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President's Message



By Joe (Mystic) McGrievy

Today I saw a headline about David Copperfield that read, “**Jury finds magician not liable for tourist's injuries**”. An audience volunteer had fallen while assisting in a vanishing act. This happened in a show at the MGM Grand in 2013.

David and his company, as well as the MGM Grand, were named in a suit in 2014. Here we are 4 years later with the verdict. The jury decided that it was the volunteer's fault that he tripped over his own two feet, so, no money was awarded to the volunteer for his injuries.

However, I have to wonder about how much the trial cost all of the sued parties. Now I think about what problems of this sort could cost me; Anything could happen.

I am glad I carry liability insurance. HOW ABOUT YOU? Are you doing paid shows? Have you thought about carrying insurance for that rare but possible problem? Could you lose your savings, your home, your future through an off the wall event? Don't think that it could never happen to you. I am writing this to make you aware of the potential of a serious situation.

On a brighter note, next meeting is a “no-theme” or “open mic” magic night. Any magic with any theme is welcome. I think we have a couple of auditions and, though not on a brighter

note, a Broken Wand Ceremony for Loch David Crane.

I look forward to seeing you Monday, June 11 at the Boat Club

Joe Mystic

Ring 76 2017-18 Calendar

Jun 11 No Theme*/Elections

Jun 25 Board Meeting**

Jul 15 Installation Banquet

* Opportunity for Members to Perform

** Any Member may attend.

*Our regular monthly meetings are at 7:00 pm
on the second Monday of the month.*

*The next meeting is on Monday, May 14 at
7:00 at the Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club.*

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Minutes of the May 14, 2018, Meeting of Ring 76 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians

President **Joe “Mystic” McGrievy** called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joe confirmed that we will have The Olive Garden provide the food for the July installation banquet on Sunday, July 15 and the Board is looking into the options for the entertainment.

He also reminded us that Ring dues are due. They can be paid directly to Treasurer **Bob Meigs**.

The June meeting will include the election for next year’s Board. (It’s not too late to run for a seat on the Board, if you are interested).

The meeting will also include an open, no-theme opportunity for members to perform.

Dr. Jeff Pearson reminded us that the **North County Magic Club** has an informal meeting at a Coco’s restaurant the first Thursday of every month, and he encouraged Ring members to attend.

Jeff highly recommended the new Illusions Theatre in downtown San Diego, which puts on a four-hour fun event, including an escape room, five -star meal, and magic show. Learn more at <https://illusionstheatre.com>.

Greg Moreland, who is a cruise ship magician and who organizes the Portland Magic Jam, was in attendance and announced his plan to put on a San Diego Magic Jam this upcoming fall, or winter, or spring. He was in San Diego to look at hotels which might be able to provide a good venue. He polled Ring 76 members about their interest in attending a Magic Jam, and their enthusiasm level about possible headliner magicians.

There were a few other guests who introduced themselves: **Greg Wauson’s** wife, daughter, and son-in-law came to watch Greg’s performance in the Stage Competition.

Chris, attending his first meeting, came to

check out the Ring.

Dave (who has attended a few meetings and who will audition next month) brought a friend, **Jonathan**, who is also interested in magic.

Josh, from the North County Magic Club and his dad also attended.

ELECTIONS

The **Nominating Committee** for next year’s Board, **Jeff Marcus, Greg Wauson, and Rich Robertson** announced the current slate and encouraged additional members to run for office.

AUDITIONS

Boyd Goldwyn, who has attended meetings regularly over the past year, introduced himself and auditioned. Boyd is 85 years old, and did a performance with folded paper sheets that represented a safe-deposit box. The performance was a success, and the Ring members voted Boyd in. Congratulations, and welcome Boyd!

STAGE COMPETITION

V.P. of Entertainment, **Richard Ustick**, kicked-off the annual Stage Competition. Acting as EMCEE, Richard did a great job, starting off the performances by breaking into song with an amusing and entertaining ode to magic, complete with magic props.

The first performer was **Greg Wauson** who opened with an effect with jumbo cards, in which all transformed to jacks. He then set up four cups, with four crumpled paper wads, and had a spectator (**Nick Benevento**) put any ball into any cup. Then three additional spectators each dealt cards from a shuffled deck to determine which ball they won; all won amusing joke prizes, and Greg got the one remaining which contained a \$100 bill.

Greg finished with a paper tear which produced

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a circle from a series of straight tears.

The next performer was **Malcolm Campbell**, assisted by **Sherry Luft**. Malcolm was “Dove Man” and he produced several fake birds, none of them doves, tossing each into a trash can. He then produced feathers and an egg from an exploding balloon. The egg was cracked into a pan which was set on fire then covered with a lid.

When the cover was removed, a sunny side up fried egg was found.

The next performer was **Ken Intriligator** who performed to music. First came a thimble vanish, then coin productions and vanishes, including coin and glass and coin and cylinder. He next did a Benson bowl sponge ball routine, where the sponge balls were said to be supersized, multiplying germs.

The fourth and final performer was **Jim Sloan** who does gospel magic, inspired by Ring member **Charlie Gott** who was also in attendance. Jim had some loops of rope, which represented decades of his life. Knots appeared, representing the sins of the different decades. Upon prayer for forgiveness, the sin-knots vanished, and the rope was shown as separate circles.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44, and many of us (including Greg Moreland) went to Buddy’s Diner in Pacific Beach for dinner, dessert, and camaraderie.

..... Ken Intriligator, Secretary



SHAVINGS FROM THE BOARD

MINUTES OF RING 76 BOARD MEETING May 28, 2018

The meeting was called to order by **President Joe "Mystic" McGrievy** at 7:45 pm. The other board members present were V.P. of Entertainment **Richard Ustick**, Sergeant-at-Arms **John Hunter**, Secretary **Ken Intriligator**, Treasurer **Bob Meigs**, Member-at-Large and Newsletter Editor **Malcolm Campbell**, and Member-at-Large **Robert Vinson**.

V.P. of Membership, **James Thayer**, and Librarian **Kenny Shelton** were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April Board meeting were approved.

REPORTS

Treasurer’s Report - Treasurer **Bob Meigs** presented his report to the board. The cash balance went up from the addition of membership dues. The Treasurer’s Report was approved by the board.

Library Report - None.

Membership Report - None.

OLD BUSINESS

May Meeting report - There was a discussion about the stage competition, and whether the Ring should continue to award first, second, and third places if there are only e.g. four performers.

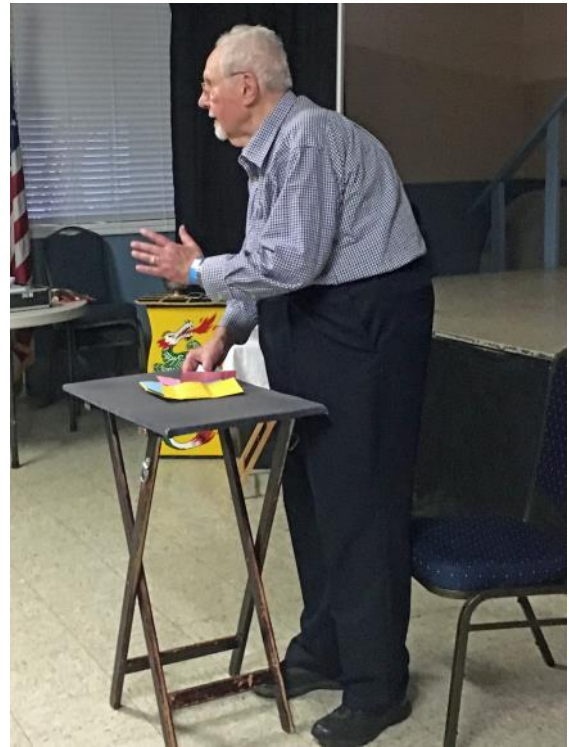
Election Discussion - The Board gave their recommendations for the new slate to the Election Committee.

July Banquet - the date was set for Sunday, July 15, starting at 5pm. We will have catering by Olive Garden. Several possibilities for the entertainment are being investigated. Robert Vinson will meet with Tim Wise to discuss the possibility of him arranging for the entertainment.

Ring Incorporation - We are waiting for the State to approve the 501c6 non-profit status of the Ring. We expect that within the next few weeks.

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AUDITION



Boyd Goldwyn performs successful audition . Congratulations to our newest member!

STAGE COMPETITION



Richard Ustick introduces the program with some original music..



Greg Wauson transforms jumbo cards, finds the remaining prize in a cup (which belongs to him) to be the \$100.00 bill, and produces a circle from straight tears.



The Dove Man, **Malcolm Campbell**, can't locate doves, produces egg and feathers from exploding balloon, then fried egg from burning pan.



Ken Intriligator does an assortment of coin and other vanishes plus a sponge ball routine.



Jim Sloan shows how knots representing sins are easily removed.

AND THE WINNER IS

To Be Announced at the July Installation and Awards Banquet



Each year, at the Installation Banquet in July, Ring 76 not only swears in its new Board of Directors, it also honors the members who have performed so well the previous year. We award the Stand-up Contestant, the Close Up Contestant and the Entertainer of the year. However, there is one other member we vote for in June that many of you may have forgotten about. That is the Member of the Year.

The nominees are the Ring 76 members who, in your opinion, have advanced the art of magic either through Ring or Community activities or both. They may not perform much, or be heard from often, but they are there making sure the Ring works as intended and that the Art of Magic is perpetuated.

Last year the honor went to Malcolm Campbell and he will have the honor of collecting your votes and presenting the award to the NEXT Member of the Year. So please take a moment, before the meeting on June 11th, and think of which of your fellow Ring Members has made the magic community a bit better this last year, and let us honor them with this award.



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Richard Ustick, V.P. of Entertainment



UPCOMING EVENTS

This month our meeting will be on June 11th and it is shaping up to be our busiest meeting of the year.

First, we have the election of the new Board of Directors. If you are interested in running for an office, contact Richard Ustick at Ring76IBM@Yahoo.com and he will forward your wish to the Election Committee. Or you can nominate from the floor at the meeting.

Next, dues are due and will be collected all month long.

Ring 76 recently lost a beloved member and this month we will be honoring Loch David Crane with a Broken Wand Ceremony

We will be auditioning a new member or two and look forward to seeing what magical entertaining they will provide for us.

And, finally, the theme of the meeting will be "No Theme Night !"

ELECTION

The Primaries May Be Over But the Election Continues !!

The Circus and Freak Show that is better known as the California Primary will be over on June 5th. However, for those of you who will miss all the legitimate drama of our "Dancing With The Stars," I have a treat for you.

On June 11th Ring 76 will be conducting its own annual election for the Board of Directors. As per the By-laws, the Election Committee has received the recommendation from the current Board and have opened the floor to anyone who wants to run for any of the Board positions. All members in good standing are encouraged to step up and serve the Ring for the upcoming year. All it involves is one extra night a month and a little of your time to plan and execute all of the fine Ring activities you have enjoyed all these years. It is also an opportunity for you to help YOUR Ring emphasize what YOU are looking for in a Magic organization.

If you have any questions or are interested in running for office, contact Richard Ustick at Ring76IBM@yahoo.com, and he will put you in contact with the Election Committee. Hurry, time is running out. The election that COUNTS is on June 11th.

DUES

Although much of what it takes to keep our Ring alive and well is the result of the labors of our membership, we have to have money to support a significant part of the operation. That's where your dues come in.

Annual dues of \$30 are due by the end of June. Dues provide full membership benefits and voting rights for each member plus benefits, but not voting rights, for a spouse. Junior memberships (age 12 - 18) are \$15. A \$5 fee is assessed for renewals after the deadline.

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Dues may be paid to Treasurer Bob Meigs or V.P. of Membership James Thayer. You can pay by cash or check, and give the money to either Bob Meigs, Treasurer, or James Thayer, V.P. of Membership.

NO-THEME NIGHT

There is no theme like “No Theme“ Night. This will be the last chance to perform before the membership this year. It is also the last chance you have of earning votes to become the Ring 76 *Entertainer of the Year*. Except for maintaining good taste and public safety, there are no restrictions, no theme suggestions, no dampers on your creativity and talent and no excuses for not performing that favorite routine of yours which will make the audience gasp. All members are invited to get up and show us what they want, the way they want. Don't miss this last chance to amaze the Ring.

While there are no restrictions on your material, there are time restrictions on the evening so, if you are planning to perform, please contact Richard Ustick at Ring76ibm@yahoo.com so he can get your name on the list. Individually, you will not be limited in time.

INSTALLATION AND AWARDS BANQUET SOON

The facts:

Date: Sunday, July 15, 2018, 5:00 pm

Location: Our regular meeting place, San Diego Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club

Activities: Olive Garden buffet, prize raffle, entertainment, member awards, new Board installation, no-host bar and soft drinks,

The exact cost and details of the entertainment will be included in e-mails and the July newsletter.

Don't miss our best meeting of the year.



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We have a full fiscal year before additional taxes accrue.

NEW BUSINESS

June meeting - There will be one or two new-member auditions, a Broken Wand ceremony for Loch David Crane, the Board election, vote casting for member of the year, and performances.

NEWSLETTER

As usual, member contributions, including any photos, are encouraged.

The board meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Ken Intriligator, Secretary



FOCUS ON THE LINKING RING

Dice effects. There are hundreds, maybe thousands. It's the easiest thing to carry with you so you can answer the challenge, "Show me some magic Mr. Magician!" But, for some reason, only a few of us take advantage of that.

In the May issue of The Linking Ring, Michael Breggar presents Bill Pryor's *Palette Cleanser*, an impressive color-change routine involving just two dice and the dice paddle move.

It's easy to learn and perform after a little practice and will enable you to quickly respond with, "Since you asked ..."

..... editor



Long-Time Ring 76 Member Loch David Crane Succumbs to Illness

We recently received word that Loch David Crane died last month in the Bakersfield area.

Loch David was known for his magic based on Native American folklore, his unique Batmobile Trike, and his involvement in local politics.

Territorial V.P. Jeff Marcus will perform a Broken Wand ceremony for Loch at the June meeting. A close friend, Richard Constantinou, will offer some remarks.



NOTES AND REMINDERS

MagiCurrents offers paid advertising for magic-related items from non-members. The rate is \$60.00 per page per issue.

Remember, we are looking for product reviews. It doesn't matter if you liked what you paid for or not, we want your opinion for the benefit of the rest of the members. If you're not a writer, we can arrange a short sit-down to gather the facts and write the review.

Have magic to sell, stage equipment to rent? Looking for something to buy or rent? Need a ride or have room for a passenger to an out of town event such as the Magic Castle?

Have a special skill or service another member might use? Need a temporary assistant?

Advertise it at no cost to Ring 76 members in MagiCurrents

LIBRARY REMINDER

Ring 76 has a large library of books DVD's, even VHS tapes covering every phase of magic. All of the materials are available for members to check out and use at home.

Kenny Shelton, our Librarian, regularly brings a sampling to our meetings and those are available for immediate check out. You may not know that the "Library" link on our website leads you to a complete list. If you find something there that you would like to use, contact Kenny at magicjugglerks@gmail.com. Tell him what you want and he will bring it to the next meeting.

The intended publication date of each issue of MagiCurrents is the Friday 9 days before the monthly meeting.



Submissions from officers, reporters and other members are due the Wednesday before the publication date. If you want *your* newsletter on time, please be prompt!!

Thanks to all who submitted photos of this month's meeting in James' absence

