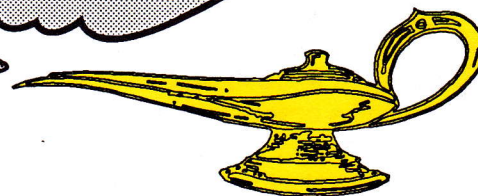


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1995-1996 Installation Banquet

Word is out, the Ring 76 1995-96 installation banquet promises to be the best installation banquet ever.

The Installation Banquet is scheduled Monday July 10, 1995, at the Regency Plaza Hotel in Hotel Circle. Our headliner, Mr. Harry Eng, is a world class performer with impressive credentials.

Mr. Eng has a number of television appearances locally, nationally and internationally. Among these: *San Diego At Large* (1990), *Son Of A Gun* (1992 & 94), *CNN* (1993), *The Jim Hopkins Show* (1992 & 94), *The Jonathan Ross Show* (1992) and *Noruhodol The World* (1992).

The festivities begin with the *No Host Bar* at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Regency's fabulous dinner at 7:30 p.m. This year's Banquet is also the summer's bargain event. Tickets, for Ring 76 members and non-members alike is only \$13. Imagine, dinner and entertainment in Southern California's for only \$13 a person. And the bargain doesn't stop there. Included

with the purchase of installation banquet tickets, Ring 76 members get the Harry Eng Lecture, on July 11, at no additional cost. Non-members who attend the banquet can attend the lecture for a mere \$7 additional (or pay \$20 to join Ring 76 for 1995 and get the lecture for free! \$10 for Ring members for the lecture only).

Tickets are going fast and there is limited seating available. Since this event is open to both Ring 76 members and non-members alike, plan to get yours today! Posters have begun to appear around town and the word is getting around quickly. Call Julie Dale at (619) 562-7379 to reserve your place or mail (we suggest express mail to ensure your place) your check, payable to **Ring 76, to Julie Dale, 2447 Nielsen Street, El Cajon, CA 92020-0123**.

The Regency Plaza Hotel (291-8790) is located at 1515 Hotel Circle South (right next to Kings Inn) off Interstate 8 (east bound side). See you there.

To The
1994-1995

Ring 76 Board

Thanks

The Members
Ring 76

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PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS

By Rick Waterhouse

This is my final address for 1994-95. I thought I would take a moment to reflect over the last year.

Lectures

San Diego area magicians have been treated to some great lectures in the last year. *The Guild* (north county) hosted a number of lectures, including internationally known Magic Castle performer Terry Lunceford. Ring 76 brought in Aldo Colombini, IBM Ring coordinator Ron London, and magical icon (and repository of knowledge) Billy McComb. Jeff Marcus and I hosted the lovely Hannah Ammar and her husband Michael while Craig Stone and Ruben Padilla brought in one of (if not the) greatest living card men, Martin Nash. Coming up are lectures by creative genius Harry Eng and close-up master Mike Close (sponsored by Dick Dale) Whew!! There were others, those are only the ones that sprung to mind.

So there were plenty of learning opportunities over the last year. In addition to lectures, Ring 76 held hands-on pre-meeting workshops covering False Shuffles (thanks Brad!!!), False Cuts, Coin Basics, and the classic Haunted Pack effect. We held an auction/swapmeet that was one of our best attended events.

Location

We have moved to a new location which has been generally praised for its atmosphere, but is often damned for its location. In spite of this location issue, I think that this has given us a marked improvement in image to our guests and new members. Over the next year, we might want to see what we can do to improve the location while maintaining the ambiance. Thanks go to Dick Dale for getting us the contact with our new hosts at the Hungry Hunter.

Finances

About four years ago, Ring 76 was in the unenviable position of running out of money before the year was out. This became a priority for the club's officers to correct. Each successive year thereafter, our position has become stronger. This year we began with a fairly strong treasury. As a result, we have been able to absorb expenses such as an expanded and improved newsletter, and the cost of the entertainment for the banquet. Although we are comfortable, we must watch the treasury with considerable care to avoid slipping into dangerous waters again. As our fiscal strength grows, the members of Ring 76 will be challenged to find appropriate ways to invest our excess cash (we're not quite there yet) in magical projects. Other established rings hold regional conventions, contests, mega-swap meets, and community/ social events. Assuming we break even on the installation banquet, we begin the next year with approximately \$450 in checking and \$1,068.00 in our savings account (and \$450 in payables).

Membership

In 1994-1995, we had over 75 members. Several members moved out of town, editor emeritus, Frank Syren moved a bit further away, some members dropped out, and new members joined us. After the installation banquet dust has settled I'll give you a more up to date membership standing. We may find that its time to try to coax some of our former members back into the fold.

Behind the Scenes

This last year we started using name tags, but we didn't really maintain the process well. This coming year we will generate new name tags as members join or change their names. We also started a member directory to help us get to know each other and serve as a phone list for ring business only. We can expect a larger directory since a larger percentage of members elected to participate. Last year I mentioned appointing a group historian to document our past and give us a foundation upon which to document our activities for our successors in the future. This project has not yet been finished, but Fred Roher and Dick Bush (with an assist from Jim Reily) have started the laborious process of researching our history through old ring reports and so forth.

In closing, we have had a great deal of breadth to our activities over the year. Through the club and other sponsors, a great deal of talent has been brought to town to teach us magic ranging from easy, through approachable straight to PhD level. Based on the lecture schedule, the workshops, and the chance to work ourselves out at the meeting, we should all be ready for the Leno show. Or not. As we go into the future, I would like to ponder what we can do to accompany our breadth with a bit of depth.

http://www Magic Webs and Nets

Remember Herbert Becker, author of the *All The Secrets of Magic Revealed?* He now has a Web page (<http://florida.com/magic>). It is good for a laugh, if you're connected (but it's more a waste of time). Here's a sample from his page about his book (this material was not shown as copyrighted) "Most ... press centered on how magic would be ruined ... (l)ittle consideration was given to ... Becker ... he was counting on earning an income from (the book's) sale."

Another internet notable was the addition of a newsgroup *alt.magic.secrets* (where, incidentally I found Becker's Web page address). This News group purports to expose the secrets of magic. Most of what's there is gibberish, but there are some posts that expose. With under 300 posts, magic is not in serious jeopardy yet.



Meeting Memories

Mark Flores

The 23 members and 5 guests of Ring 76 enjoyed a pre-meeting instructional teach-in by VP Greg Wauson on the topic of coin magic. Greg demonstrated and gave helpful advice about the muscle pass, which he says can be master-ed with some good old fashioned practice and perseverance. He also imparted some of his advice about the retention vanish, a very useful sleight. Greg incorporated these effects into his Hoppety-Hop Halves routine to the delight of his audience. Jeff Marcus then reiterated a

variation of the retention vanish and some finesse with the French drop using a 'heel steal' and thumb clip. Finally, veteran Roy Armstrong performed a wonderful coin in/through handkerchief routine that had everyone's attention.

In the business portion of the meeting, it was announced that the Constitution and by-laws for Ring 76 were being updated, and the club would be able to ratify the changes at a meeting in the near-future. The Ring 76 Installation Banquet date has been determined; Monday, July 10, at the Regency Plaza Villani's Restaurant. A no-host bar and social hour will commence at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:30. Emcee Harry Eng will perform at the banquet and give a lecture the following evening, 7:00 p.m., at the hotel to any interested Banquet-goers. The Banquet will cost \$13.00 which includes dinner, entertainment and a lecture! You'll never find a better deal! Make your reservations with Julie Dale (562-7379) ASAP. The club recognized and praised our new editor, Jim Fry, who provided a new format and fresh air into Magiccurrents, the Ring 76 newsletter.

June was also election month, and the nominating committee presented their slate for 1995-96: President - Rick Waterhouse, Vice President - Greg Wauson, Treasurer - Jim Jolly, Secretary - Jim Fry, Sergeant-at-Arms - Dick Bush and Board Members - Mark Flores and Sherry Luft. The club unanimously accepted the slate of officers for next year. Congratulations to all!

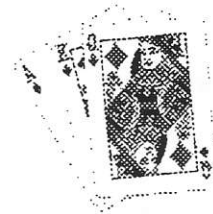
Board Report

The Board met at the Dales at 7pm and discussed the Installation Banquet. A fee of \$10 was unanimously voted for Mr. Eng's lecture. The Board discussed and voted on opening up the Banquet to non-

members to attract outside interest in the Ring.

Member News

Well?



At The Shops

Brad Burt's
4690 Convoy
San Diego, CA
(619) 571-4749

Hours: M-T 10:00-6:00

Friday 10:00-8:00

Sat: 12-4 Sun: 12-4

Brad says that all he has to do is type up an HTML page (HoT Magic Lingo) and his World Wide Web (WWW) site will be up and running and ready for the Magicians of the 21st century. For most of us that have known Brad, for him to find a spare moment to do anything is - well - mythical (or was that magical?). He is so committed to so many things.

Brad has nearly completed Volumes 13, 14, 15 and 16 of the Brad Burt video series. In about a week or two, all these fine videos will be available. Volume 13 is Link Rings (\$30), Volume 14 is Side Steals (\$40), Volume 15 is Classic Pass (\$40) and Volume 16 is Forcing (\$40). Brad says he's already received an order for the series when he merely mentioned they were coming out. Stop by to say hi when you're in the neighborhood.

The Magic Shop

849 W. Harbor Drive
San Diego, CA
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Hours: Sun-Sat 10:00-10:00

Open late every day of the week for the night owls. Conveniently located in downtown's Seaport Village.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE	5	6	7	8
9	10 Installation Banquet (\$13) 6:30 pm Regency Plaza Hotel Contact: Julie Dale 562-7379	11 Harry Eng Lecture (free*/\$10) 7 pm @ Regency Plaza Hotel, Contact: Julie Dale 562-7379	12	13	14	15
16	17 Board Mtg 7pm - Jim Jolly's - 273-8485 2980 Caminito Niquel	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Michael Close Lecture (\$15) 7 pm Lemon Grove Rec Ctr 3146 School Lane, Lemon Grove Contact: Dick Dale 562-7379					

July 1995

At The Castle

June 26, 1995

Closeup Gallery

(Early 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 - Late 10:30, 11:30, 12:30)

- E: Bob Jardine
- L: Chuck Fayne

Parlour

(Early 7:45, 8:45, 9:30 - Late 10:15, 11:15, 12:15)

- E: David Avadon
- L: Billy McComb

Palace of Mystery

(8:30, 10:00, 11:15)

- Terry Seabrook
- Mystina
- Les Cattarius

July 3, 1995

Closeup Gallery

(Early 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 - Late 10:30, 11:30, 12:30)

- E: Peter Samelson
- L: Michael Hack

Parlour

(Early 7:45, 8:45, 9:30 - Late 10:15, 11:15, 12:15)

- E: Steve Barnes
- L: George Tovar

Palace of Mystery

(8:30, 10:00, 11:15)

- Ed Alonzo
- Mike Elkan
- Loren Michaels

July 10, 1995

Closeup Gallery

(Early 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 - Late 10:30, 11:30, 12:30)

- E: Mike Barger
- L: George Millward

Parlour

(Early 7:45, 8:45, 9:30 - Late 10:15, 11:15, 12:15)

- E: Jonathon Neal
- L: Tom Ogden

Palace of Mystery

(8:30, 10:00, 11:15)

- Brian Gillis
- Ray Pierce Show

(All shows subject to change. Information based on best available at press time. Call the Magic Castle for up to date information.)

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