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Close-up is Close to Happening Annual Event Fills up Fast

As the cold winter months move on (well, cold for San Diego) Ring 76 will continue to warm the hearts and magical talents of all its members. The next six months will be filled with the kind of conjuring entertainment you have come to expect.

February 10th is our annual Close-Up contest. We already have a full slate of contestants and the waiting list is quite extensive as well. This may be our most exciting event in some time. We will use the same setup we did last year with one table and the performer doing his or her act for the whole audience. The acts can go no longer than eight minutes with an official timekeeper and a one-minute notice. The winners of the contest will be announced at the Installation Banquet in July. To enhance audience viewing, **Dan Thomas**, owner of The Gathering restaurant, who hired magicians for over 30 years, has donated a big screen monitor and 90% of the funds for our new camera system. I will have a Thank You card at the next meeting for all of you to sign. Let us all show our appreciation.

March 10th will feature Mini Lectures for the Ring provided by Ring members. Five members will rotate to five tables in the room, teaching at each table for twelve minutes. A time person will notify the lecturers at the eleven-minute mark so no one runs over. The teachers for the evening will be:

Max—Thump tip ideas
Micah—Sponge balls
Misha—Coins
Miquel—Cards
Magic Mike—Ropes

On April 14th the Ring will have its regular You Fooled Us! contest. This totally original and copyright-friendly event will allow you to try and fool a panel of judges well-versed in the conjuring arts. Details are on the Ring 76 website and if you are interested in pitting your skills against the masters, or are a master who would like to judge, please contact “Magic Mike” Stilwell.

May 12th will be our annual Stand-Up competition and June will feature not only dues due and the election for the new Board of Directors, but we are working on a surprise we hope you will all enjoy. More details to follow next month.

“Magic Mike” Stilwell,
V.P. Entertainment

Ring 76's Alvin Helps Victims of Palisades Fire

Ring 76 member Alvin Revilas took it upon himself to drive from San Diego to the Magic Castle in Los Angeles on January 14th to bring aid supplies for the beleaguered victims of the Palisades fires, still burring out of control at that time. This is his brief report of that trip.

Early morning start by filling up the minivan's gas tank before leaving San Diego. The path up seemed not quite direct and I presumed my smartphone navigation was trying to route me away from traffic.

I got to the Castle, the first time for me, and made sure I was as polite and as clear as possible with the traffic volunteers. The driveway hill made driving slowly a little awkward. The Castle had posted on its



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Ring 76 2025 Calendar

February 10th - Closeup Contest

March 10th - Mini Lectures

April 14th - You Fooled Us! Competition (pg 9)

***Opportunity for Members to Perform**

Direct any questions concerning the calendar to V.P. of Entertainment, “Magic Mike” Stilwell at magicmike@Ring76.com.

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**Donations, from Pg 1**

Instagram account, “From 10am to 3pm, we’ll transform our parking lot into a space of comfort, offering meals, snacks, and donated essentials to those affected by the fires. Strolling magicians will also spread joy to all who visit.”



The donations setup resembled a few drive-through donation events I’ve helped in the past. The volunteers at these stations adapted quickly to me being a supplier instead of a victim. They quickly sorted the donations and got the items to the respective tents. As I left

the donations area to a clear spot, a couple of other volunteers asked me if there was anything else that needed to be done.

Because I was getting hurried about moments before, I thought I was done, so I was led out. I forgot to just take a five minute break inside the Castle’s parking lot and just savor the atmosphere and take more photos.

So, I seemingly was at the Magic Castle for about five minutes, and not as a tourist or magician, but as a simple delivery driver. Not bad, but I want to have a better experience next time.

Alvin Revilas

IBM Ring 76 meets every second Monday of the month at the Rec Hall of the Immaculate Conception Church in Old Town, San Diego, California. Unless otherwise specified, the doors will open at 6:30pm and the meeting will begin at 7:00pm.

January Ring Meeting had Entertainment “In the Bag”

With the start of the new calendar year, Ring 76 had its first meeting “bagged and ready to go,” so to speak. The theme of the evening was **Bag Night**, a challenge to any magician, and that challenge was met with a talented list of performers.

The meeting was called to order by **President Josh Sherwin**, who welcomed 32 members and 10 guests. The business meeting was short, with Josh announcing that next month’s Close-up Contest is full and has a wait-list should a contestant cancel. **Mark Booth** announced plans for Magic Live and talked about the changes this year in groupings, encouraging anyone who was planning on going to sign up immediately. Finally, **Alvin Revilas** announced he was driving up relief supplies to the Magic Castle to aid the magicians, and other people,



impacted by the devastating fires in Los Angeles. Several Ring 76 members contributed money to his efforts.

With that, the meeting was turned over to V.P. of Entertainment, “**Magic Mike**” Stilwell, who thanked **Max with an X**, **Alvin Revilas**, and **Callahan**, who helped at the Epiphany service at the Immaculate Conception Church. **Vic Ballesteros**, who did his 20 minute comedy magic show at the event, was especially recognized. The Ring often shows its appreciation for the use of the Rec Hall by providing entertainment.

Next up was the main event of the night. “**Magic Mike**” organized the bags used for “**Bag Night**.” Eight bags were filled with props, gimmicks, or other effects, and placed on the stage. Seven members, all of whom had previously signed up, bravely volunteered to perform using *only the items found in the bag they were given*. They had 15 minutes to examine the items and create a presentation. They could ask one other member to help in this endeavor. At the end of the 15 minutes, the show started. This is a most challenging event as no one other than “**Magic Mike**” knew the contents of each bag.



First up was **Mark Booth**, who was provided with half a deck of cards and a Presto-Change O machine. When the chosen card turned out to be wrong, Mark used his machine to change it into the right one.



Next up was **Ms. Charley**, who had a number of matchboxes and a deck of cards. The selected card vanished from the deck but magically appeared in one of the chosen matchboxes, to the amazement of the audience.

This was followed by the team of **Max with an X** and **Greg Wauson**. Max vanished a ball, then tossed an invisible ball into a paper bag held by Greg, where the ball reappeared. Max then produced three diaper pins, each containing beads of different colors. As the beads were red, white, and blue, Max assured us that these were the very diaper pins used by George Washington, the Father of our Country. Max then turned his back and used his patriotic senses to correctly guess the color of beads on the pins placed in his hands by members of the audience.



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Bag Night from Pg 2



Paul Dwork found his bag contained what he said was the other half of the deck used by Mark Booth earlier. He assured members of the audience that each card was different by showing the audience the cards' faces, but the face of each card was obviously a mirror. One card was chosen and in the end, all the cards were face up except for the chosen card.

Callahan and Micah had a coin box and two quarters. They vanished the quarters and made them reappear as a Fifty-Cent piece, which Micah then magically separated back into two quarters.



Misha Osinovskiy discovered his bag contained a production box, a sponge-ball, which he converted into a clown nose, balls, which he juggled, and a deck of cards. He had a card chosen, the deck vanished into the box and was replaced by a bunny silk, streamers, a mouth coil, and finally the chosen card.

Gary Dismukes was the final performer of the evening and he discovered that his bag contained a Temple Screen, which he used to produce a host of impressive items even though he freely showed the screen to be empty on both sides. Amazing!

This was a performance night so members voted on who they thought did the best job. All of those votes go into the tally of *Entertainer of the Year*, presented at the Installation Banquet in July. **Mark Booth** won Performer of the Evening.



After the collection of the ballots, the Opportunity drawing was held, and winning audience members had a wide variety of magical treasures to take home. With that, the meeting was drawn to a close.

See Page 10 for a photo of all the performers and their helpers.

Online Valentine-Themed Magic

Given that Valentine's Day is in February, your newsletter editor searched for and found plenty of Valentine-themed magic around the Internet.



For those of us who do shows on a regular basis and particularly for those who entertain the young, these inexpensive illusions can be shown and given to your "special helpers." (Funexpress.com)



There are also magic Valentines that come in a variety of characters. For a modest fee these can be printed to reward the birthday child and those that help Mr. Magic. (Swirlyworld.com)





Shavings from the Board

Ring 76 Board of Directors meets every fourth Monday (except December) at 7 pm, via Zoom. All members are welcome to attend.



President Josh Sherwin called the meeting to order via Zoom on Monday, January 27th. This was the first meeting of the new year and the first Board meeting since November, as the Board does not meet in December.

The first order of business was a quick review of the December Holiday Pot Luck and the January “Bag Night” meeting. It was generally felt that the Holiday Potluck went very well with a smooth execution of meal service and the entertainment being particularly well received. Several Board members said they had positive feedback not only from the magician members but the guests as well. “Bag Night” in January also had a positive review though it was suggested that when we do this again the use of extra props brought by the performers may or may not be allowed. That would be determined by the Board closer to the actual meeting. Overall both meetings were viewed as rousing successes.

The next order of business was the upcoming Close-Up Contest at the February meeting. “Magic Mike” Stilwell announced that we already had a full slate of performers signed up and there was an ample waiting list. This was greeted as positive as there have been recent years when contestants were hard to find. Each performer will be at a table in front of the audience and only have to perform once. This was a deviation from recent years when the audience was divided into small groups and performers had to go from table to table. The Board felt it was better for both the magician and the audience if we went with the one-table, one-performance model this year. In addition to the one table, the Ring will be providing camera coverage of the contestants so that the whole audience can have a better vantage. Mark Booth found a camera system he felt would suit this setup and the Board authorized him to purchase it. In addition to the Close-Up Contest, “Magic Mike” also announced there would be an audition for membership making February a full meeting indeed.

It was proposed that a directory of member’s non-magic abilities be crafted so that members could seek out other members for services other than magic. James Thayer pointed out that most Ring members have wanted, in the past, to keep their personal and business lives separate from their Ring activities. It was decided to suggest this to the Ring membership and get their input about this.

The rest of the Ring business consisted of James announcing that we now have 77 members. In addition, the Ring treasury is doing quite well. The rest of the year’s Ring meeting themes were then discussed and approved. The final business was the announcement that Secretary Richard Ustick was going to move out of the area in the next few months so a new secretary and newsletter editor would have to be found for the remainder of the term of office.

With that, the meeting was adjourned.

Ring 76 After-Meeting

Join us for our post-meeting meeting! Many of us gather together to eat and talk magic and news of the world after our monthly meetings. We can be found at the Denny’s in Mission Valley, 1065 Camino Del Rio South, right across I-8 from Target. See you there!



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MEMBERS ONLY FACEBOOK GROUP

MagiCurrents is a large endeavor every month. The editors make a concerted effort to bring information to Ring members about events in the past and upcoming news, including the latest on magic events all across San Diego. We welcome all the help that Ring members give us in getting this periodical out. This month’s photographs were provided by **James Thayer & Richard Ustick**. Thank you for all your hard work!





Ex Libris

By Gary D. Salisbury



Welcome to Ex Libris, my monthly newsletter article about the 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 they came from the library of its owner. For example: "*Ex Libris: Gary Salisbury*" is on all my personal books.

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

Someone recently asked me, "*What is the Ring 76 Library?*" I responded, "It is currently over 1,000 volumes of magic books and magazines, all available for check-out. It is 801 magic audiobooks, 1,749 magic instruction videos, 92 full length magic movies, 11 albums of magic music (some royalty free), 1,550 magic performance videos (many classics), 10 podcasts (over 2,000 episodes that we co-host), 23 magic TV series, a photo warehouse (where we save all our Ring 76 activity photos) and all this is available for streaming from the *Ring 76 Magic Media Server*."

It is also a museum for a collection of historic Ring 76 memorabilia from one of our founders, Honest Sid Gerhart. It is a magical learning source unparalleled in the entire IBM organization and it is funded totally from donations and fundraising efforts that I have engaged in on your behalf."

WHAT'S NEW AT YOUR LIBRARY?

Library Donations:

We had several generous donations from members last month including a generous donation from a former member's widow.

- Lynn White donated a number of boxes of books, videos, and some props from Jack White's library. Thank you, Lynn.
- Charlie Gott donated 4 boxes of magazines and 2 boxes of props. Thank you, Charlie.
- Doctor X donated 57 more magic-oriented audiobooks that are now on the Magic Media Server. Thank you, Dr. X!

We need your DVDs, VHS tapes, and video downloads. They will be put on the *Ring 76 Magic Media Server* so you will still be able to watch them or check the physical media back out. Please help.

Sharing is good! Sharing is fun!

Funding & Expenditures:

Summary: We made \$19.00 from the *50/50 Opportunity drawing*, \$102.00 from the *Door Prize drawing*, and \$31.00 from *Library Sales & Donations*. We had to purchased Banker's Boxes to hold the Jack White library donation, a new label printer (the old label printer died) and new labels, leaving the library Petty Cash at \$60.99.

We have other things to purchase for the library but I am holding off until the cash balance increases and am only focusing on essentials at this time. The library needs to be fed in order to keep it alive, so your donations would be greatly appreciated.



Ring 76 Magical Arts Library (Books):

We did not purchase any printed books this month but received a large donation of books from Jack White's widow, Lynn White.

Ring 76 Magic Media Server (Streaming Service):

We currently have a wide variety of magic oriented material on the Ring 76 Magic Media server in hopes to have something of interest for everyone. Please tell me if there is something else you would like to see there. We have lots of new things this month. You need to get logged on and do some exploring.

In the *Magic Audiobooks* library we have 39 new items:

- Annabel Chase-Spellbound Paranormal Cozy Mysteries-1-3-Wands in a Lifetime
- Annabel Chase-Spellbound Paranormal Cozy Mystery-4-Lucky Charm
- Annabel Chase-Spellbound Paranormal Cozy Mystery-10-All Spell Breaks Loose
- Annette Marie-Spellbound-1-Three Mages and a Margarita
- Annette Marie-Spellbound-2-Dark Arts and a Daiquiri
- Annette Marie-Spellbound-3-Two Witches and a Whiskey
- Annette Marie-Spellbound-4-Demon Magic and a Martini
- Annette Marie-Spellbound-5-The Alchemist and an Amaretto
- Annette Marie-Spellbound-6-Druid Vices and a Vodka
- Annette Marie-Spellbound-7-Lost Talismans and a Tequila
- Annette Marie-Spellbound-8-Damned Souls and a Sangria
- BR Kingsolver-Rift Chronicles-1-Magitek
- Barbara Meiklejohn-Scottish Witchcraft, A Complete Guide to Authentic Folklore, Spells & Magical Tools
- Bella Falls-Southern Charms Cozy Mystery-1-Moonshine & Magic
- Bella Falls-Southern Charms Cozy Mystery-2-Fried Chicken & Fangs
- Bella Falls-Southern Charms Cozy Mystery-3-Sweet Tea & Spells
- Bella Falls-Southern Charms Cozy Mystery-4-Barbecue & Brooms
- Bella Falls-Southern Charms Cozy Mystery-6-Cornbread & Crossroads
- Bella Falls-Southern Relics Cozy Mysteries-1-Flea Market Magic
- Bella Falls-Southern Relics Cozy Mysteries-2-Rags to Witches
- Bella Falls-Southern Relics Cozy Mysteries-3-Pickups and Pirates
- Bella Falls-Southern Relics Cozy Mysteries-4-Vintage Vampire
- Ben S. Dobson-Magebreakers-1-The Flaw in All Magic
- Ben S. Dobson-Magebreakers-2-The Emperor's Mask
- Brandon Sanderson-Alcatraz vs The Evil Librarians-1-Alcatraz vs The Evil Librarians



- Brandon Sanderson-Alcatraz vs The Evil Librarians-2-The Scrivener's Bones
- Brandon Sanderson-Alcatraz vs The Evil Librarians-3-The Knights of Crystallia
- Brandon Sanderson-Alcatraz vs The Evil Librarians-4-The Shattered Lens
- Brandon Sanderson-Alcatraz vs The Evil Librarians-6-Bastille vs. the Evil Librarians
- Carolyn Ridder Aspenson-First in Series Paranormal Cozy Mysteries Collection
- Constance Barker-Potion Commotion Mystery-7 Books
- Cory Thomas Hutcheson-New World Witchery, A Trove of North American Folk Magic
- DB King-The Last Magus-1-Natural Magic
- DB King-The Last Magus-2-Academic Magic
- DB King-The Last Magus-3-Familiar Magic
- Dakota Brown-Mountain Magic-1-Becoming, A Reverse Harem Tale
- Dan Baum-Nine Lives Mystery-Magic, Death, & Life in New Orleans
- Gigi Pandian-Jaya Jones Treasure Hunt Mystery-4-Michelangelo's Ghost
- Danielle Garrett-Touch of Magic Mysteries-0.5-3-The Complete Touch of Magic Series
- Devon Monk-Ordinary Magic-1-Death and Relaxation
- Devon Monk-Ordinary Magic-2-Devils and Details
- Diana L. Paxson-Taking Up the Runes, A Complete Guide to Using Runes in Spells, Rituals, Divination, & Magic
- Diane Smith-Wicca and Witchcraft for Dummies
- Donna Barba Higuera-The Last Cuentista
- Joseph Murphy-Psychic Perception, The Magic of Extrasensory Power
- Elaine Burkett-Magical, A Pride and Prejudice Fantasy Variation
- Elena Lawson-Arcane Arts Academy-1-Of Wolves & Witches
- Eliphas Lévi-The Doctrine and Ritual of High Magic, A New Translation
- Elizabeth Hartwell-Guardians of the Fae-1-Guardians of Magic
- Elizabeth Pantley-Magical Mystery Book Club-1-Shifting and Shenanigans
- Elizabeth Pantley-Magical Mystery Book Club-2-Vampires and Villains
- Elizabeth Pantley-Magical Mystery Book Club-3-Cowboys and Chaos
- Elizabeth Pantley-Magical Mystery Book Club-4-Bakeries and Buffoonery

- Elizabeth Pantley-Magical Mystery Book Club-5-Genies and Gibberish
- Elizabeth Pantley-Magical Mystery Book Club-6-Secrets and Scurlywags
- Elizabeth Pantley-Magical Mystery Book Club-7-Sprites and Scuttlebutt
- Elizabeth Pantley-Magical Mystery Book Club-8-Meditation and Mischief

In the **Magic Instruction** library, you will finally find 24 new DVDs and VHS tapes that the club owns that have been digitized for streaming. There is some really GREAT stuff here.

- Bob Sheets-It's The Rules (Dice Routines)
- Cosmos-Ultimate Out of this World Experience
- Derek Dingle-Card & Coin Magic
- Docc Hilford-The Confidence Man
- Docc Hilford-Ultimate Mindreading
- Henry Evans-Something More Than An Illusion
- Jay Sankey-Welcome To Sankey Magic
- Marc Spelman-Glimse 20-20
- Richard Osterlind-13 Steps
- Whit Hayden-Ring Routine-1
- Zoran-Zoran's Horror Messer

In the **Magic Performances** library we have just added:

- IBM Convention-2003-Kansas City-Stage Competition
- IBM Convention-2004-Cleveland-Stage Competition-1
- IBM Convention-2004-Cleveland-Stage Competition-2
- IBM Convention-2004-Cleveland-Stage Competition-3
- IBM Convention-2004-Cleveland-Stage Competition-4
- IBM-SAM Convention 2008-Banquet Show-1
- IBM-SAM Convention 2008-Banquet Show-2
- IBM-SAM Convention 2008-Banquet Show-3
- IBM-SAM Convention 2008-Close Up Competition Finals
- IBM-SAM Convention 2008-Close Up Competition Show-1b
- IBM-SAM Convention 2008-Close Up Competition Show-2
- IBM-SAM Convention 2008-Close Up Competition, Show-1a
- IBM-SAM Convention 2008-Close-up Gala Show
- IBM-SAM Convention 2008-International Gala Show-1
- IBM-SAM Convention 2008-International Gala Show-2
- IBM-SAM Convention 2008-North American Gala Show



- IBM-SAM Convention 2008-Opening Show
- IBM-SAM Convention 2008-Stage Competition Final Award Show
- IBM-SAM Convention 2008-Stage Competition Show 2
- IBM-SAM Convention 2008-Stage Competition Show-1a
- IBM-SAM Convention 2008-Stage Competition Show-1b
- IBM-SAM Convention 2008-Stage Competition Show-3a
- IBM-SAM Convention 2008-Stage Competition Show-3b
- Kalamar-Okito's Floating Ball

Note: The IBM-SAM Convention Videos are from a limited set of only six ever made that were intended only for IBM and SAM VIPs, not for general distribution. Here is your rare chance to see some excellent performances and award winners.

In the **Magic Music** library we have just added:

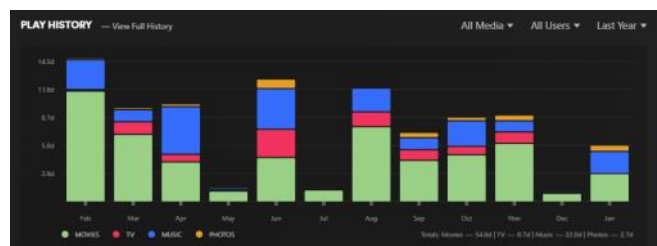
- Laflin Magic Royalty Free Music for Entertainers

As you can see, I have been very busy adding new media for you. I work on the server one to six hours a day. It is only beneficial if you take advantage of it, so get logged on and start exploring.

Plex only offers four categories for our eight separate libraries:

- **Movie Category** in **green** (Magic Instruction, Magic Movies, & Magic Performances)
- **TV Category** in **red** (Magic TV Shows)
- **Music Category** in **blue** (Magic Audiobooks, Magic Music, & Magic Podcasts)
- **Photos Category** in **orange** (Ring 76 Photos and Videos)

Here is the utilization report from the past month:



Server utilization has increased from December to January. Watch and see what happens next month. With all this new material I expect it to increase.

This magic machine is your key to *learning* and *being entertained*. It is a benefit from being a Ring 76 member so please make use of it.

Do you have an account on the Ring 76 Magic Media Server yet? It is the best thing since Netflix and it's FREE for members of IBM Ring 76! Send me a request at librarian@ring76.com.

How would you like to be featured on the Ring 76 Magic Media Server? Just forward any of your performance videos to me and I will put them on the server in the **Magic Performances** library where everyone can see you perform.



UPDATE: PLEX now offers rental movies via streaming just like Netflix. Be sure to check it out.

UPDATE: Tired of high cable TV bills? Would you like to watch free movies & live TV? You've come to the right place. We've got bunches of them here on the Ring 76 Magic Media Server and you can start watching right now, all courtesy of PLEX! There is a wide selection of gandra to choose from.



WATCH THIS: Here is a short video on how to watch the over 800 channels of free TV from the PLEX Magic Media Server:

<https://watch.plex.tv/watch/video?uri=provider%3A%2F%2Ftv.plex.provider.vod%2Flibrary%2Fmetadata%2F66e319d4361d05521fb973d1%2Fextras%2F66e319d4361d05521fb973d1&context.page=on-demand.list&context.groupID=plex-proweek&context.groupIndex=0&context.itemIndex=9>



SPECIAL OFFER: Do you have your eye on a video from your favorite magic dealer but were holding back because of the cost? Have I got a deal for you! Just tell me what you want to buy and I will take a look at it. If there are funds and it is something that would benefit all the members, then I may be able to purchase it and put it on our Magic Media Server where you and others members can enjoy it.

LIBRARY CHECK OUT PROCEDURE

Members may contact me 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, either by e-mail (at librarian@ring76.com) or by cell phone (voice or text) at 619-569-6035 to let me know what you would like to check out. (If you do not hear back from me within 24 hours, there may have been a technical problem so call me.) I will make sure the item(s) get to the next monthly meeting or you can pick it up at my home in Blossom Valley.

There is a limit of 4 items per month. You will need to sign the library card attached to the item along with your phone number. We ask that you return the items to the library on or before the monthly meeting for the following month (for example: If you check out a book at the July meeting, it should be returned on or before the August meeting). If need be, you can keep the book or video again if nobody else has requested it but you must sign for it again.

Our objective is to build the best magic reference library in the entire IBM organization world-wide but we need your help to do that. Please return over-due books & videos and donate regularly to your library. The library is here so YOU can learn how to perform magic. Use it! Am I doing a good job for you? Do I meet your needs? Please email me with any comments or suggestions.

Non-urgent communications will always be done via my *Ex Libris*-newsletter article while more urgent communications will be done by a *Ring 76 Librarygram* emailed to:

ring76members@googlegroups.com.

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What you believe is real, is real.

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From my secret underground bunker, hidden deep in the hills outside San Diego, California, I wish you a magical month, Happy Holidays and will see you again in the next newsletter. May the *Classic Force* be with you.



BONUS FEATURE—A Blast from the Past

Did you know that there was a San Diego Magic Club over 90 years ago? What were they doing at club meetings? Here is a reprint from the September, **1938 Genii Magazine**.

SAN DIEGO MAGICIAN'S CLUB REPORT

By "Mike" Hazelip

The August, 1938 Social Meeting of the **San Diego Magician's Club** was held at the home of *Carl H. Heilbron*, Vice President. The program was opened by *Jessie Temple* with a Magical Reading regarding magic. Next, *Robert Lathrop* with a Silk Production, Dice Box and Hat Trick, Water Mephisto; closing with various card tricks with a good line of patter throughout the act. *Marvin Hulick* opened with a very timely political gag with a white skull with a straw hat on, creating many laughs from the audience. Also, *Vanishing Wand*, a clever paper cutting and restored strip of paper; closing with "*Oscar*," a fist puppet monkey, which brought many laughs with his various antics. *Alfred Henning* with a card effect, assisted by "*Otto*" the Duck, and was well received. *Sven Lindquist* with a clever Cut and Restored Rope Trick and the Dollar Bill found in the Lemon had them guessing as to how it was done. Next, the Peking Wands with a good routine. Closing with the old reliable Chinese Rings, but an excellent trick in the hands of *Sven Lindquist*. *Sidney Fleichman*, clever with Multiplying Billiard Balls, closing with Torn and Restored Napkin Trick, to a good round of applause.

C. W. Fait, President of the club, was Master of Ceremonies. Refreshments were served and about thirty guests enjoyed the show. San Diego Magicians' August Business Meeting:
The following officers we reelected for the coming year:

- *C. W. Fait*, President;
- *Carl H. Heilbron*, Vice President;
- *B. O. Lacy*, Secretary;
- *Thomas Bannon*, Treasurer;
- *Ezra Domnitz*, Master of Arms;
- *Marvin L. Hulick*, Publicity





You Fooled Us!

Yes, it's coming back by popular demand. "You Fooled Us!" will be back at our April meeting! Why are we telling you two months in advance? Well, it's not easy to fool our knowledgeable judges, so you may need this much time to prepare your magical trickery.

There is only the slightest of similarities (ahem!) between our contest and one we've heard is on TV. For those who are new to Ring 76 and weren't at any of the meetings when we've played *You Fooled Us!*, the object is simple. Perform a magic trick for the audience, including two pre-selected judges. The judges then put their heads together for a brief time to come up with the most likely method of how the effect was accomplished. If the judges are incorrect, you have fooled them and you win a beautiful plaque created by our own Gary Salisbury. If the judges are correct and you did not fool them, you pay \$100. *Ok, just kidding about that part.* The point is you can win something and there's no risk to lose anything!

We're talking big-time fame and booty here and we're now looking for those hearty individuals willing to take on the challenge. Step right up and take the bull by the horns. If you want to be a player, send an email to "Magic Mike" Stilwell at Magicmike@Ring76.com. He'll gladly put you on the list of people who thrive on adventure and live life to the fullest!



Internet Links to Enhance your Magic

A special thanks to Librarian Gary Salisbury and Webmaster James Thayer for organizing a library of Internet links that will, we are sure, improve your overall skills, not only in magic but in presentation as well. The links can be found on the Ring 76 web page (www.ring76.com) under the main menu, Magic Links, or by following this particular link:

<https://www.ring76.com/html/magiclinks.php>

Check it out and enjoy! -ed



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Joint I.B.M. and S.A.M. Ethics Statement

The International Brotherhood of Magicians and the Society of American Magicians join in recommending that all magicians adhere to the following code of ethical conduct

- Oppose the willful exposure to the public of any principles of the Art of Magic or the method employed in any magic effect or illusion.
- Display ethical behavior in the presentation of magic to the public and in our conduct as magicians, including not interfering with or jeopardizing the performance of another magician, either through personal intervention or the unauthorized use of another's creation.
- Recognize and respect for rights of the creators, inventors, authors and owners of magic concepts, presentations, effect and literature, and their rights to have exclusive use of, or to grant permission for the use of by others of such creations.
- Discourage false and misleading statements in the advertising of effects and literature merchandise or actions pertaining to the magical arts.
- Discourage advertisement in magical publication for any magical apparatus, effect, literature of other materials for which the advertiser does not have commercial rights.
- Promote the humane treatment and care of livestock used in magical performances.

Each organization expects its members to adhere to the foregoing ethical principles and to educate non-members to the need to adhere to these ethical precepts.