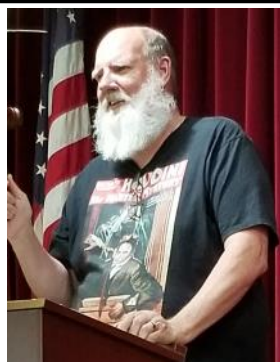




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President's Message

Dear Ring 76 Members,

It is with heavy heart that I have some sad news to report, Our dear friend and fellow Magician to so many magicians here in San Diego and around the world has

passed away.

Brad Burt, died on August 21st, 2021 of a pulmonary embolism while on vacation with his wife Barbara. (Full story on page 2)

Our new location @ Immaculate Conception Church in The reception Hall in Old Town is wonderful. As per the church's request, mask must be worn inside unless you are performing or you are sitting outside. (The doors will be open!)

When you arrive at the meeting you will receive a free raffle ticket for a chance to win one of our door prizes! We also will have tickets for sale for our 50/50 raffle where the lucky winner gets 50% of the money taken in and the other half goes to the club!

Congratulations to Member Tom Interval for receiving The Linking Ring Award of Excellence for his outstanding article "John Cox: Wild About Harry Houdini" in the October 2020 issue of Linking Ring!

See you on Monday, September 13th for our 2nd in person Ring 76 Meeting!

Mike Stilwell

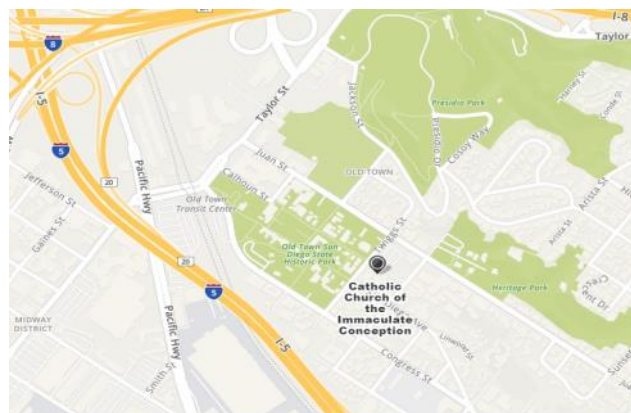
Ring 76 2021 Calendar

- ♣ September 13th - Math Magic at our NEW LOCATION ! (see inside for details) *
- ♣ October 11th - Spooky Magic *
- ♣ November 8th - TBA
- ♣ December 13th - Holiday Potluck
- ♣ January 10th, 2022—You Fooled Us Contest *

*Opportunity for Members to Perform

Dear Ring, we WILL be having a live meeting at our NEW location.

New Location for Ring 76 Meetings.



Immaculate Conception Church 2540 San Diego Ave, 92110

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BRADLEY (“BRAD”) ALLEN BURT, Christ-follower, husband, dad, brother, friend, and magician, 68, passed away suddenly on August 21, 2021, from a pulmonary embolism while vacationing with his wife, Barbara, in Dolores, Colorado. Brad



was born on September 14, 1952, in Tucson, Arizona and grew up in southern California beach cities of Huntington Beach, Westminster, and Costa Mesa. Brad and his best friend and wife, Barbara, were married for 32 years and have two children, Nicholas Daniel “Nick” Burt and Margaret Erin “Maggie” Burt. He will be missed by his extended family and friends, especially his sister Cindy (Burt) Krewson and nephew, Colton Krewson of Sydney, Illinois. He was preceded in passing by his parents, Warner and Joyce (Lewis) Burt.

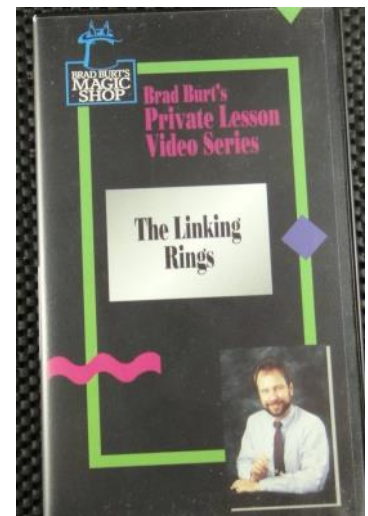
Brad was an entrepreneur and magician for 50 years. Taking up studying and performing magic as a teen, he began working in a local magic shop with Stan Allen while in college, and later became a member of the prestigious Magic Castle (Hollywood). Working in magic had him hooked. He loved the business of magic as well as performing, so running a magic shop blended the best of both worlds. He always said his favorite part of being in the magic shop was talking to customers who became his friends and performing the latest tricks on the counter. When he moved to San Diego, he ran Magician’s World for Chuck Martinez for many years until he opened his own magic shop. Brad Burt’s Magic Shop was a local resource and hang out for San

Diego magicians, both professional and amateur; there he hosted lectures from many internationally known magicians and taught magic classes to young and old. Brad expanded his teaching by producing 17 teaching videos on card, coin, and other close-up magic which were distributed worldwide.

After living most of his adult life in San Diego, Brad moved with Barbara to the place of his dreams in Sedona, Arizona in December 2020. With a quirky sense of humor, Brad had many passions, including cooking, gardening, self-improvement, and hiking around Sedona. He would daily thank God for the beauty of his marvelous creation found in Red Rock country.

Brad’s strong faith in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior guided his life from his 20s when he had a personal encounter with the Lord in the days of the Jesus movement in the 1970s. He had a great heart for people, especially children in need. For those who would want to remember him, and in lieu of flowers, contributions toward sponsoring a child in need can be made in Brad’s name at www.compassion.com/bradburt or Compassion International, 12290 Voyager Pkwy, Colorado Springs, CO 80921.

Ring 76 will host a Broken Wand at its next meeting, Monday, September 13th.



Dues are Due !

Will you be joining us this year?

Dues for the 2021-22 Membership year were due on June 30th. The vast majority of the members have renewed their membership but we still have few stragglers who haven't renewed for the coming year. Memberships expire on September 30th, 2021 and we are hoping that everyone will have renewed by that date. The amount is \$35 (including a \$5 late fee).



Payment may be made to PayPal at <payments@ring76.com> (be sure to include a comment that this is for dues). Or payment may be made by sending a check (made out to "IBM Ring 76") to: Ring 76; c/o James Thayer; 9556 Babauta Road; San Diego, CA 92129.

— James Thayer

Magic Around San Diego



Terry Lunceford is performing his *last* Nightclub show at Illusions Theater on Friday, September 10th and Saturday, September 11th, 2021, 7 PM and 9 PM .

He's having the show on September 10th professionally filmed.

This is Terry's last nightclub performance, he will still do some casuals and of course The Magic Castle.

Please come out and support one of San Diego's biggest secrets!

Illusions Theater , 827 Fourth Ave, San Diego, CA 92101. 619-738-8350 illusionstheatre.com

Tom Frank, will be coming to San Diego for a limited weekend of performances on Friday (Sept 3) and Saturday (Sept 4) at the Illusions Theatre and Bar in the Gaslamp. This was just scheduled so seats are available (and all good).

Tom is a wonderful performer. Some of the best chops that you'll ever see and immensely entertaining - a very fun show.

Laurie and I will be definitely going. I STRONGLY encourage all my local friends to try and catch his show. [Not just because he's a friend, but because he REALLY IS THAT GOOD!] Read this L.A. review (<https://laexcites.com/.../magician-tom-frank-the-magic.../>)

I'm not sure how many seats will still be available, but I'd like to make sure that my friends get in before tourists. There will be 2 performances each night in this great magical venue. We're really looking forward to seeing him perform again. I know that you all will be wowed and amazed.

Hope to see you there!

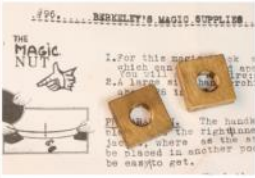
Magic Doc & Folgers

MAGIC RAFFLE & SALE

Hello Ring 76! We will be raffling two DOOR PRIZES at the September meeting, so make sure to grab a raffle ticket when you arrive, and everyone has a chance to win! In addition, we are selling the below 10 items at prices not available to the public! These will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. There's only 1 of each, so, ACT FAST! All proceeds benefit Ring 76, and your support is appreciated.

THE MAGIC NUT

By Berkeley's Magic Supplies
Retail: \$25
Sale Price: \$10



FATHER CHRISTMAS PAPER TEAR

By SUPREME MAGIC - 1964
Retail: \$20+
Sale Price: \$10



MINI SPHERE ELECTRA

By LumiSource, Inc.
Red Electric plasma ball.
Retail: \$29.95
Sale Price: \$15



WIZARD OF OZ MONOPOLY

Collector's Edition - 1998
Opened box, unopened pieces
Retail: \$65
Sale Price: \$30



BRASS BILL TUBE

By Viking Magic Mfg. ?
ANTIQUE - Honlock
1920's
Retail: \$80+
Sale Price: \$40



KNOT UNEXPECTED

By JIM STEINMEYER
Retail: \$55
Sale Price: \$25



NEEDLE THRU BALLOON

By UNKNOWN -
Includes Lubricating Wand/Balloons
Retail: \$30
Sale Price: \$10



POPGUN

By SMOKY MOUNTAIN MAGIC
Retail: \$295
Sale Price: \$120



METAL TIN SIGNS

KELLAR and THURSTON
Retail: \$UNKNOWN
Sale Price: \$40 (\$20 ea.)



THE TABLE BOOK

By Ireland Magic Co. - 1980
Frances and Jay Marshall
Retail: \$20
Sale Price: \$10



After the Meeting

Just a reminder that now that we are back to meeting in person we want to continue the tradition of after-meeting magic and conversation. We will be gathering at the Denny's, 3704 Camino Del Rio W., San Diego, CA 92110. Google it, it's 5 minutes from the Church! See you all there.

September is Math Magic

The September 13th Ring 76 meeting theme is Math Magic. Come amaze your fellow Ring members and guests with your calculating concoctions.





We Are Back baby!

Ring 76 has its first live meeting in well over a year.

This was our first in-person meeting since the pandemic. Incoming President **Mike Stilwell** called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence for those beloved members who passed away since our last meeting. Mike

then **Richard Wira** for providing the meeting space. Richard has been working on this project for some time and we are grateful that he was finally able to pull it off.

Mike then asked if there were any guests present. Guest Micah Ortiz introduced himself and indicated he has been performing magic for 20 years. Alvin Revilas introduced himself and said he is just getting back into magic after break for many years. **Jeff Pearson** announced the North County Magic Club will be meeting on the 1st Thursday of the month. After a few more announcements (*highlighted elsewhere in this newsletter*) Mike asked **Gary Salisbury** to draw winning tickets for the door prizes. Laurie Pearson won a porcelain rabbit out of a hat and Vic Terrific won an IBM coffee mug.

Matt King continued to offer a wide variety of magic treasures for sale and Gary Salisbury displayed mockups of some new brochures to



Richard Wira

spread interest in the Ring throughout the community. We then took a break so that more raffle tickets could be sold.

When Mike called the meeting back to order he turned the festivities over to the VP of Entertainment, **Greg Wauson**. We then had the pleasure of watching **Dale Law** audition for

membership. Dale auditioned with a chain and 3 rings. The rings were magically tied to the chain as they were dropped down the length of the chain. Then he showed a series of rope effects involving knots. He showed a red and white rope, tied a knot in the white rope and was able to make the white knot jump to the red rope, and the knot had “melted” into the rope. Members voted on acceptance, which was a unanimous “yes”. Welcome Dale to Ring 76.

The evening's theme this month was Mentalism and the first performer was **Bob Meigs**. Bob asked for a married couple, which was Jeff and Laurie Pearson. Bob gave them each a deck of cards. They dealt their cards on the table, made some choices, and their cards ended up matching. As a surprise ending, Bob turned over the cards and they were all blank except for the cards they were left with. Bob explained how to do it and informed them it is called *Choice* by Jerome Sauloup and is available for purchase.

The next performer was **Joe “Mystic” McGrievy**. Joe asked Richard Wira to assist. Joe said he was going to have Richard place a coin in his hand while his back was turned, and he'd divine which hand it is in. Then, Joe showed a huge coin for a bit



Dale Law auditions for membership



of comedy. He then gave Richard a half dollar and Joe was able to determine which hand it was in. Richard repeated it and Joe was able to find it 2 more times. Then he switched sides with Richard, and he was able to find it a 4th and 5th time. Then he had Laurie cover his eyes and he was able to find it a 6th time, but this time was able to determine if it was heads or tails.

In a bit of comedy, Greg gave Miguel Garcia an envelope and asked him to make sure there are no magnets, strings, or mirrors inside. Miguel looked inside, and there were magnets, mirrors, and strings inside.

Dave Chiu was the next performer with the help of Laurie Pearson and **Sherry Luft**. The effect was *Predixion* by Max Maven. Sherry dealt the cards on the table one at a time and stopped at any point. He had her then deal those cards into two piles, and asked her to flip over the top two

There was one card with a giant “X” on it, and it matched the card Sherry had freely picked.

Matthew King performed *Divine Write* by Max Maven. He asked member **Bruce Wollitz** to assist and said he and Bruce would mentally send each other a playing card. Both wrote down a card on a paper, folded them up and placed them on the table. Matthew and Bruce each took half of a deck of cards, placed them behind their backs, and each placed one card on the table. The papers were opened and matched the cards blindly selected. Then Matthew had Laurie google a playing card on her phone, and mentally send the card to Sherry. She was able to determine which card was searched on Laurie’s phone.

The next performer was **Mark Booth**. Mark took the stage to perform *Predict-a-Total*. He selected Miguel, Micah, and Katrina Dismukes. Mark had them mix some plastic numbers by placing them in

a bag one at a time. He pulled



Matthew King Mike Stilwell Vic Terrific Bob Meigs Mark Booth
David Chiu Joe Mystic Richard Ustick Dale Law

cards. Sherry picked any one of the two cards. Dave had Laurie open a deck of cards and spread them out, while he explained “X marks the spot”.

numbers out of the bag and had the three people tell him where to place them on a board. They added up the three 3-digit numbers created, which totaled

1,836. He opened his prediction which had 1,836 printed inside. He showed multiple papers in his envelope, all of which had 1,836 printed on them.



Next up was **Richard Ustick**. He started with some entertaining jokes for members. He then introduced a die, and had members roll the die as he wrote the called numbers on a paper. He gave the paper to **Tom Owen-Towle** and had him add them up. Tom opened an envelope, and the prediction inside matched the total from the numbers rolled.

Next was **Vic Terrific**. He had Tom think of any card, then he slowly raised a card out of the deck, and asked Tom to name his card. When Tom did, the raised card slowly went back in the deck for a big laugh. He then had **Alfonso Vazquez** name a card. Vic said he had 4 cards turned over in a jumbo deck. He spread the deck to show four reversed cards. Then as he turned them over, the backs of each contained words saying “The”



“Three” “of” “Hearts” on the backs, which was Alonso’s card.

Next was new member **Dale Law**. He chose Micah to help. He had four different colored cards and had one selected, which was yellow. Then he showed that his envelope had written on it that he was going to pick the yellow card. Then he gave him three red envelopes and asked him to put the yellow card in one of them and mix them up while his back was turned. Dale turned around and he was able to tell what envelope had the yellow card in it.

Finally **Mike Stilwell** was on deck. He picked Dale to assist him. Mike used some dominoes, and he had Dale put them together like a game of dominoes. He ended up with a 3 on one end and a 5



on the other. Mike had Dale open a prediction and it had a domino with a 3 and a 5 on it. Mike explained the method for members.

Dale did it again, and it was instantly repeatable.

The final event of the night was the 50/50 raffle and Richard Ustick won. Matthew King announced there are two more items for sale if anyone is interested and President Mike Stilwell adjourned the meeting at 8:52 pm. Next month is Math Magic and I hope to see you all there.

- *Matthew King*



well as shave ice and other snacks.

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Newsletter challenge question:

It’s time again for your opportunity for fame and fortune by taking on the infamous newsletter challenge. If you spot the answer to our question and are the first to send it in an email to VP of Entertainment, Greg Wauson (gw83@ring76.com), you will become the proud owner of a \$10 Amazon eGift card! Please put “Newsletter challenge” in the subject line of the email. All Ring 76 members are eligible, except board members and the previous month’s winner.

Congratulations to our August winner, Gary Dismukes!

Here’s our September newsletter challenge question: In the article in this newsletter about the theme for the September meeting, there’s a clipart picture of a magician. What is in his hands?

What’s Coming Up

* **September:** We’ll be all about math magic at our meeting on September 13. We will also feature a talk by our own **Gary Dismukes** about the very old and elaborate Hooker Card Rise. See the article elsewhere in this newsletter.

* **October:** Spooky magic will be our theme.

* **November:** To be announced.

December: We are planning our holiday potluck. Details will be announced as they are determined.

January 2022: “You Fooled Us” contest.

* This will be a performance night. Members will vote for their favorite performer. The individual with the most votes will be the performer of the month and will be awarded a \$20 Amazon eGift card. Votes will count toward the performer of the year award, which will be announced at the July installation banquet. Send Greg an email at gw83@ring76.com to be added to the list of performers.

You Fooled Us Twice – You Fooled Us Again?

A famous saying goes, “Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me.” What does this have to do with Ring 76? Nothing really; it’s just our way to announce we will feature the popular “You Fooled Us” contest at our January meeting. Yes – as in January, 2022. This is simply a heads-up of something to look forward to, and for contestants, to prepare for.

Ring 76 has presented the “You Fooled Us” contest twice, with the last one being at the 2019 December holiday gathering. This is a fun event in which several magicians each try to fool judges with their magic. Each contestant will be given eight minutes to perform a single magic effect in front of the ring and two judges. The judges will then have 90 seconds to confer and come up with their best explanation for the method. A moderator who has previously been given the method will determine if the solution the judges propose is correct. At this contest each presenter may be a winner. Those fortunate enough to fool the judges will not only have bragging rights but will be given a beautiful personalized plaque (pictured below), which has been designed by our very talented Gary Salisbury.



Send an email to Greg Wauson (gw83@ring76.com) to reserve your slot in the event.

Math Magic in September

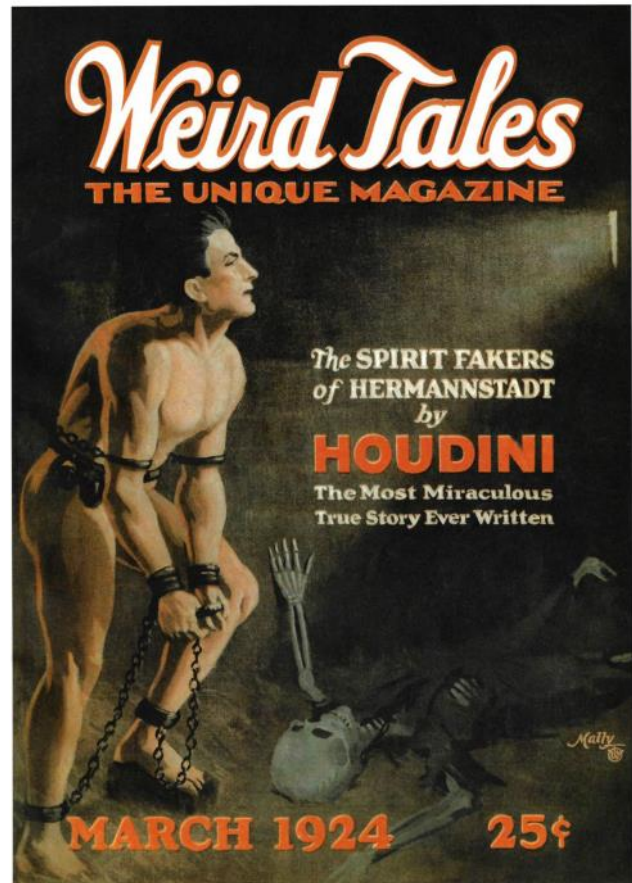
We're featuring a new theme at our September meeting – math magic! After all, math is everyone's favorite topic, right? Well, maybe not – but not all math magic appears to be about numbers. It's quite possible only the modus operandi of the effect is based on math and the performance itself appears to have nothing to do with numbers.



There's a seemingly infinite number of magic tricks which involve some kind of math. And there are literally hundreds of books on this subject. A few people specialize in amazingly fast calculations of numbers. Arthur Benjamin is one, and is known as a human calculator, with the ability to mentally multiply four-digit numbers in seconds. People who have seen his act are amazed, which is very impressive because the real trick is entertaining the audience -- and he's doing that with just numbers. And magic squares, in which the magician fills in four rows and four columns of cells with numbers called out by the audience, is an entire field of math magic. In another type of performance, some magicians are experts at quickly solving a Rubik's cube, whether genuine or with some

subterfuge. This doesn't appear to be related to numbers but it really is, due to the huge number of combinations involved and the use of algorithms to find the solution.

There are several performers lined up to astound us on September 13. If you'd like to join them, contact Greg at gw83@ring76.com. This will be a performance night, where members will vote for their favorite performer. The one with the most votes will be crowned the performer of the month and will win a \$20 Amazon eGift card. All the votes will count toward the cumulative total for the performer of the year, which will be awarded at next July's installation banquet.



From the Internet archive (<https://archive.org/>)

Ex Libris

By Gary D. Salisbury



Welcome to Ex Libris, my monthly newsletter article about the IBM Ring 76 Library in San Diego, CA.

This is where we talk about your library and do book & video reviews. Yes, your library! If you are a Ring 76 member in good standing, then this is your library! So keep in good standing by paying your dues on time.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY?

IBM Ring 76 Magic Media Server:

The IBM Ring 76 Magic Media Server project is one where we will have all the magic videos we legally own available to members for streaming via a PLEX media server. At last count, we had over 1,200 instructional and performance magic videos that will be available for viewing on the server. That is about 4TB online. The Magic Castle has a similar service for their members but theirs is 28TB online. Keep donating and we will beat them!

The IBM Ring 76 Magic Media Server is up and running so if you would like to try it out, send an email to: (librarian@ring76.com) with your real email address (not your ring email address) requesting access. I will send you a PLEX invitation, which you will need to accept, in order to gain access. People who have tried it say. "It is nothing less than **FANTASTIC** and that alone is worth the yearly membership fee."

I have a lofty goal to make the new club's library look like the Magic Castle foyer complete with

secret door. I don't know how close to that I can get but at this time, that is my goal.



Construction is underway but going slow because I am doing this all myself and the recent heat levels makes it had to work in the afternoons.

I have cleared out all of the existing cabinetry in this area and reinstalled it. The next task will to be to add the wall and new door and then we have to



patch and paint the room. After that the new cabinetry gets installed and the library unpacked. We then have to do a complete inventory and get it published so you know what books and videos we have. Volunteers are always welcome to assist. Perhaps we should have a party for the unveiling of the new library? What do you think?

Soliciting Library Donations:

Over the past months I have been soliciting donations of books and videos from different magic groups on Facebook and have received a lot of material; books, video, and props. All the props went to the IBM Ring 76 Magic Store to raise funds for the general fund. All the videos will be digitized and made available for streaming from our PLEX IBM Ring 76 Magic Media Server. All the books will be put into our library. Any duplicates will be sold to members at ring meetings.

If you have any magic DVDs or VHS tapes, why not consider donating them to the library? They will be digitized and put on the PLEX server so they would always be available to you any time plus be sharable to other club members. Sharing is good!

AUGUST 2021 DONATIONS

Thanks to the generosity of a few, we have a few more items that we can all share and funds to build with. Thanks again for your generosity and setting an example for others to (hopefully) follow. **Thank you, Gracias, Grazie, Merci, Danke, Arigato, 谢谢, 감사합니다, спасибо!**

Dr. Kato Whiting donated several boxes of books on mentalism this month. Great material that is very useful!

Dr. A, an anonymous non-member, donated a number of boxes of books and props to the library. Some of them will be reserved for the Ring's new Junior Magician's program that is currently being developed and some of the props will go to the Ring 76 Magic Store to generate

working funds for the club. All the books and video will go to the library.

Bill Michalek, former student of Sid Gerhart and a non-member, donated three boxes of books and 300 magic DVDs that will be digitized and put on the IBM Ring 76 Magic Media Server for all to enjoy.

Kyle Hohn, a non-member, donated a nice box of books to the Ring Library.

DONATIONS WANTED

We need more books and videos to build the library. Those have to come from donations because there are no funds earmarked for library acquisitions in the ring budget. I would like to raise about \$500 for new book and video purchases for the library at the upcoming Magic Live! convention next spring.

Think about this: If you have purchased a downloaded video lecture (such as Penguin lectures) and no longer need it, I have a suggestion. Donate it to the library and we will put it on our PLEX server. That way you will always be able to view it any time along with the rest of the club. The club would then officially own the copy however, once it is transferred over to the library, you must delete all copies of it from your system. This is no different than donating a VHS or DVD except the media isn't physical, it is digital.

LOAN STATUS

Six items still currently on loan. If you have something checked out, it would be appreciated if you could drop it off or make arrangements to have it picked up.

MAGIC BOOK & VIDEO REVIEWS WANTED

If you have watched a magic video or read a magic book (good or bad), please drop me an email telling me what you thought of it so I can include your comments in the next issue of Ex Libris. (librarian@ring76.com)

Shavings From the Board



The IBM Ring 76 Board of Directors meets (currently via ZOOM) on the fourth Monday of the month. Members are welcome to sit in on Board meetings and offer input on the business of the Ring.

This month the Board met on Monday, August 23, via ZOOM. The various Board members gave their report and it was noted the Ring Treasury is doing well, we have a rising number of members once again, and the Library efforts are proceeding well.

Under Old Business and item of interest that came up was the disposition of the estate of Loch David Crane, known to most Ring 76 members as Buffalo Bill or Merlin. Loch's will mentioned not only Rin 76 but Jack White's Magic Museum, the Magic Castle, and S.A.M. Besides posters and props and books, there were provisions to carry on the name of Buffalo Bill and monies toward exposing of fake mediums. The will shall be in probate for some time however.

Mike and Mark indicated the church would like all members to wear a mask unless performing.

Magic For Everybody

By PROF. JOSEPH DUNNINGER.

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The Hypnotic Stunt (1) is Performed with Apparatus Shown. The Rod Slipped Through Tube, Operated by Windlass Beneath Stage, is Attached to the Lady's Legs. (2) To Read the Deck from the Back Use Small Mirror and Wax. (3) The Mystic Wineglass Fills as Soon as Emptied if Bulb is Pressed. (4) The Handkerchief's Knot When Thrown, with the Aid of a Rubber Band, Operator Snaps Band Over Corners When He Drops Them.

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