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President's Message

Dear Members,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 Ring year.

I hope that your life is returning to some semblance of normal and that you have been able to resume some semblance of a life outside your home. While the State has continued the restrictions of public meetings, your Board of Directors is working hard to provide for the magic community. We had a very entertaining and successful Installation Meeting in July and hope you enjoyed it, and the Board is planning a number of programs in the coming months. We hope you will all enjoy our efforts.

Communication is the most important commodity that we have right now and fortunately, for the first time in history, we have more means of communication at our disposal than ever before. We can stay in touch with Ring members not only at meetings but throughout the month. We can hear from Ring members from across the country. We can take advantage of innovative ideas that other IBM Rings are trying to bring our members closer together. The motto we see most often today is "We are in this together," and thanks to all of our means of communication we can be together and safe at the same time. We need to remember that and utilize it as the year continues.

Stay in contact with your Board and with your other members of Ring 76. Share your ideas and desires with each other and together we can meet those needs and desires. Your Board is here for you but we do not want to be here in silence. We want to hear from you and for each other. Keep in touch.

— Richard Ustick

Ring 76 2020-21 Calendar

Aug 10 - Anything You Want Magic*

Sep 14 - TBA

Oct 12 - Halloween Magic*

Nov 9 - TBA

*Opportunity for Members to Perform

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be having physical meetings until further notice. Where possible, we will have virtual meetings on-line. Read this Newsletter and watch your e-mail for further details!

Editor's Message

We are still searching for a new editor for MagiCurrents. If you think you might be interested, please contact me at Editor@Ring76.com and I will let you know what is involved.

— James Thayer

Coming Up in August

Our next meeting, on Monday, August 10, is the first meeting of our new year and has a theme of, well, no theme. Any type of magic you want to perform for us is fair game. It has been a few years since we had an open theme. Feel free to try some new material; you'll have a friendly audience! If you rarely perform any magic at our meetings, you're who we want to

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see on our virtual Zoom stage. We're open to close-up or stand-up, mentalism, rope or silk magic, and even goat roping (well, not that - just seeing if you're paying attention. Send an email to me at gw83@ring76.com that you read this and I'll give a shout out to the first responder.) Speaking of recognition, this will be a performance meeting, meaning members will be voting for the coveted "entertainer of the month" award, whose winner will be broadcast by email the week of the meeting. The votes will also count towards the entertainer of the year, who will be announced at our July 2021 installation banquet. Yes, I'm optimistic!

We're also having a trivia contest during the August meeting. Some questions will be easy, some will be harder. See if you'll be able to take first, second or third place and win the admiration of your peers. Only members will be eligible to be one of the announced winners but it should be fun for everyone. The good news is even the hardest question won't be as hard as the monthly Linking Ring magazine trivia contest. Many times, no one answers that correctly, but that won't be the case with our contest at the August meeting.

As a Ring 76 member, you will receive an invitation to this Zoom meeting; feel free to forward it to your friends.

— Greg Wauson

Ring76 Meeting

Monday July 14, 2020

In Cyberspace

This was our installation banquet, and fourth ring meeting held on Zoom. Members, and our performing guest - the amazing **Garrett Thomas** - joined early to chat and discuss.

President **Richard Ustick** called the meeting to order at 7:08pm. There were 23 people online. Richard thanked the outgoing Board, requested any suggestions regarding the meetings online, and then turned the meeting over to IBM Territorial VP **Jeff Marcus** to do the honors with installing

the new Board. Jeff gave a nice, motivational presentation. Richard discussed the challenges for the future of the Ring, with continuing social distancing restrictions, and asked for suggestions from the members for how to keep the Ring interesting and relevant. Treasurer **Joe Mystic** discussed a free Zoom magic show that his friend **Alex Ramon** is doing - check your email. Incoming secretary **Matt King** announced that he has a studio now in Liberty Station, and he will be doing virtual shows from there, and it could eventually be a 20 seat theater - stay tuned. VP for entertainment **Greg Wauson** announced the winners of the close-up contest: 3rd place was **Miguel Garcia**, and tied for first place was **Mago Ruly and Josh Sherwin**. The entertainer-of-the-year award went to **Matthew King**. The tip-of-the-hat award went to **Ken Intriligator**, for setting up the Zoom meetings since the start of the lockdown. The member-of-the-year award went to **Greg Wauson**.

Greg Wauson introduced world-renowned magician and inventor **Garrett Thomas**, who gave an amazing show. He started with a performance of making a coin jump from one hand to another, introduced an Everlasting Gobstopper, and then showed a creative ambigram which reflected his first name when right side up, and his last name when upside down. Next, he demonstrated solving the Rubik's Cube with just one swipe of the hand, then solving it again in "0 seconds". **Garrett Thomas** then pulled a Magic 8 Ball from his wallet, and performed a very visual routine where a finger ring penetrated each finger, one at a time, only to end with explaining it's done by "pulling his fingers off", while demonstrating such.



Garrett Thomas

Next, **Garrett** performed slights with a coin and his finger, stabbing his finger through the coin, then turned the coin into a ring, then back into a coin, then stuck his finger through again, all in a smooth succession. **Mark Booth** was chosen as a volunteer where his card was shuffled in the deck, and it was said to be in the 27th position, which it wasn't and the incorrect card turned into **Mark's** card. Then the card was returned to the deck, and the selected card jumped to his pocket multiple times, then showed multiple of the same card and the whole deck. Next, **Richard Ustick** chose a card, **Garrett** shuffled it back in the deck, then went through the cards while listening to **Richard's** breathing. He then made all of the black cards vanish, then more cards visibly vanished from the deck until only one card remained, and it was the selected card! **Garrett's** next effect involved **Greg Wauson** selecting 4 cards, while a fifth card had been previously torn into 4 pieces. Then he ripped off the 4 corners of the selected cards, which ended up matching the with the previously ripped pieces. Following with a coin manipulation routine which involved increasingly giant coins produced from a small coin purse, **Garrett** also made an 8 Ball grow in size while tossing it in the air. He ended with showing an example of the illusion of depth perception with the camera and different black tables at different depths by bringing objects closer to the camera, and then vanished the Rubik's cube. Afterwards, he touched on the history and philosophy of magic, the art of magic, and hidden metaphors in magic.

— *Matt King*

Ring Auctions

The Ring will be hosting some auctions soon. The Board is in the process of deciding what mediums to present these auctions. We are looking into web auctions and live auctions of the many items that have been donated. The Ring newsletter will have further information so keep reading the newsletters. I am looking forward to these auctions and I hope to see you all there.



— *Robert Vinson*

Shavings from the Board

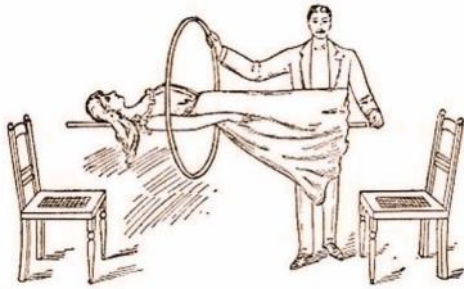
June 22, 2020

The meeting was via Zoom and it was called to order by President Richard Ustick at 7:09 pm.

All board members were present: First V.P. (entertainment) **Greg Wauson**, Second V.P. (membership) **James Thayer**, Treasurer **Joe "Mystic" McGrievy**, Secretary **Ken Intriligator**, Sergeant-at-arms **David Chiu**, and Member-at-Large **Robert Vinson**, and Member-at-Large **Rich Robertson**. Also present were Librarian and Member-at-Large **Gary Salisbury**, IBM Regional Representative **Jeff Marcus**, North County and Military Liaison **Josh Sherwin**, and Social Media rep. **Mark Booth**. Incoming Secretary **Matt King** was also present.

The minutes of the May board meeting were approved.





REPORTS

First VP of Entertainment **Greg Wauson** gave a recap of the June Zoom meeting. Six members performed money magic, and special guest Greg Wilson was a hit. It was a fun meeting.

Membership and Newsletter and website James Thayer's update: for the year, we lost one member and gained four new members, for a total of 61 members (10 are life members). James has received membership renewal dues for 30 members, so we are waiting for 21 members to renew.

Treasurer's report **Joe Mystic** went over the month's check register and other charges.

Library report and discussion **Gary Salisbury** presented his report to the board. The new PLEX server is coming along. There are 13 items that are out on loan until we can meet again.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting Center: Robert Vinson is in contact with Eleanor at the North Clairemont Recreation Center, and she will let us know when the center will open again for possible physical meetings.

Library report and discussion Gary Salisbury presented the financial report to the board, which included donations by Robert Vinson and Mike Stilwell for the PLEX server.

Installation Meeting (on Zoom, July 13): Greg has contacted several magicians. There were several additional suggestions, and Greg will contact them. The awards will be ordered. There will be some time for members to socialize.

August Meeting: Greg will send to the board a list of many meeting ideas that were compiled by The Linking Ring.

The board meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

— Ken Intriligator



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



Don't forget that Ring 76 has a private area just for members called [Arcanum](#). There you can find contact information for other Ring 76 members and numerous magical documents are available for download. Contact [James Thayer](#) for instructions on how to log in for the first time.

