



# *The Silent Messenger*

Silent Mora–Ray Goulet Ring 122

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## Ring 122 November Meeting Report

John Carey was our guest lecturer for our November membership meeting. Prior to John's lecture, club president Ryan Lally described how well the Ring 122 Halloween Zoom Magic show went this past October, our club's first venture into a virtual magic show. It was streamed live from the Ring 122 Facebook page. This prompted discussion of putting on a Holiday Show and Jim Luscutoff volunteered to participate...and well it happened! See the story in this issue.



Next was our excellent John Carey lecture! Carey's tagline for the lecture was "Lots of Magic, Light on Theory." He invited questions and feedback, and amazed us all! John likes to layer his



magical presentations to get multiple oohs and aahs from his audience. John feels that close up magic is truly interactive magic. When doing close up, a magician has to remember to give the effect time to breathe and John's pattern is designed for such moments. John is also exceptionally good about crediting creators of effects that have inspired him.

His first effect he called Five-O in which he appears to lose a selected card but it ends up between two black jacks! Then all the cards turn into jokers except for the selected card and jacks. He has five moments in the effect where he can get a solid reaction so that's why he calls the effect 5-0! 5-0 uses a custom, one-way deck he sells and a force card.

Carey's next event was a mentalism packet effect in which he found an imaginary card by spelling out the words destiny or faith. This effect was inspired by a Max Maven trick and proves that even an equivocca (magicians choice effect) can amaze audiences. Carey says it's all about the language you use that gets the desired moment. His next effect featured four dice in an Italian leather purse with one red die and 3 clear die. This was a variation on a B Wave effect and was another magician's choice. His fourth effect was another mentalism effect called 1 in 52. This was an effect that finds a chosen card and has three outs. This effect can be found in Carey's book Reflections. His fifth presentation was a Rubber Band Restoration which had very clean handling that was based on a Robert Brooks broken and restored rubber band routine. His sixth effect was a Pick a Card effect using a key number between 5 and 10. It was a brand new effect he just debuted online the day before. His seventh effect was a Four Ace production effect based on a Charlie Miller trick. His eighth was called Stealth Aces which was inspired by John Bannon and published in his book, The Carey Files, available from Penguin Magic. He closed his lecture with an 18th Card Effect involving a touch switch. All Ring 122 members are invited to go to John Kerry's website or his Facebook site <https://www.facebook.com/John-Careys-Magic-Shop-106132834306704/> to follow up on how to purchase any of these effects described.



## *President's Message – Ryan Lally*

Dear Compeers,

We've come to the end of quite the bizarre year. Back in January, none of us could predict that we would go almost this entire year without performing a live show. But that's what happened in March, and we are still living through it.

Right from the start of the pandemic, Ring 122 has been working virtually to keep up spirits and to keep the magic alive. We have met every month since March virtually, sharing tricks, discussing ideas, and shooting the breeze. Most impressively, we have had a string of amazing lectures for a fraction of the cost they would have cost in-person.

When the fall came around, we began tackling the challenge of virtual shows. Anyone who has ever produced and performed a live show knows how many small working parts go into the larger machine that the audience sees. Virtual shows are an entirely different creature. While most of us who performed are seasoned performers, we had to learn a completely new way of producing shows with the utmost quality. On top of all of this, we had to rework our shows to fit a virtual audience. Who knew how much trouble could be caused when no one is around to pick a card?

Our Halloween show was a success, and lightning struck twice with our holiday show performed just this month. Dozens of people watched us on Zoom and Facebook Live, participating in virtual magic tricks from all over the world. That wouldn't have been thought of a year ago.

Any success that we've seen as a virtual Ring this year can be attributed to our amazing team. Everyone in the Ring has contributed to our continued success in 2020, but I would like to especially thank: **David Penn, Daniel Barbas, Mike Lee, Daryl Vanderburg, Debbie O'Carroll, Felice Ling, and Pat Faranga.** We will be performing a number of virtual shows in 2021, so if you would like to get more involved, reach out to any one of us and you can be a part of it!

2020 was a crazy year, but we not only survived it, but thrived as a Ring. I'm looking forward to the coming year and what it will hold for magic and performing alike!

Cheers, Ryan



### **Holiday Magic!**

This month's meeting theme is Holiday Magic! Come and share with us with your best Holiday effects! See you Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm on Zoom! CLICK THIS LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82570799982?pwd=SnYxTy90bWd4d0U1cTBnRkp1b3gyQT09>

### **Monthly Meeting Themes!**

Special Thanks to Bob Filene for volunteering to be our Lecture Chairperson. Here's the schedule!

Dec: Holiday magic

Jan: Paul Draper Lecture

Feb: Linking Ring Night

March: Lecture

April: Tarbell Night

May: Lecture

June: Elections

July: Lecture

August: Summer Special

### **Dues Are Past Due!**

Your yearly IBM Ring 122 dues of \$35 were due in September. If you have forgotten, there is still time to mail your dues check to: **IBM Ring 122**

c/o Daryl Vanderburgh

31 Stonebridge Rd, Wayland, MA 01778

**OR** pay via **Venmo**: Daryl-Vanderburgh

## Ring 122 Presents Santa's Holiday Magic Show!



On December 20<sup>th</sup>, members of Ring 122 plus that great magi Santa himself put on a special, virtual magic show with donations going to the local chapter of the Make A Wish



Foundation. With Santa as our MC, Davy Penn (as Chester the Jester), Debbie O'Carroll (as a confused Fairy Grandmother), and Ryan Lally (as Santa's Inventive Elf), there were lots of fun, holiday-themed magic effects. Folks were truly entertained by this 50-minute magic show and chat with Santa. This show had a small private Zoom audience and a larger audience attending



via a stream from the

Ring 122 Facebook site. Kudos to Daniel Barbas and Daryl Vanderburg for handling the technical aspect and many, many thanks to Santa!



*Photos: Santa, Debbie O'Carroll as the Fairy Grandmother, Ryan Lally, the Inventive Elf, and Santa with Davy Penn as Chester the Jester!*

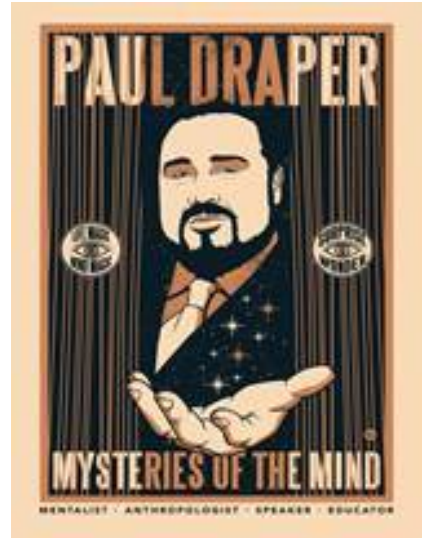
### Order of Merlin Excalibur Honor for Ring 122 member David Libby

My apologies for not including this announcement in my last newsletters! Ring 122 member, David Libby, was presented with the Order of Merlin Excalibur (50 years) certificate and pin earlier this fall. David joined in the fall of 1969, (when the Ring met at Workmen's Circle on Beacon St. in Brookline), after attending some of Jerry and Ann Rosenfields' Legerdemain Lectures at Leisure. David was president of Ring 122 in 1978-79, when the Ring meetings were in a hotel on Huntington Ave. in Boston, and had the fall 1978 Getaway Magic Weekend at what was then a Holiday Inn on 128 in Newton. Due to technology issues, David has not been able to attend our Zoom meetings but hopes to resolve that soon! Congratulations David!

## January's Meeting--featuring a lecture by Paul Draper--is on Thursday, 1/28/2021

Please note January's Meeting and Lecture is NOT on a Tuesday! January's Zoom Meeting and Lecture will be on a Thursday and features Mentalist, Magi, and Anthropologist Paul Draper! This lecture will be on THURSDAY, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:30pm. Here's Paul's Demo video and reviews! <https://youtu.be/V-pWKKgo5M>

This is going to be a conversational Q&A where Paul Draper will answer questions provided by the audience on topics the attendees want to discuss. *This is a live experience that will be different from any other lecture or show because of your questions.* Paul Draper will be set up for a 90-minute show, an hour-long dealer demo, a business class, history class, cold reading workshop, mentalism teach-in, or séance expose depending on what direction the class wants to take things! He can talk about working on cruise ships, in casinos, performance art spaces, Disneyland, on TV or even his work with celebrities and religious leaders.



"It makes my head spin how well Paul Draper delivers a lecture!"

— **Jeff McBride, Founder of the McBride Magic & Mystery School**

"Paul is a library of knowledge and a university of talent. It's been my privilege to embrace his teachings. Listen carefully."

— **Hannibal, Close-Up Magician and Storyteller**

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### In Memoriam

Former Ring 122 Member, **Richard McMasters Hunt** who passed away at 93 last spring, had a tribute article in the June 2020 issue of The Linking Ring. He was an accomplished scholar, teacher, philanthropist, and magic aficionado.

And **Silent Mora** was featured in the latest issue of Linking Ring.

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