



The Silent Messenger

Silent Mora–Ray Goulet Ring 122

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Ring 122 December Meeting Report

I have been fortunate to witness two broken wand ceremonies. The first one I saw was for **Ray Goulet**, one of the two people our Ring is named after, and one of the most famous local magicians I ever met. Last month, we had a broken wand ceremony for **Richard McMasters Hunt** who was a member of the IBM Ring 122. Richard passed in the spring, however, due to Covid-19 travel and gathering restrictions, his family had not been able to have a memorial service for him as of yet.



What your Board thought was going to be a simple, heartfelt service took on a completely new meaning as three generations of Hunt's and Hollingsworth's attended our Zoom meeting soon joined by two amazing magicians, **Paul Gertner** who's also been a lecture and guest at ring 122 meetings (and fooled **Penn and Teller**), and **Dale Salwak** who currently serves as the I.B.M.'s International Relations Officer and is director of the Chavez School of Magic, among many other notable achievements. Paul had several photos of Richard, and his granddaughter, Sophie, told of wheeling around a delighted Richard in his later years at magic conventions going from dealer to dealer. We even saw a video of Richard sawing himself in half with a rope that brought laughter and tears of joy from all who watched. You will see the thank you note in this newsletter from his daughter Sue, who lives in Cambridge, that I originally reached out to regarding the ceremony. It was also revealed at the meeting that Richard was the anonymous benefactor that donated many items to our club magic auctions we held a couple of years ago with the proceeds going to the club.

That simple broken wand ceremony gave peace and some closure to a family who'd lost their magical father/uncle/and grandfather because we simply followed a sacred and sincere IBM ritual. There's magic of the moment and then there's magic that never dies but slowly fades away from memory. In this never-normal year of turmoil and grief and change, this ceremony really touched us all.

After that, we still had a meeting to do and the theme was holiday magic. **Bob Filene** did a trick using four quarters with a holiday spreadsheet theme using columns and rows. **Debbie O'Carroll** went next and performed an effect that she learned from the first magician she ever met! It was a movie poster card magic effect that she learned from Jim Kleefeld. Jim is a MUM contributor and longtime friend of Debbie's. Jim's website is worth a few minutes of your time <https://www.jimkleefeld.com/>.

We were also informed by **Jim Rainho** that he had recently won a Lifetime Achievement Award from the country of Portugal for his achievements in Magic! Congratulations Jim! This is the nice thing about having Zoom meetings that some of our more "seasoned" members can join us without having to travel and share their stories!

Finally, **Ryan Lally** summarized the holiday magic show we had put on in December and a motion was approved to donate \$100 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the benefactor of that event.



President's Message by Ryan Lally

Dear Compeers,

In my previous articles, I would discuss topics to some length that I felt would be interesting or helpful to our Ring. But this month, instead of the usual rambling, I want to keep it short and instead start some brainstorming for our upcoming meeting.

This month, we will be joined by master magician Paul Draper. If the name sounds familiar, it may be because Paul lectured for us a few years ago. This week, however, Paul will be focusing on virtual performing, a bull he has certainly taken by the horns.

Virtual shows have been a steep learning curve for me. What started off as my laptop sitting on a stack of books has evolved into lighting, sound, and a dedicated web cam. Even still, there are a lot of bugs I have to work out.

What has kept you from performing a virtual show? If you have, how can you improve it? Think about these questions, write them down, and come prepared to our lecture with Paul Draper. Use this meeting as a learning experience to kickstart your virtual performing.

See you then!

Cheers, Ryan

Paul Draper Lecture is on Thursday, 1/28/21

This month's meeting features a lecture by the well-known magician, Paul Draper! To accommodate his schedule, this month's meeting is NOT on the last Tuesday but on the last Thursday of the month!

See you on Zoom, Thursday, January 28th at 7:30pm on Zoom! CLICK THIS LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88159368084?pwd=UXBJUk9Ganpka01yRmJuWFdSV3VWZz09>

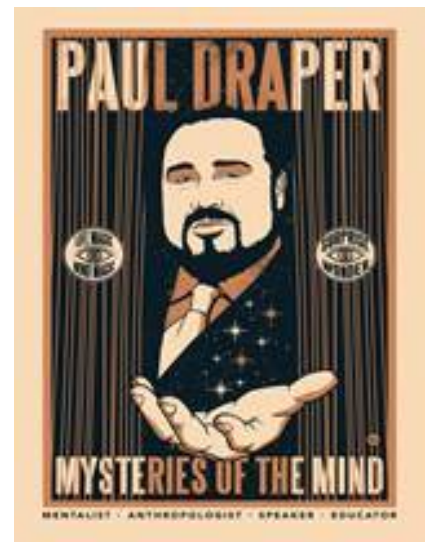
Note: January's Meeting is on Thursday, 1/28/2021

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 28th, 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



A Thank You Note...

Dear David (and Ring 122),

Thank you so much for the “Breaking the Wand” ceremony you (all) arranged for Dad last night. I know I speak for all my family when I say it was profoundly meaningful, particularly so since we haven’t been able to have a service for Dad yet.

Here is a photo of dad I having dinner at the Chinese restaurant in Las Vegas at which Dale Salwak arranged for Dad to meet Siegfried [who passed away last January—editor] and Cris Angel. Thank you, Dale!! That was such a high point for Dad. And of course we remain so grateful for Dale’s lovely article he wrote about Dad in The June 2020 Linking Ring. And to Paul, thank you for sharing all you did on the call last night. I’m so impressed you had that photo of Dad and Roger Golde right there. It’s such an iconic photo for me—it’s of you, magic at a dinner party, Dad (in orange), and Roger Golde with whom Dad shared so much—academia, tennis, and of course magic.

David, if you feel it’s appropriate to share these photos and my email with others on the call last night, please do so. (I did!)

With great gratitude from me, Helen, and Bill! --Sue Hollingsworth



Our Monthly Meeting Themes!

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

Jan: Paul Draper Lecture
Feb: Linking Ring Night
March: Lecture
April: Tarbell Night
May: Lecture
June: Elections
July: Lecture
August: Summer Social

That Tarbell???

OK, I have space for one short blub and I have one to share! I assume all of you are familiar with the Tarbell Magic Books. I have Book 2 (which I purchased at an auction of Richard Hunt’s memorabilia) and I just found a used copy of Book One for only \$11! I mentioned that to a fellow teacher at school who shares that same last name, Tarbell. Sure enough, he’s related! And he has magical family stories to share! I promise to relay anything interesting in a future Silent Messenger!

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