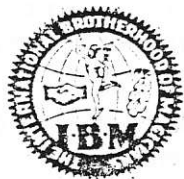
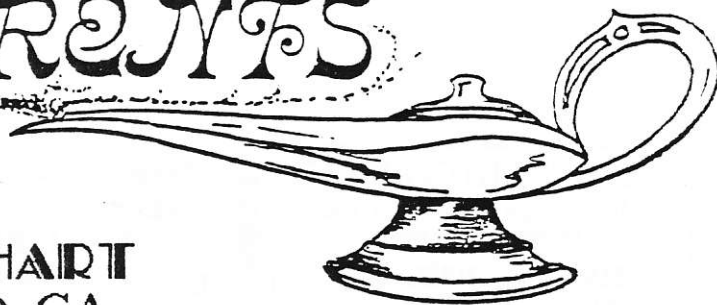


MAGICURRENTS



HONEST SID GERHART
RING 76, SAN DIEGO, CA



AUGUST 1989

WHAT A MONTH!

The FANTASTIC 61st IBM Convention; *THE MAGICIAN'S GUILD OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA*'s Annual Picnic the day after with guest lecturer, **Phil WILLMARTH**; the *RING 76* regular meeting, and our Installation Banquet a week later. That ought'ta be a nuff magic activity to hold most anybody! At least til September when we go back-to-back with our Annual Exchange Banquet with Long Beach Ring 96 on Saturday, the sixteenth of September (See Dinner Flyer this issue), and our regular meeting on Monday, the eighteenth. Now, look inside for news on an extra-special program for our regular meeting on Monday, August twenty first.

Your new 89/90 Membership Roster also comes with this issue of *MAGICURRENTS*. Detach and save in a special place. Current membership stands at ninety one for the 89/90 year - we've lost a few, gained some, and are looking for several stragglers who should have paid their dues by now! Nine of you are getting this one last issue of

MAGICURRENTS with a special "Day-Glo" GREEN sticker on your address label as a final reminder to pay your twelve dollars dues. Write a quick check now, payable to "*IBM RING 76*" and mail it to our new treasurer, **Frank SYREN**, 4476 Marlborough

Ave. #1, San Diego CA 92116, and you won't miss the September issue.

CONVENTION TID BITS: **Liz SHELLEY** getting detained at the San Ysidro Border crossing until her papers arrived via our new

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Prez's Mezzage

How would you like to have a fun-filled, reasonably priced evening full of magic? It's easy to do. Just make reservations for the Annual Ring 96 Exchange Banquet on September Sixteenth at *PEA SOUP ANDERSON'S* in Carlsbad. The food is going to be excellent with some nice choices that will tempt every variety of palate. The entertainment is promised to be first rate. They claim that they are going to outdo *RING 76*'s performance of a year ago in Whittier. That remains to be seen. The fact is that there is a lot of friendly rivalry between the two Rings, so a lot of fun will be had by all. But! You have to attend to enjoy all this, so make your reservations now. We picked the location to be convenient for both Rings although it is in our neck of the woods.

So, where else can you attend a magic dinner theatre for only twenty dollars? Come and enjoy the camaraderie, victuals, and necromancy.

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LEAD STORY (Cont. from Page 1)

International President, **Tony SHELLEY**. Funny now - Not then! **Harry BLACKSTONE Jr.** directing pedestrian traffic at the *Tijuana Trolley* tracks crossing between the Omni and Golden Hall - "SHOW-MANSHIP"! The five foot, six inch girl tucking herself into the original **THURSTON** *Girl without a Middle* illusion which was built for a five foot, NO inch girl - "SHOWGIRL-SHIP"!

Dick & Jane Thurston SHEPARD's eighteenth Wedding Anniversary on the same day as the **THURSTON/DANTE** tribute - "TIM-ING"!

And the four AM fire at the OMNI - NOT FUNNY! Then or now!

IBM Central is processing the Membership Application of **Paul PLUMB**, and we are still holding Membership Packages for **Danny THOMPSON**.

Bernard KLEINKE, Rubin Padilla, Lorin STEWART and Josef RENNLEITNER. Come to the August Meeting, Guys, and be recognized.

JULY MEETING
---or what you
missed

Forty seven Members and thirteen guests showed up at the July Meeting to hear Convention hi-lites and tid-bits, the reading of letters of thanks to the Ring for recent benefit shows, including the Children's Hospital the day before the Convention which featured outgoing International President **Ed MORRIS**; and to hear everybody thanking everybody profusely for everybody's help in making the Convention THEE best yet. **George EDWARDS** hosted one of his great teach-ins, work-shops (cards this time) as a pre-meeting event. We had a brief business meeting, **Magic Mike STILWELL** conducted the raffle, and two new members joined at the break.

Jack EVANS started our "MAGIC WITH NUMBERS" with his Fourth Grade graduation exercise - an hilarious "Math Oral Test" which should have kept him in the fourth grade. The funny rou-

tine showed how he put the number seven into the number twenty eight, thirteen times. He proved it by multiplying seven times thirteen to get another twenty eight, and capped it by adding seven thirteens in a row to get another twenty eight. **John GOLD** pulled a pair of scissors and one of those three foot by four foot sheets of one dollar bills out of his business portfolio to show us how he pays the lunch tab with a chuckle. He went on with fifteen minutes of other fun gags and described how to get the sheets from the Bureau of Printing and Engraving. **Roy & Betty ARM-STRONG** gave us a delightful thirty minute slice out of their school show using marker boards and felt-tip markers and lotsa numbers. **Betty** walked through the "nines" multiplication table the hard way, and **Roy** had three random, single digit numbers chosen, reversed them, subtracted, reversed again and added to get the classic magic number, "1089". Then he revealed the ninth word on the eighth line on page ten of the **JULY LINK-ING RING**. He continued his great number magic with a prediction using random entries in a passed out calculator, and then another using a set of jumbo cards; all very entertaining and extremely well presented by a couple of very nice pro's.

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Jumbo Card **Cal MAYERS** used the ace through nine from a jumbo deck and three assistants to create three, three digit numbers, and then correctly predicted the total. **Skipper Frank HERMAN** did TWO vanishes with ONE color changing lighter, and used THREE bangles to demonstrate "*EL ROJO, SI*", a Mexican ring release; FIRST from his thumb and SECOND from a rope - and called it all NUMBER magic. Makes Sense to me!

James SWOGER came up with a long strand of prayer beads and showed everyone a clever loop-around-neck release which no one could duplicate while "doing as he did". Jim insisted it was number magic cause he's been doing it FORTY SEVEN years! **Don Halbach**, the brand new sponsor of our soon-to-be junior group, did a fantastic "*PREDICTION NEWSPAPER TEAR*" with a sheet of paper, torn five times to get a multitude of pieces, had one chosen by random number and, when revealed, it matched an identical piece in a previously selected and sealed envelope - very nice stuff. **Bob INGALLS** ate the flowers off two feathered roses and produced a multicolored mylar mouth coil. **Loch CRANE** did his "Magician's Rap" from the Convention competition, and **Ed RAYMOND** closed with a number prediction based on a spectator's age.

BOARD MEETING

The Board met on August Seventh with **Dick DALE**, **Mike STILWELL**, **Bob INGALLS**, **J.P. JACKSON**, **Ed RAYMOND**, **Frank SYREN**, **Don HALBACH**, **Sherry LUFT** and **Brad BURT**. INITIAL PLANS AND STRUCTURE FOR OUR NEW "JUNIOR GROUP" were discussed. Sponsor, **Don HALBACH** has a copy of the old "*SAN DIEGO JUNIOR MAGICIANS*"^{by Lewis} and the old, but fairly extensive, Junior Group library. **Brad BURT** has offered the back room of his Magic Shop as a Junior Group meeting room. **Don HALBACH**, assisted by **Bob INGALLS**, will firm up details and provide an initial report at the regular meeting on August Twenty First. Candidates for the Junior Group should be solicited by the Ring Membership and names and addresses passed to **Don HALBACH** or **J.P. JACKSON**.

In keeping with our plans to have monthly "teach-ins" or "work-shops" from Six Forty Five to Seven Thirty on Meeting Nights, **Brad BURT** has offered to conduct a "Dealer Demonstration" or "What's New in Magic" as a Pre-Meeting event anytime required. The first one is scheduled for the regular meeting on September Eighteenth.

Past Treasurer, **Ed RAYMOND**, proposed a motion that the practice of purchasing End-Of-Year plaques for outgoing Ring Officers be terminated, as too costly. After discussion, the Board agreed that, in the future, such expenses will be capped at Seventy Five Dollars, and that the specific expense be approved by the Board prior to any contractual obligation.

Mike STILWELL proposed that the Ring conduct a Public Show Fund Raiser to help replenish our depleted treasury. The Board agreed and established a tentative date of January 1990.

Frank SYREN proposed that *Ring 76* should consider submitting a "Ring 76 Parade" to the *LINKING RING* and volunteered to chair the effort. The Board agreed and will support this undertaking. A target publication date will be established, and original material solicited.

J.P. JACKSON proposed **Jane THURSTON SHEPHARD** for Honorary Membership in our Ring in view of her help with the Convention, specifically on the Welcome/Hospitality Table. The Board agreed unanimously.

The Board discussed plans and menus for the Annual *RING 76/96* Exchange Banquet on September Sixteenth. Liaison has been established with **Bill McHILHANY**, President of *RING 96*. (See Dinner Flyer this issue.)

Next Board Meeting will be at **J.P. JACKSON's** on Tuesday, September Fifth.

AUGUST MEETING

.....what's coming.

Still have many *RING 76* name tags left. Pick 'em up from **Sherry LUFT** when you come to the meeting on August Twenty First. Member **Ralph MAUZY** informs us that he has some portable laminating equipment. He has, graciously, offered to bring it with him to the meeting and laminate Ring Membership cards for the small donation of one dollar per card which goes to the Ring Treasury. He also has small pocket clips which enable you to clip the laminated card on your pocket, shirt, lapel, dress, etc. etc. GREAT IDEA and a very generous gesture on Ralph's part. **Bob INGALLS** already has his done, and it looks good. This service will be available at the meeting from Six Forty Five to Seven Thirty PM. Business session promptly at Seven Thirty followed by the usual raffle, break and *THEN* a **HUGE SURPRISE AUCTION!** Ken EVANS, of *RABBIT MAGIC* here in San Diego, has recently acquired an extensive collection of used magic and has offered to bring

it all to our meeting for a one-time auction. (Our annual *RING 76* Auction will be held in February.) Unlike most used magic collections, about seventy five per cent of this one has directions with the equipment, lots of original packaging, and approximately eighty per cent of it is in Good to Excellent condition. It is good, useable, performing equipment, mostly English in origin from *SUPREME KEN BROOKE*, *UNIQUE MAGIC STUDIOS* with some stuff from *ABBOTT, TANNEN* and *PAUL DIAMOND* too.

This is a tremendous opportunity to acquire good, used, working magic at fantastic prices. (Ken has so much stuff that he'll be practically giving it away.) Most of the tricks will have **NO** minimum bid, so bring lots of cash. The collection will be available for previewing at Six Forty Five on August Twenty First and Auction Lists will be provided at the door. This is a big collection so it will probably be a longish evening. Be prepared to stay.

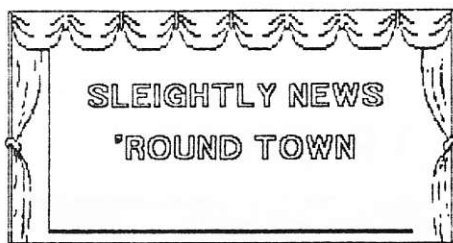
CROSSTALK

- *THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MAGICIANS ASSEMBLY #22* of Hollywood will sponsor a **SWAP MEET and SHOW** on Monday, September Fourth at Eight PM at the First Federal Savings Bank, 464 North Fairfax Avenue, West Hollywood. Sellers are requested to donate ten per cent of their total sales to *SAM ASSEMBLY #22*. In addition a pre-registration deposit of five dollars is required. Call **Roy ZIMMERMAN** at (818) 346-8517 for details.
- Courtesy of **Stan ALLEN's INSIDE MAGIC**: Check your local Video Rental Store for "*QUICKER THAN THE EYE*". It's a Mystery/Thriller starring **Ben GAZZARA** as "Ben Norell, a Master Magician invited to perform for the world's leaders at a peace summit in the Swiss Alps." Complete with Diplomats, Terrorists, etc.
- And, lastly, in case you missed it, August First through August Seventh was "*NATIONAL CLOWN WEEK*". The proclamation came from the office of **RICHARD M. NIXON** in 1971. Oh Well.

VINCENT THE MAGICIAN

by JIM WHITING





☆ Treasurer **Frank SYREN** received a very nice letter, for All of us, from **Jane THURSTON SHEPARD**, just after the convention. It is quoted at right with a reproduction of her cute stationery.

☆ Jan (**SANDY JAY**) **EAST-MAN** got a very nice write up from the *GROSSMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT* as a Clownology Instructor. She was on the cover of their Fall Catalog in full color. (See Pic Below.)



Jane Thurston Shepard

3041 Evergreen Street
San Diego, California 92110

July 11/89

Dear Frank;

I am writing to you, and through you to the IBMers RING 76 of San Diego.

The big song is over but the echoing melody lingers on. What an outstanding job you and the members of the RING did for the convention !!

Beginning with the dinner Monday night, July 3, right on through the convention, each day was an outstanding one.

I am sick at heart over my illness. I finally went again to the doctor today, but the flu is as sticky as a wad of gum under a seat. It has to "run it's course" says the doc. Phooey !

It was a delight to meet your wife, she is a charming gal, but then she would be, she is your wife !

I hope Dick did a fair job of manning the table for registration with the other volunteers; me, I was out for two days with this flu, but I did get to try it out for a short while. You folks are gracious !

The show was so much fun and there were so many wonderful magic stars there. I missed one night entirely, flu !!! And did not get quite everything done as planned.

Incidentally, read your review of Jack White. It was a very, very good one, interesting and gave an insight to this talented gentleman San Diego is so fortunate to have.

OF COURSE !!! He is a magician !!!

Just wanted to thank you again, Frank, and the entire group. A warm and wonderful group, and go-getters! Until we meet again,

/s/ Jane & Dick

Be a clown! Be a clown! All the world loves a clown! From the medieval times onward, the outlandishly costumed, bewigged, heavily made-up trickster has occupied a special niche in society.

Continuing the traditions are some 150 clowns in the San Diego area, according to the college's clownology instructor, Jan Eastman.



SLEIGHTLY NEWS (Cont from Page 5)

☆ **Marcus DAY** provides us a look at our "Prez" at work from *"DICTA"*, the monthly San Diego Bar Association magazine. The affair was catered by *PICNIC PEOPLE*. (See Pic at Right.)

☆ And again from **Stan ALLEN's** *INSIDE MAGIC*: *"THAT'S INCREDIBLE"* is doing summer re-runs on ABC, Sundays at Seven PM. Watch for **Don ALAN** and **KRESKIN** on the same show on August Twenty Seventh.

J.P. Jackson

J.P Jackson

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It has kept recurring to me that we should attempt to compile a *RING 76 PARADE* for submission to the *LINKING RING*. So I suggested to the Board that we attempt a *RING PARADE*. I also volunteered to act as literary editor for our *PARADE*. The Board was interested and designated me as chairman of the effort. I have asked two of our members to assist me as technical editors. (These editors will remain nameless - hence, blameless.) Here's how I hope it will work.

First, all of you must sit down and think about things you have created. Refer to past Parades for types of submissions.

Now, how do you submit your trick? There are many ways. The most obvious is, of course, that you sit down and write it out in detail including sketches or even photos if needed.

If you don't feel you want to write it up yourself scribble the details on the back of an old envelope and send them on, or phone me, or perform it at a meeting announcing you'd like to submit it.

When I receive your trick and it is in suitable condition for review I will refer it to one of the technical editors. Nothing will be done without your approval. When it comes back to me I will review it for grammatical errors, spelling and literary construction. I may add some biographical details (which I will clear with you).

If your creation is the revision of an existing trick please try to give credit, where possible. If you don't, Phil Willmarth probably will.

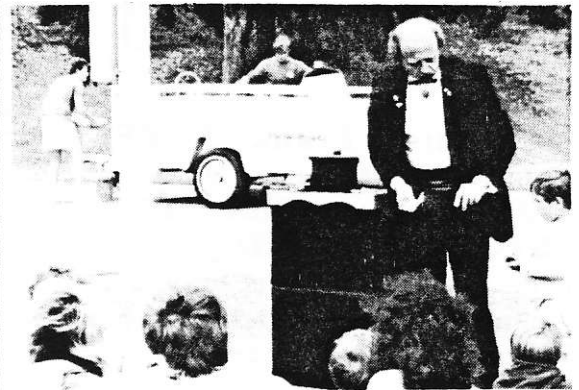
When we feel we have a package that does credit to the club we'll send it to Phil Willmarth.

I have deliberately not set a schedule for completion until I see the volume of your submissions. Later we will announce a dead line

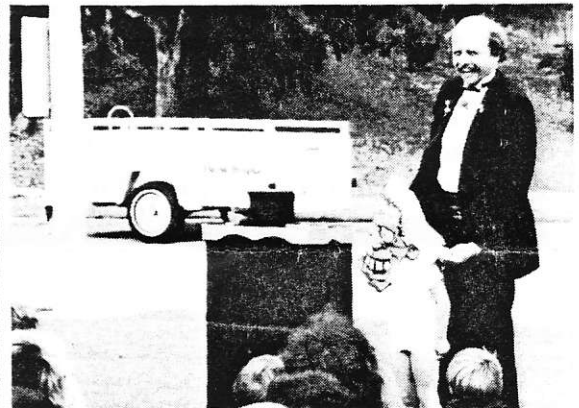
Now go to it. Show the world what a great club we have. You can do it!

FRANK S. SYREN
563-9684

BAR PICNIC



Picnic People magician works assistant.



Picnic People magician "sacks" assistant.

IBM RINGS 76 & 96

International Brotherhood of Magicians ANNUAL EXCHANGE BANQUET

Saturday, September 16, 1989

PEA SOUP ANDERSON'S

at

Best Western Hotel Complex
Carlsbad, CA (Map on reverse).

No-Host Bar and Social Hour at Six

Buffet Dinner at Seven Thirty

Salads

Pasta Primavera - Waldorf - Three Bean - Potato

Choice of:

ROAST SIRLOIN OF BEEF AU JUS

Natural with creamed horseradish

OR

COMBINATION SEAFOOD CREOLE

Shrimp, White Fish & Scallops in a spicy sauce

AND

RICE PILAF - PARSLEY POTATOES - FRESH MIXED VEGETABLES

Bread & Butter, Coffee, Decaf. Coffee, Tea, Milk

CHEF'S CHOICE of ASSORTED DESSERTS

All for only \$20.00 per person including tax & gratuity

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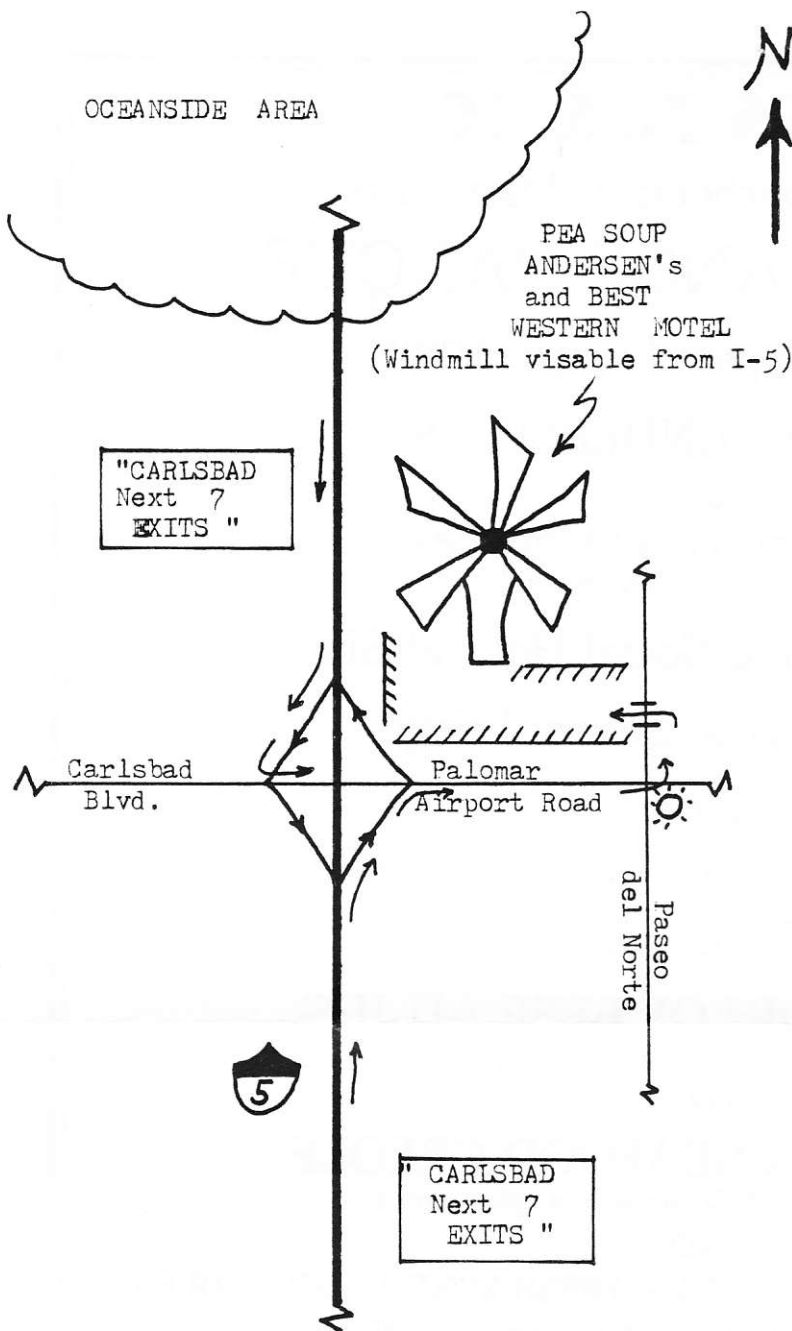
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Name _____ Number in Party _____

Amount ENCLOSED (@ \$20.00 EACH) _____ \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to *IBM, RING 76* and mail to *J.P. JACKSON*, 5746 Tortuga Road, San Diego, CA 92124

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FROM THE NORTH:

Use I-5 south thru the Ocean-side area and watch for "Carlsbad Next 7 Exits" sign. A few exits past the sign use "Carlsbad Blvd./Palomar Airport Road" Exit - east. (right exit from I-5 then left at top of exit ramp at stop sign.

Go about 2 blocks then left at the light onto "Paseo del Norte". Go $\frac{1}{2}$ block and left into complex entrance. Park in front of or beside the Windmill. Terrace Room is on street level in the back.

FROM THE SOUTH:

Use I-5 north to Carlsbad. Take "Carlsbad Blvd./Palomar Airport Road" exit - east. (about 17 miles north of the I-5 and I-805 junction) Right at top of exit ramp then left at the light onto "Paseo del Norte". Go $\frac{1}{2}$ block then left into complex entrance. Park in front of or beside the Windmill.

Terrace Room is on street level in the back

SPECIAL

MAGIC AUCTION

Mon Aug 21st *La Mesa Legion Hall*
hosted by:

IBM RING 76

Ken EVANS of SAN DIEGO's "RABBIT MAGIC" has recently acquired a large Estate of used magic. It will be offered at AUCTION on Monday, August 21st 1989, at the regular meeting of the International Brotherhood of Magicians RING 76.

Most of the collection is of English origin: SUPREME, UNIQUE MAGIC STUDIO, Ken BROOK, etc. and is in Very-Good to Excellent condition. Approximately 75% of the equipment comes with original directions and there is lots of original packaging.

Don't miss this opportunity to pick-up good, used, working props at fantastic bargains. Very few of the items have a MINIMUM BID and it's an extensive assortment; TABLES, CLOSE-UP, COINS, CLUB, STAGE, lots of CARDS and some CHEMICAL MAGIC.

AUCTION PREVIEW STARTS AT 6:45 PM, regular RING 76 meeting starts at 7:30 PM. PICK UP A BIDDERS CARD AND AN AUCTION LIST at the door when you come in. Bidding will start after the RING business meeting at approximately 8:00 PM .

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