



The Silent Messenger

Silent Mora–Ray Goulet Ring 122

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Ring 122 October Meeting Report

Ryan Lally kicked off the October meeting by saying how nice it was not to have to drive in the pouring rain happening that night to meet in person, although it was very appropriate for our theme of the evening, Halloween magic. Ryan discussed holding a past presidents night for the November meeting.

Mikey Lee has compiled the full list of past Ring 122 presidents which we will post on the Ring website.

Alan Wassilak spoke to past president Ann Fields' daughter. Ann turned 90 this summer and, to date, is the only female Ring 122 president! The current plan is to hold a meeting with a few people at her house and while on a Zoom link to honor her past service.

In other news, Ryan will book our first in-person meetings this January, February, and March at the Watertown Library in one of their free meeting rooms! We will continue to host the meeting via Zoom, but members that can and wish to meet in person and welcome.

There was a discussion of holding a Christmas show via Zoom. Plans have yet to be made for this proposed event. As well as a reminder that if you have not paid your yearly Ring 122 dues, please do so at your earliest convenience.

With the business meeting done, we began the Halloween magic! **Debbie O'Carroll** presented a Halloween Book Box magic idea using a Halloween-themed book box available from Michael's Art Supply Stores. Using black fabric and gaffing tape, she produced a silk display with the name of one of her regular clients displayed as each letter in individual silks. This was quite a sight since the client name was over 18 characters long! She uses a fabric pen to write each letter on a different colored silk. Debbie suggested that a Whitman's Candy box would work as a box (something **Ray Goulet** once suggested to her.) Members suggested Debbie sends a parade feature to the Linking Ring.

Next, **Daniel Barbas** presented a mentalist effect based on a teen horror movie. He correctly predicted which of 8 people survived. Daniel mentioned that he is working on a plan to hold a séance and solicited ideas from members. **Jim Rainho** suggested a spirit slate routine. Jim also added to not do a card trick as it would be too magic-like and not right for a séance.

Then Ryan Lally discussed a routine using a Card Spider magic trick. Ryan is looking for help with the thread set up. This is an effect from Martins Magic Collection and we saw a video of the effect being done. A member suggested a method for Ryan to try.

Ring 122 Director **Rob Kinslow** presented his classic wooden finger chopper. Dan Bybell presented a hand chopper story that really scared his family it looked so real!

After a few stories of flame effects gone wrong, including one by a then- young Jim Rainho which ended up with second degree burns to his arm(!), we all called it a night.

This month's meeting is November 30th, 2021, at 7:30pm on Zoom!

The theme this month honoring our Past Presidents!



President's Message by Ryan Lally

Dear Compeers,

Depending on when you read this, Thanksgiving is either just around the corner or has just passed. Maybe you're reading this while waiting for the turkey to come out of the oven!

We're entering the holiday season, and what better way to begin than by giving thanks?

I'm thankful for everyone who has worked behind-the-scenes to plan meetings, book performers, and contribute to the local magic community. For every event and activity that Ring 122 offers, these folks are the ones responsible for making it a reality.

I'm thankful to all the performing magicians in the area, whether they be full-time professionals or hobbyists. When good magic is performed and seen, it elevates the art for the rest of us as well. As the Bible says, people don't "light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house." Let your magic be the light you shine.

I'm thankful for all the authors who have written down their favorite magic tricks in books. It's hard to imagine what it must have been like to be a magician before the printing press, when it was much harder to learn the secrets. When looking at the entire history of magic, we're truly living in the golden age. Books, TV, and the internet make it possible for us to share and learn from others around the globe, and even past masters like Dai Vernon and Professor Hoffman.

Finally, I'm thankful for each of the past presidents of Ring 122. These men and women have worked hard to make this club as wonderful as it is today, and they deserve the recognition they will receive at our upcoming meeting. I invite you to please join us on Zoom this coming Tuesday to honor our past presidents and maybe even learn a new trick or two!

See you then,
Ryan

RICHARD OSTERLIND
The Master Mentalist!

"I can't believe what I just saw!" - President Gerald Ford

"His performance was truly mind-boggling!" - Sabine van Boemmel, Miles Pharmaceutical

"We have never engaged a keynote speaker who generated such a positive response!" - Kenneth Taylor, Pacific Bell Yellow Pages

"Richard Osterlind was absolutely sensational!" - David Kilman, Fireman's Fund

"That was incredible!" - Frank Gifford

"You made me a believer!" - Lowell P. Weicker, Jr., Connecticut Governor

"It's impossible to express how remarkable he is!" - David Lentini, CEO, New England Bank

"He engaged, intrigued and entertained the entire group!" - Judith L. Matthews, CIGNA Group Insurance

"Richard should be burned at the stake." - Scot B. Weicker, UST

*Coming via
Zoom Lecture
this
December
28th!*

Our 2021-2022 Monthly Meeting Themes!

November: Past Presidents Night!

December: Mentalist **Richard Osterlind** Lecture

January: New Year, New Magic!

February: Lecture

March: Magic with a Green Theme!

April: Lecture

May: Teach In

June: Panel of Experts/Best Magic Tales

July/August: Summer BBQ, Date TBD.

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