closer for this show is worth the effort to get there early, especially to see the performance of the clear cups and balls effect.

The show takes place in the Heikoff Dome Theater, where they feature IMAX movies. When they turned off the lights to start the show, this room is DARK. Jason began talking about science and what is possible, as he walked from the back of the audience to the stage. This patter theme was a constant during the show. He started with an effective "walking through a mirror" illusion.

He then baffled everyone with a card trick, i.e. Cardiographic, where a card someone selected visibly rose from a large deck he drew on a large paper.

It was very funny watching the woman who had selected the card, and received the drawing, feel the drawing to try to figure out how in the heck that card rose on that sheet.

He performed an effect which looks very real, in which he unmistakably shows his hand empty, then reaches into a large, clear bowl of water, which a member of the audience has just inspected, and removes a fist-sized clear glass sphere.

Being held in the IMAX dome allowed bright, sharp images to be projected onto the dome, which



enhanced the talking points that Jason made during introductions of the upcoming magical effects. He randomly selected a playing card, by use of a T-shirt shooter, and had members of the audience call out red or black, high or low. He then pointed to a clear box several feet away which had been sitting by itself in full view up to that point in the show. He walked over to it, opened it and removed a small wooden box, which he opened and found it contained a folded card. When he removed the card, it was the selection.

He then performed the signature effect which won him the FISM championship, the clear cups and balls. This has to be seen to be believed. It looks very magical as the yellow balls are appearing and disappearing under the clear glasses. He concludes the illusion with a clever twist. You'll have to see the show since I don't want to spoil the surprise. He then closes the 45-minute show with an illusion in which he bends a laser beam, a very baffling thing to see.

The price of admission includes entry to the "Illusion: Nothing Is As It Seems" exhibit, which features some interesting science experiments and displays. "Perception: See Beyond the Illusion" has been playing for the last several weeks every Friday

through Sunday at 3:30 and 4:30 pm, but closes at the end of August. Rumor has it that it may return for a brief engagement in October. This is a show you don't want to miss.

— Greg Wanson

Good News! The Reuben H. Fleet Science Center has extended Jason Latimer's show to November. So you still have to go see his show. Show your I.B.M. member card at the ticket window to get your discount ticket. — Ed.

Magic Notes

Saturday, Sept. 13 — The Magic Castle is going to have their swap meet from 9am-3pm. So head up there to find some good deals and one of kind magic that you can put in your show.

Also Tuesday, Sept. 16 is the strolling magic show down in the inner circle. Signups are at 7pm and the strolling magic is at 8pm. In order to compete in the strolling magic show down you must be a magician member of the AMA.



Performers for the Month of August