



# ***The Silent Messenger***

Silent Mora–Ray Goulet Ring 122

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## **2019 Magic Contest Was a Success!**



Photo (left to right): Judge Debbie O'Carroll. Contestants Mikey Lee (3<sup>rd</sup> place), Stephen Silva (2<sup>nd</sup> place and People's Choice award), Sergio Sastro (1<sup>st</sup> place), James McDonald, and The Great Scott. Contestant Phil Volonino left before the photo was taken. Judge Alan Wassilak.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual magic competition was well attended and the performances were strong. 17-year-old Sergio Sastro deftly delivered a challenging set of card and Rubic Cube magic that earned him the \$200 first-place prize.

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## **Halloween Magic Meeting**

Our attendance was a bit thin this Halloween time, but that allowed us to sit and chat a bit more than usual. Jim Loscutoff came loaded with fun ideas and props for Halloween magic that he produced from an empty trick-or-treat bag: a snake, a sneaker, Tommy Toilet Paper, and a scary mask. Jim notes that he places the toilet paper on a magic wand that is then held by a child. Jim then helps another child use a leaf blower to make the toilet paper unroll in the air!

## **Next Meeting**

Tuesday, Nov. 26, 7:30 PM

### **Theme: Teach-In**

We have four teachers so far. If you want to teach, contact Pat Farenga.

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Bob Filene did a very nice ring and rope routine, followed by a card trick that ends with the card face changing into the words Happy Halloween.

Alan Wassilak showed four little skulls he purchased from the Dollar Store that were good for palming. Ideas Alan and others had for their use included Grandma's Necklace, squeaker, and creating a skull shell.

Jared McNabb entertained us all with his demonstration of Norm Nielsen's Ghost Catcher trick. The Ghost Catcher is a closeup variation of the Zombie Ball. Jared's demo really grabbed our attention and several members offered ideas for ways to use the clever gimmick, including producing one of Alan's skulls at the end.



New member Dan Hajjar closed the night's magic out with a strong version of Twisting the Aces. —Patrick Farenga



## Dues Are Due!

Dues are \$35 for the email version of *Silent Messenger*, \$45 for postal version. Bring your dues to our next meeting or go online. Venmo: Daryl-Vanderburgh, [dvanderburgh8@gmail.com](mailto:dvanderburgh8@gmail.com), or (508) 314-5271. Zelle: (508) 314-5271. Or send your check, made out to IBM Ring 122 to: Daryl Vanderburgh, 31 Stonebridge Rd, Wayland, MA 01778.

## Derren Brown's Secret

I saw British magician and mentalist Derren Brown's current show on Broadway, Secret, and told the club about at the last meeting. The show ends in January 2020, so if you can see it I urge you to make the effort to do so. It is one of the most stunning displays of showmanship you can see. Brown is doing one-off tricks that he films to promote the show and here are two I think you'll like.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O0F3QK235pU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AXgq1i16pw0>

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