

The Silent Messenger

February 2023



Ring 122 January Ring Report

As the meeting started, we had a moment of silence for the passing of Anne Goulet. Anne was married to, and performed with, magician and Ring 122 founder, Ray Goulet. Anne led an adventurous life, often traveling for free on cruise ships as she and Ray presented magic together. She will be missed by all.

Good and Welfare: Davy brought up that Debbie O'Carroll has not been able to attend a meeting either live or on Zoom for some time. She is still recovering and members are welcome to send her a card or note. Also if there are other members that should be getting Good and Welfare wishes from us, please let Davy know.

We will try to conduct a broken wand ceremony at a future meeting for the three recent passings of Bob Massey, Bruce Fenton, and Anne Goulet. Davy will send in a memorial for each to the "Linking Ring Magazine."

Daryl Vanderburgh, our treasurer, informed us that we had a donation of \$400 to Ring 122 from a former member who had passed by the name of John Henry. We thank his estate very much, and Daryl has sent a thank you note. This gives us approximately \$1,500 in our bank account. Daryl will look at our paid members and see if there are active members who still need to pay and put a note in a future silent messenger.

Our March meeting will be IN PERSON as we have a new location for our monthly meeting at Temple Beth Shalom, in Melrose Massachusetts. More details will be included in our February newsletter (see page 3.)

Ring 122 members are invited to help and/or perform at our next live, public magic show to be held at the Belmont Unitarian Universalist Church on May 20th 2023, most likely at 2:00 in the afternoon. Members who would like to perform or volunteer for pre-show or to collect tickets should contact Rob Kinslow. Rob will be our MC and so far Davy and Mikey Lee have signed up to perform. Mikey is in charge of putting a poster together and if you would like to help out on the committee let us know. Davy will look into advertising for the event.

Rob put out the idea of having a mentoring program or a summer magic camp as part of an outreach program for Ring 122. This could be coordinated through local libraries or community centers. If a member would like to take on this responsibility for setting up a program please let Davy know. We will be happy to support you.

Additionally, we are looking for a person to take on our social media coordination for Ring 122. This would include reworking the website (working with our editor, Daniel) and posting on social media, and perhaps creating Facebook events. If you would like to volunteer for this activity please email Davy.

The meeting theme last month was "New Year, New Magic!" Davy mentioned that he had just purchased Podium powder from Ickle Pickle Magic, our speaker in February. This is something that magi Scott Alexander showed us at a recent workshop. Davy hopes to use this with a dragon finger puppet and wants to create some original pattern to go along with it. This led to an interesting discussion among members about banned flame effects used in the past for children's shows. One of which was a Circle in a Square effect a member performed in the distant past where lighter fluid was used near (but not on) the child's arm. This did raise some eyebrows as this would never be performed these days. Which also led to discussion on flame effects in general and whether they could ever be done indoors safely, or without extra insurance regulations.

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Kevin Butler presented an effect he said demonstrated the laws of nature. This was Crossed Cards by Joker Magic, a pick a card effect using two different color decks which worked well on Zoom. Daryl said he was working on an effect called Together 2.0 by Snake which is a torn and restored card effect similar to the one I mentioned in my president's article this month. We saw a video on the effect and it was pretty amazing. Rob presented a three-card Monte with two red and one blue back card. The cards seemed to melt through each other. This was a Larry Jennings and Jeff Williams close-up illusion that they called the I Hate David Copperfield trick. Dan Bybell is working on a mentalism effect and he hopes to present it at the March meeting. Lastly, Kevin said to check out the Magic Roadshow blog at Magicroadshow.com. He highly recommends it! And with that the meeting was adjourned.



President's Report



Seeking a Card Miracle

According to the website VanishingMagicians.com, "most historians attribute the first iteration of card magic as we know it today to Giovanni Giuseppe Pinetti, an Italian magician who rose to prominence in the 1700's. (He) "helped lay the groundwork for card magic to start building its own unique identity within the magic community."

I mention this because I've noticed that card magic has been trending up for the past few years. Card artists like Shin Lim, Ricky Jay, and others have taken this branch of magic to another level with theatrics. Witnessing Jeff McBride pull card after card from his mouth is hard to take your eyes from. Ropes and rings are still worth learning as both pack small and can play big on a stage, but card magicians have learned that the box of 562 wonders has limitless possibilities! (Pardon the intentional pun with the name of Shin Lim's show).

Perhaps it's because anyone can pick up a deck of cards and learn a simple effect. Packet tricks are another way some get started. But those magi that can learn a card effect that truly astonishes, that leaves your jaw agape, have my admiration. I remember the

first time that I saw the Oil and Water card effect (Ed Marlo coined that term) at a Ring 122 meeting at The Magic Art Studio and was stunned as random became orderly. One recent card effect release that caught my eye was described by its producer as "The Holy Grail of Magic!" "Switch One" by Christian Grace overwhelmed Vanishing Inc.'s website when it was released. The video trailer shows a lightning fast switch that would make anyone a believer in magic!

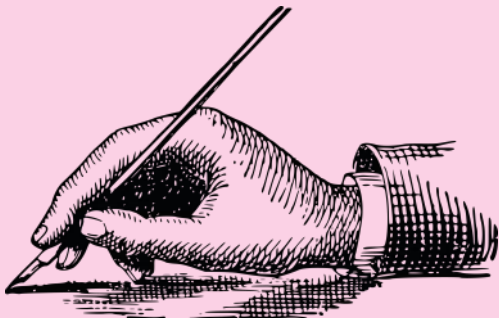
So my monthly magic goal is to learn a new card effect that is jaw dropping in simplicity and then share it with the club next month at the March meeting. Mentalism is the theme for March, so I think it will be a card-driven mentalism effect. I invite you to do the same and let's share what we've learned IN PERSON or Online!

Yours in magic,

Davy



**IBM Ring 122
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Magical Meetings in Melrose!

We have a new home for Ring 122!



It's been a long while since we've been able to meet in-person for a Ring 122 meeting. I am pleased to announce that we have a new home for our in-person/hybrid meetings! And it's free! And there's even a Houdini connection...if you dig a little...to the town of Melrose!

Our new meeting place is a Temple Beth Shalom, a reform synagogue in Melrose, MA, about a mile and a half from the orange line Oak Grove MBTA stop. There is a parking lot right next door and bus service to the area as well. The address is 21 E Foster St, Melrose, MA 02176. The building is a yellow house two doors down from the Marathon Sports store. They have coffee pots and a fridge so we can have snacks and coffee at the meeting. We can use the WiFi enabling Ring 122 to have a hybrid meeting—in person for those that wish to come and via Zoom for those not able to travel to the meeting. I will start with a basic laptop and room microphone and see how that works for people attending meetings online and make upgrades/adjustments as we move forward.

There are other community organizations that use the space as well, but we have the last Tuesday of the month from 7:30-9:30pm reserved for the rest of the year, with the exception that we will plan to have our summer BBQ again in August and not have a meeting in July. I have also mentioned to Temple Beth Shalom that we would be interested in having a Halloween Magic show there that could be for Temple members or open to the public and that was met with interest as the Temple tries to offer activities for the entire community from time to time as part of their outreach efforts.

So to sum up, moving forward we will be both In Person AND Online beginning with our March meeting on 3/28/23.



Our next meeting is Tuesday, February
28th
at 7:30 PM on Zoom.

This month we will have D.J. Edwards as a
guest lecturer!

Upcoming Meeting Themes



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| March: | Mentalism (In Person) |
| April: | Book Magic and Favorite Gimmicks (Zoom) |
| May: | Lecture, To be Announced (Zoom) |
| June: | Elections, Group Trick Creation (In Person) |
| August: | Summer BBQ (In Person) |



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