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Magician's Choice a Great Choice in September

By Secretary **Anthony Spaise**

President "**Magic Mike**" Stilwell commenced the meeting at 7:01 pm. . "**Magic Mike**" asked guests to introduce themselves. Guest Jon introduced himself and indicated he has been doing magic for a long time and has worked for SeaWorld. Guest Craig Stone, a former member of Ring 76, was in town visiting from Indianapolis. Guests Bobby, Waneda, Sam, and Kelley were attending the meeting and all are members of Immaculate Conception Church. Guest Bruce Miller was up next and stated how he has been performing magic for over 30 years.

"**Magic Mike**" then took a few minutes to update members on how Doc Pearson, in ill health, was doing and stated to members to make sure to send Mega positive thoughts and Energy Docs way.



Gary Salisbury, Matt King & "Magic Mike"

After a short break "**Magic Mike**" resumed the meeting and held the Door prize and Opportunity Drawing. The door prizes went to **Greg Wauson, Richard Ustick, and Nick Benevento** followed by the Opportunity drawing that went to "**Mr. Funtastic.**" The final drawing of the night was a "Mystery item" belonging to

Honest Sid Gerhart that went to the guest, Luis.

"**Magic Mike**" then turned the meeting over to **V.P. of Entertainment, Greg Wauson** who reminded the club today's theme is "Magician Choice." **Greg** also gave credit and thanks to **Mark Booth** for coming up with a great name for the evening. He then mentioned reading "**Magic Mike**" Stilwell's book, *Entertainer's Handbook* and noticed the opening line mentioned "**Magic Mike's**" birthday in September. All in attendance then sang *Happy Birthday* to "**Magic Mike**" and began the performances.

The first performer for the evening was **Richard Ustick** who spoke about growing up drawn to theatrical magic. He explained how show tunes and

music can add emotions to magic. He started his act with a French drop parody from the musical "Annie," then drew from Gordon Lightfoot for a Four Ace card trick, and finished with an homage to Dean Martin and the Rat Pack with his Cups and Balls routine, "I Gotta Use Three."



Greg Wauson VP Entertainment

Next was **Mark Booth** who asked Linda for her assistance. **Mark** handed her a deck of cards and turned his back. He then had Linda cut the deck twice. Linda selected a card and without looking at it placed it in an envelope face down, so the card couldn't be seen and had the rest of the cards returned to the card case. **Mark** then showed a chalkboard with 3 predictions and went on to choose a second spectator Doug. Doug was asked about his birthday and the third spectator, **Mago Ruly**, was asked for coins.

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Ring 76 2022 Calendar

October 10th - Spooky Magic *
November 14th - Swap Meet (see page 3)
December 12th - Holiday Potluck
*Opportunity for Members to Perform
Direct any questions concerning the calendar to V.P. of Entertainment, Greg Wauson.

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Mark had Mago hold his 10 coins in his hand while Mark made his prediction. Mark's first prediction was Linda's unseen card which was the Two of Hearts, his second prediction was Doug's birthday, February 8th, and the final prediction was Mago's exact change of \$1.75. Mark's predictions were all correct.



Richard Ustick

Next up, Greg introduced Alvin Revilas to speak about a serious topic.



Mark Booth

Alvin then mentioned that during the pandemic he dealt with a friend with depression, and he turned the situation around, and it was the reason he got back into magic.

Greg followed Alvin with some Gospel Magic he has performed for Sunday School. He went on to explain how God created

everything by using magic and displayed six yellow envelopes with stars and numbered 1-6 with different writings on the back. Greg then chose a spectator and had them pick a card. He then went on to show the backs of all the unselected cards and what was written on them: Give Money, Go to Church, Serve Others, No Fun, Dress to Impress. Last was the selected card, the card which was what God really wants, when he revealed what was on the back of #3. He showed everyone a mirror and what God really wants is "YOU". Greg then explained to the club how to perform the effect.

Alfonso Vasquez performed after Greg and explained how magic helped him when he returned from the Gulf War and thanking Alvin for sharing his story.

Alfonso then began his performance by using a guest's borrowed dollar, ripped it up, and then was able to put it back together. He then asked Sam to choose a coin from a variety of different types and stuck it on top of the card case. The coin then appeared to be melting through the card case only to come out the bottom. He then had Sam pull the coin the rest of the way through the bottom and revealed that inside had a full deck of 54 cards including the Jokers.



Alfonso Vasquez on the right

Next up was Mago Ruly. Mago called on Jon, from the audience, to select a card. Mago then went on to show the audience two cards that were not selected by Jon and pulled out a picture of a girl in her swimsuit. He closed the picture and had Jon reach his hand into the fold of the picture two times, each time Jon pulled out a different item of clothing. His selected card appeared on the bikini bottom, Mago's final reveal was that the picture turned into a male lifeguard.

Matthew King appeared on stage next asking for two volunteers to start his act.

He chose Kelley and borrowed her ring. He then chose guest Susan and asked her to join him up on stage. Matthew had Susan hold the ring through a handkerchief, and when he whisked it away, it had vanished.

Then Matthew pulled aside the stage curtain to show a gumball machine and asked the audience for a quarter. After placing two quarters in the machine, and odd items coming out, The third and final quarter that went into the machine was in fact the borrowed ring.



Matt King

Last was Miguel Garcia. He chose Greg to help. He had Greg choose between a red and blue deck. The cards were shuffled. Then he and Greg cut the cards into different piles. Then Miguel had six, and Greg had five. Both of the top cards matched. Then the 3rd card matched.



Miguel Garcia

The Final performer for the night was "Magic Mike" who performed a mathematical effect. Mike explained to Craig that they were at the movies and to then select the prices for food and soda. "Magic Mike" then went on to make his selection. The prediction came out correct. "Magic Mike" owed Craig two cents.

Greg had all performers come back up and asked members to vote for the performer of the month.

Meetings are held every 2nd Monday at Immaculate Conception Church in Old Town San Diego.



September's Magician's Choice Performers

Greg Wauson Alfonso Vasquez Mago Ruly Mark Booth Richard Ustick Matt King Miguel Garcia Alvin Revilas

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Ring 76 Members,

We have had a lot of guests at our meetings. Some of these guests were non magicians, visitors from out of town, past members, and people that didn't know we had a magic club in town. I want to encourage more members to invite these people to our meetings. Now, hopefully

the magic enthusiast will like the fellowship and join our little club.

Also, I would like to thank all the new faces that are getting up and performing. Years ago when I attended meetings, it seemed like the same six people were performing all the time. It's nice to see you out there trying out new things even if they don't work out the way we thought. That is one of the really great things about our club, no one is judging you, even old Pros have things go wrong. We are a Brotherhood, all of us can learn from each other.

The meeting starts at 7:00, but most of your board is there by 6:15 -6:30, so come early so you can check out the great deals at our library, or learn a trick from a fellow Magi, or pick up something you didn't know you needed at our magic store. Buy some opportunity drawing tickets, where the lucky winner gets half and the other half helps out our library!

October is *Spooky Magic* and I'm scared already!

Mike Stilwell



What is Coming Up 76

Traditions become part of our families and culture for several reasons. For one, experiencing familiar activities and celebrations are somehow reassuring as we enjoy the camaraderie as members of a shared community. For several years, Ring 76ers have had a theme of spooky magic at our October meeting... and this year will be no exception.

October: Does anyone remember Glorpy or the dancing handkerchief or floating lightbulb? Those would certainly fit in with the theme of spooky magic this month.

November: It's now official! We'll be having a swap meet for our meeting in November! This event is always popular – and often very lucrative for many of the sellers. Members can rent a table for \$10; they're \$20 for non-members. Contact Greg at gw83@ring76.com if you want a table.

December: This will be our Holiday Banquet, which, along with our Installation Banquet in July is one of our two biggest events of the year. More details will be shared as they become available.





This October, Scary or ghoulish effects will be the order of the night. Bring your favorite spooky magic effect to frighten us - or creep us out a little – or just entertain us. Have fun with it. And just a reminder, don't let the spooky magic theme keep you from performing if you don't have a spooky magic effect to share. It's more important that you share any magic effect with us! Send Greg an email at gw83@ring76.com if you'd like to perform.

One additional motivation for you to share something at our October meeting is you and your fellow members will be voting for their favorite performance. The one with the most votes will be awarded a \$20 Amazon eGift card. Plus, all votes will count towards the cumulative total for the year; the one with the most votes will receive the prestigious Performer of the Year award. The winner will be announced at our Installation Banquet in July of next year.

Shavings from the Board

The Ring 76 Board of Directors meets the fourth Monday of every month, except December. Here is a look at what the Board is planning for you in the coming months.

The September 26th Board meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President “Magic Mike” Stilwell.



After the approval of the minutes of the last Board meeting the various officers reported on their status. Treasurer **Miguel Garcia** awarded **Mago Ruly** \$20 for winning “Magician Choice” night and the current treasury is quite healthy. Sergeant-at-Arms **David Chiu** was absent, but “Magic Mike” indicated he was informed there were eighteen members and eleven guests at the last meeting. Librarian **Gary Salisbury** mentioned he has sixty audio books he will be adding to the Plex Server. Audio books do not teach tricks but explain how to get into the psychology of

magic. First VP (Entertainment), **Greg Wauson** reported we had nine performers for September. **Greg** mentioned it seemed that people had a good time and a step up from August's Math magic. He then complemented “**Magic Mike**” on flexibility when it comes to performing. The theme for October is *Spooky Magic*. Second VP (Membership), **James Thayer** informed the board that we currently have fifty five members in good standing. He also readdressed the need to educate members on what they will be voting on pertaining to the constitution and by-law changes (*see article on page 5*). The Board discussed presenting changes at the meeting in October and November as written in the constitution and having the members vote on all new changes at the November meeting.

After the officer's reports it was time for **Old Business**. **Matthew King** discussed the *Superior Quality Ring Award* process he is currently working on. He shared Ring 76 had won the *Quality Ring Award* four times as of 2005. He will get the current one prepared and sent to the Board before the next meeting. The Board also addressed revisiting writing up duties for Board roles at a later meeting.

It was then on to **New Business**. **James** informed the Board he will be attending the October meeting to educate members on what they will be voting on pertaining to the constitution and by-laws new changes. The Board then discussed and agreed to hold a swap meet during the November meeting. The cost for a table is \$10 for Ring 76 members and \$20 for nonmembers. The Board will also be reaching out to outside Rings to participate in the swap meet. “**Magic Mike**” then brought up the Ring 76 brochure and asked what was the status on editing and updating the brochure as well as who we need to get in contact with to make changes. **Miguel** and **Anthony** need to send in a portrait and a small bio. “**Magic Mike**” then asked once brochures are finished to get them out to local magic shops as they are running low. “**Magic Mike**” then stated he had spoken to Tim Wise and that Tim asked if we would like to have a lecture by Howard Hamburg who as well as being an accomplished magician was also a student of Dai Vernon. All that will be needed to get Howard to San Diego for the lecture is a place to stay and a \$300 fee. The Board unanimously agreed yes.

With that, the business of Ring 76 was addressed and the meeting was Adjourned at 8:07 p.m.





Membership Changes Proposed for Ring 76

By James Thayer

[As per the Constitution of Ring 76, any proposed amendment to the Constitution must be presented to the Ring Membership for consideration for two consecutive months in the communication of the Ring. This is the second posting of the proposed amendments and the voting by the membership will be at the November meeting - ed.]

The Board has been looking at making some changes to rules regarding Membership in Ring 76. Since these changes will require making amendments to the Ring 76 Constitution and Bylaws, these are changes that you, the current Members of Ring 76 will need to vote on to approve them.

In summary, these changes would add two new classes of membership, *Non-Resident* and *Life*, and modify an existing class of membership, *Honorary*. But before getting into the details of these changes, first, a little background on the current situation. As set out in our Constitution and Bylaws, currently Ring 76 has four classes of membership: *Active*; *Junior*; *Associate* and *Honorary*.

Active -- This is the default class of membership. Active members are over 18. If they are in good standing, they can vote in Ring elections; and are eligible to serve on the Board and can serve on any committees established by the Board. They have all the rights and privileges that accrue to membership in Ring 76. They currently pay \$30/year in dues.

Junior -- This is a class of membership for persons between the ages of 12 and 18. They cannot vote in Ring elections and are not eligible to serve on the Board or committees. They do however have all other rights and privileges. They pay 1/2 the amount of Active members (currently \$15). Junior members automatically qualify for Active membership upon reaching the age of 18.

Associate -- Associates are persons who are spouses of Active members; designated drivers for Junior members; and bone-fide assistants an Active member. Associate members cannot vote in Ring elections and cannot serve on the Board or as committee chairs. They may, however, serve on committees and they do hold all other rights and privileges. Associate members do not pay any dues.

Honorary -- Honorary members are persons who have "...benefited the magical arts and Ring 76 or otherwise sufficiently distinguished themselves...". Honorary members can be nominated by the Board and must be ratified by the Membership. Honorary members do not vote nor are they eligible to serve on the Board or any committees. Honorary members pay no dues and

continuation of their honorary status is reviewed by the Board annually.

The changes that the Board are proposing would add two new membership classes as follows:

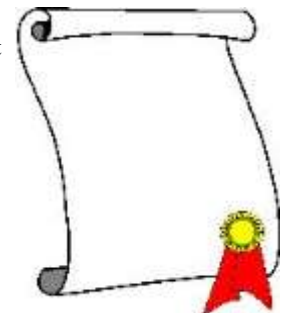
Non-Resident -- An Active member of Ring 76 would become eligible for Non-Resident membership if they move to a domicile that is 100 miles or greater from San Diego's Old Town Plaza. The intention is to encourage members of Ring 76 to stay connected after they move away from San Diego. Non-Resident members are eligible to vote and serve on committees but may not serve as a Board member or as a committee chair. They would retain all other rights and privileges. Dues for a Non-Resident member would be 1/2 that set for Active Members (or currently, \$15).

Life -- Life members is a "class" of membership that already exists informally, but the Board felt that it was time to properly define and codify this class of membership in the Constitution and Bylaws. Eligibility for Life membership is any Active member who has exhibited a high degree of dedication and personal effort to the benefit of Ring 76. Life membership would require nomination by the Board and ratification by the membership. Life membership would be identical to Active membership except in two key ways: first, they would pay no dues and second, they would remain members of Ring 76 until death (unless Life status is revoked through a formal disciplinary action.) Existing "Life" members (of which there are currently six) would be grandfathered into this class of Membership.

In addition, the Honorary Class of membership with be modified as follows:

Eligibility for Honorary membership in Ring 76 would be to those who "...contributed to the magical arts or has otherwise sufficiently distinguished themselves in a manner relevant to the benefit of Ring 76..." They may be nominated by any member, in good standing, of Ring 76 and would be ratified by the Board. (Currently, Ring 76 has one Honorary member, Holly Baker, granddaughter of Honest Sid Gerhart, our Ring's namesake.)

So what's next, you ask? These changes must go through comment period where the members of the Ring have the opportunity to ask questions and comment on the proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws. At the end of the comment period, the membership of the Ring must vote on whether to accept the proposed changes. If the membership approves, these changes would then be incorporated into our Constitution and Bylaws.





Another Look at the Evening of the Magician's Choice



Mr. "Funtastic," "Magic Mike" and Gary Salisbury with the Opportunity Drawing



Mago Ruly gives MagiCurrents its first centerfold

Thank you to This Month's Photographer

One again the fine pictures that adorn this month's newsletter come from the talented shutter of **Mark Booth**. The Editors of MagiCurentns cannot assemble this publication alone and thank all the members who contribute. - *ed*



Greg Wauson with a fine example of Gospel Magic



Matt King & Anthony Spaise record it all for posterity



Trick of the Month Club #9

Four-of-a-Kind

By Bob Meigs

This is another *Mike Stilwell* trick, but it doesn't use the *key card*. Mike has performed this one on TV – it's *that good!*

Effect: A spectator is asked to name a number, let's say, between **5 and 25**. Assume the spectator says **18**. You deal 18 cards off the top of the deck, asking if there is any reason the spectator chose that particular number. Regardless of the spectator's answer, square-up the 18-card packet and re-deal into 4 piles,

Turn over the top card on the left pile (as an example, let's say it's an *Ace*); say, "Wouldn't it be remarkable if the last pile *also had an Ace on top?*" Turn over the top card of the 4th pile, and **it is also an Ace!**

Say, "WOW!," **with enthusiasm!** "We have two piles left. What are the odds they're also both Aces?" (2 cards in 50 x 1 in 49 = 1,225 to 1). Turn them over – they are both Aces!

Method: This can be a borrowed deck, but you have to do a little preparation. There must be four-of-a-kind on top (*Aces*, in our example). You can shuffle, but you must leave the top 4 cards on top. (Easy to do with a riffle shuffle.)

Deal face down the number of cards selected by the spectator (18, in our example). The four Aces are now the **bottom** cards of this packet. If you deal this packet of cards into four piles, the bottom cards will be the **last** 4 cards dealt, and with one sitting **atop each pile**. As you turn them over, make this seem like a *miracle!*

In conclusion, say, "This never would have worked if you hadn't of chosen 18 (or whatever the chosen number was)." This bit of misdirection sends the spectator's mind down the wrong path..



Grand Opening!

New to San Diego! The Prestige Magic Lounge and Showroom has arrived in the Gaslamp Quarter!

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Ex Libris

By Gary D. Salisbury



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

'Ex Libris' (Eh-cks LEE-breese), means 'From the Book'. Generally, you will see this term used on bookplates to denote that it came from the library of its owner, "Ex Libris: Gary Salisbury."

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 YOUR LIBRARY?

Funding----- **ON GOING**
50/50 Opportunity Drawing – We made \$47 at the September meeting.

Library Sales – We made \$23 at the September meeting.

IBM RING 76 LIBRARY PETTY CASH REPORT

| Date | Transaction | Credits | Debits | Balance |
|----------|--|----------|----------|----------|
| 01/07/21 | SCUMPHORN JURY DUES | | | \$417.60 |
| 01/07/21 | Proceeds from January Meeting - 50/50 Raffle | \$0.00 | | \$418.00 |
| 01/10/21 | Proceeds from January Meeting - Library Sales | \$0.00 | | \$418.00 |
| 02/06/21 | HEM Cable for PLEX Server | | \$10.76 | \$407.24 |
| 02/06/21 | WiFi 6 Router + Cabling Kit for PLEX Server | | \$27.00 | \$380.24 |
| 02/14/21 | Proceeds from February Meeting - 50/50 Raffle | \$41.00 | | \$421.24 |
| 02/14/21 | Proceeds from February Meeting - Library Sales | \$48.00 | | \$469.24 |
| 03/07/21 | Full LED Strip from Costco US | | \$48.44 | \$420.80 |
| 03/14/21 | Proceeds from March Meeting - 50/50 Raffle | \$60.00 | | \$480.80 |
| 03/14/21 | Proceeds from March Meeting - Library Sales | \$12.00 | | \$492.80 |
| 03/14/21 | Cash Donation to the Library from Susan | \$40.00 | | \$532.80 |
| 03/28/21 | Amazon - DVD Movies for library | | \$8.60 | \$524.20 |
| 04/11/21 | Proceeds from April Meeting - 50/50 Raffle | \$40.00 | | \$564.20 |
| 04/11/21 | Proceeds from April Meeting - Library Sales | \$23.00 | | \$587.20 |
| 05/09/21 | Proceeds from May Meeting - 50/50 Raffle | \$68.00 | | \$655.20 |
| 05/09/21 | Proceeds from May Meeting - Library Sales | \$0.00 | | \$655.20 |
| 05/10/21 | Books purchased at Magic Lane | | \$100.00 | \$555.20 |
| 06/13/21 | Proceeds from June Meeting - 50/50 Raffle | \$67.10 | | \$622.30 |
| 06/13/21 | Proceeds from June Meeting - Library Sales | \$10.00 | | \$632.30 |
| 06/24/21 | Book Purchase - Target - Hologram | | \$11.00 | \$621.30 |
| 07/03/21 | Book for the library printer | | \$23.18 | \$598.12 |
| 07/03/21 | Meeting fee for library printer | | \$27.01 | \$571.11 |
| 07/06/21 | Table Credit for Howard Set German Table | \$43.10 | | \$614.21 |
| 07/09/21 | Table & Chair for Howard Set German Table | | \$134.72 | \$479.49 |
| 07/10/21 | Book Sale at Wizard Auction | \$131.00 | | \$610.49 |
| 08/08/21 | Proceeds from August Meeting - 50/50 Raffle | \$68.00 | | \$678.49 |
| 08/08/21 | Proceeds from August Meeting - Library Sales | \$47.00 | | \$725.49 |
| 09/11/21 | Do Spidey Robots Video Lecture by Julie Farrantini | \$60.00 | | \$785.49 |
| 09/11/21 | Author Software (audio conversion software) | | \$23.96 | \$761.53 |
| 09/12/21 | Proceeds from September Meeting - 50/50 Raffle | \$47.00 | | \$808.53 |
| 09/12/21 | Proceeds from September Meeting - Library Sales | \$23.00 | | \$831.53 |

Library Donations----- **ON GOING**
Nick Benevento donated six of magic DVDs to the library.

Dr. X donated over 100 magic-oriented fictional audio books to the library valued at over \$1,500.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our library. I hope this serves as an example for others.

We need your DVDs and VHS tape donations. They will get put on the Plex server so you will still be able to watch them or check the physical media back out. Please help. Sharing is good!

IBM Ring 76 Media Server----- **ON GOING**

The job of digitizing our DVD and VHS media and putting it on the IBM Ring 76 Magic Media Server continues. The process is slow but we are constantly adding new material each week. We currently have over 1,700 titles there for your viewing pleasure.

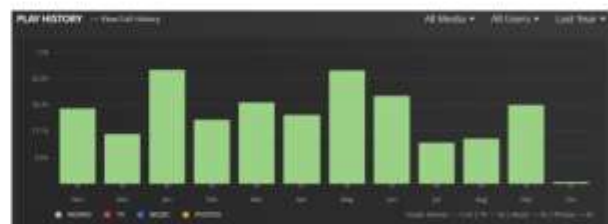
We need to secure enough funding to add a RAID disk array to the server which should be around \$500. We barely have enough to cover it in the library petty cash fund so if you could help us out with a cash donation, it would greatly be appreciated.

How about donating your DVDs to the library so everyone in the club can share them? You will still have access to them through the PLEX server – even on your smart phone!

Do you have a way to convert VHS tapes to MP4 files? We would love to borrow or accept a donation of a device to do that.

IBM Ring 76 Magic Library----- **ON GOING**

Here is the utilization report for the Plex media server.



Do you have an account on the IBM Magic Media Server yet? Why not? It is the best thing since Netflix!

Loch David Crane Estate ----- **ON HOLD**

I am serving as the contact point between Ring 76 and the Probate Attorney for Loch David Crane. Loch's hand written will specified that he wanted to leave the Ring some of his magic books. We are waiting for a Probate Court hearing before proceeding. This item is ON HOLD until we know more.

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Ex Libris from page 8

VIDEO REVIEW

The Royal Road to Card Magic



If you are seriously interested in learning card magic, there is no better place to start than *The Royal Road to Card Magic* with R. Paul Wilson.

For more than half a century, Jean Hugard and Fred Braue's landmark book, *The Royal Road to Card Magic*, has been a touchstone for all who love and endeavor to perform great card magic. Because of its building-block style of teaching sleights followed by tricks that utilize those sleights to reinforce the lesson, it's been called by many the greatest self-instruction book on magic ever written.

Now for the first time on DVD, expert card magician R. Paul Wilson accompanies you down this time-honored path to show you, in crystal-clear digital clarity, every important sleight and effect from the *Royal Road to Card Magic* in the precise order it appears in the book. Thus, this video study guide has the potential to take you from beginner to expert - and you can learn at your own pace. What's more, Paul Wilson has added his own valuable insights and updates to the classic Hugard and Braue text, making this *Royal Road* a not-to-be-missed journey to becoming an accomplished entertainer with nothing more than a deck of ordinary playing cards.

Since its initial publication, *The Royal Road to Card Magic* by Jean Hugard and Frederick Braue has been regarded as the most complete course in sleight of hand with playing cards ever written, teaching essential sleights from the Overhand Shuffle to the Pass and Palm.

Each chapter explores a new sleight followed by several tricks using what the student has already learned - tricks that, incidentally, include many of the best card effects ever created.

Many of today's finest magicians began with Hugard and Braue's classic book, including world-renowned card expert R. Paul Wilson. On these DVDs, Paul guides you along this *Royal Road*, demonstrating the sleights and effects from the book along with many important touches from his own repertoire. Paul guides you effortlessly through each chapter, using clear and concise instructions combined with multiple camera angles. He also performs most of the tricks in the book for an informal audience, allowing the student to see each effect before learning it.

This DVD series is a complete course in card magic that expands and updates the material from *The Royal Road to Card Magic* with new effects, improved methods, and advice from many of today's finest exponents of card

conjuring. If you follow this course from beginning to end, learning each sleight before moving to the next chapter, you will soon be on your way to becoming an excellent card magician.

"I have always loved the title. The image of a road succinctly conveys the valuable idea that the study of card magic is a journey, not a quick fix. And, by defining that journey as being royal, the issue of worthy respect is immediately established."

- Max Maven

"*The Royal Road to Card Magic* holds a special place in my heart, as it is the very first book on magic that I picked up from the Larchmont Public Library as a young teenager. I must have renewed it dozens of times. It is this book that opened the entire world of sleight-of-hand magic to me and thus, changed the course of my life!"

- Paul Cummins

"Some books bury themselves in your soul and stay there forever; *Royal Road* is such a book. I am relieved that I am not the only one who is influenced so deeply by a 'beginner's' book. The writing and selection of material are first class. My magic still reflects its teaching."

- Steve Draun

"*The Royal Road to Card Magic* is the first book on card magic I ever read, and one of the best. I regularly give it to people who tell me they are interested in learning magic with the pasteboards. A person could become a professional by just learning the wonderful things within this book's covers."

- Jim Swain

"*The Royal Road to Card Magic* was my first magic book and the only book I ever learned from cover to cover. I guess that says it all. I still use many of the techniques I learned from it, and even published my 'take' on a couple of effects."

- Martin Lewis

"The name of this great book sums up the enjoyable, thoroughly engrossing and never-ending quest that is the study of card magic. Whenever I crack open the cover of my copy, I'm reminded of the many hours of pleasure I've had in poring over this, one of my first card books. While Braue collated much of the material, it was Hugard who gave the descriptions life. His succinct and charming style, with its genteel approach to card magic, has been extremely influential-setting the standard for magic authorship in the 20th century. As an Australian, it gives me great pleasure to see Hugard honored with this series-I'm sure it will guide many future magicians onto that fabulous *Royal Road*."

- Andrew Wilmhurst

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"Whenever someone asks about learning card magic, The Royal Road to Card Magic is one of my first suggestions. It is one of the first books I had when learning magic and I spent many hours as a teenager with book in front of me and a deck of card in my hands."
- Paul Gertner

"The Royal Road to Card Magic remains as one of the great books on card magic for both the beginner and well-seasoned card magician. It is an absolute must-read for anybody who is serious about card magic."
- Simon Lovell

"R. Paul Wilson teaching the Royal Road is one of the very best ways to learn card magic. The production values are superb! This is the best DVD course on card magic available today!"
- Bill Malone

Paul Wilson has performed card magic since he was eight years old and hasn't left home without a deck of cards since! Now a world-renowned, award-winning magician, Paul is respected not only for his creative approach to magic but also for his remarkable skill with cards. He is a regular performer at the Magic Castle in Hollywood and has traveled the world performing and lecturing on sleight of hand. Paul has also authored fifteen booklets and manuscripts on his magic and has also produced five instructional videos of his work. Paul now works in film and television. His credits include technical advisor and second-unit director of the movie Shade, producer of A&E's Mondo Magic, co-producer and star of Court TV's The Takedown, producer and star of the BBC show The Real Hustle, and technical advisor on the movie Smokin' Aces.

The Royal Road to Card Magic remains one of Paul's favorite magic books and he continues to use the tricks and sleights it contains to this day. In this course, Paul guides you along the Royal Road with clear, concise instructions, multiple camera angles, improved methods and invaluable advice from one of today's masters of the art.

For anyone who wants to learn card magic, this course amounts to over eight hours of private instruction. If you follow the course from beginning to end, learning each technique before moving on to the next, by the end, you will be well on your way to becoming an excellent card magician.

This video series is available on the IBM Ring 76 Magic Media Server.

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| <p>RAIJA BLINDEFOLD By U.S. Grant Vintage 50's Magic Blindefold with original packaging! Retail: \$25 Sale Price: \$15</p> | <p>DRY-ERASE BOARDS Set of 4 boards. Perfect for Magicians! Retail: \$22 Sale Price: \$5</p> | <p>GLASSIZORS By Ben Bond from Los Alamos that turn into mirrors for your mirror. Vintage! Retail: \$7 Sale Price: \$5</p> | <p>UNCANNY SLATE MYSTERY Deceptive "Add a Number" method! Retail: \$100 Sale Price: \$25</p> | <p>RUPERT'S PEARLS By Viking 60's. 10 of 12 left in package. Retail: \$60 Sale Price: \$5</p> |
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