

The Silent Messenger

June 2023

Ring 122 May Ring Report

Our monthly hybrid meeting this month was attended by David Penn and Pat Farenga in person, while the rest joined via Zoom. The agenda began with a congratulations on our highly successful May show! We also wanted to extend our thanks to Alan Wassilak for volunteering at our ticket booth, and Mike Lee's sons for lending a hand setting up our show hall. Well done everyone!

Next on our agenda was a short discussion and reminder about the upcoming club BBQ and auction at Camp Evergreen. The date is August 27th and we are working on spreading the word to our local magic groups.

Elections are scheduled for next month and we are also looking to fill a vacancy for Secretary, as well as potentially add a club historian. We may need to make our next meeting Zoom only as we may not have access to our normal meeting spot while David is away.

We discussed and continued to plan a Broken Wand ceremony for Anne Goulet and Gil Stubbs. We have contacts that will reach out to the families of the departed. Additionally, we paid our respects to Milt Larsen, the founder of the Magic Castle, who recently passed.

Daniel Barbas brought up the idea of a magical events group calendar, with local magic shows, groups, and events that folks can attend. We will look into this further after bringing this up to other groups.

The club decided to send along a thank you letter along with a donation to the church for allowing us to put on our show there.

Lastly, if there are any requests for lectures or meeting themes, we asked club members to be in touch with those suggestions.

Onwards onto our lecture—D.J. Edwards of Ickle Pickle magic show. He showed us a selection of his products and gave some insight into his process for designing and marketing these effects. He ended the lecture with a tour of his shop, and the idea of a road trip there was proposed. Maybe in the future!

Thus concluded our meeting.



President's Report

9 Tips to Mastering the Skill of Performing Magic in Public

Mastering the skill of performing magic in just a week would be totally awesome and completely impossible! The more you get yourself in front of people performing magic (in front of family, friends, a small group of magi, or in public) the more engaging and confident you'll be. Don't let nervousness or fear keep you from developing your skills and making a difference to people who appreciate your effort and expertise.

1. Show off your passion

If you're passionate about performing magic you'll be more comfortable and confident getting in front of people to demonstrate your skills.

2. Jump in head first

If you are nervous about performing in public, the best way to face your fear is to commit and jump in head first. You could be at a brewery, by a community pool, watching your child/grandchild at a playground—all could be good times to amaze people with your magic.

3. Make eye contact and be aware of your body language

When performing, focus on your audience and connect with them through one-on-one, eye to eye contact. This keeps your audience members engaged, and is also a genuine effort on your part to observe and play off their reactions. Limit pacing, fidgeting, darting your eyes, and tapering off your sentences as all are signs of nerves.

4. Talk slowly

Speed talking creates a greater chance for error in your routine and makes it hard for your audience to follow along. Slow it down and pause for audience responses. Give your audience room to react and breathe.

5. Engage your audience

Ask the audience questions, ask for feedback, and let them be part of your story. When your audience is involved, they will be more amazed by your powers of prestidigitation.

6. Leave room for pauses

When you pause, it gives you the ability to focus your audience on a magical moment. The pause often can take the place of an exclamation point without raising your voice or jumping up and down.

7. Remember to breathe when performing

Deep breaths are good for the soul. If you find your nerves getting the best of you, take a minute and count to ten.

8. Smile

Walk on stage with a smile that begins a few steps before your audience sees you. If you're happy so is your audience..

9. Practice, practice, practice

You know the saying "practice makes perfect"? Unlike my opening, practice is essential to mastering magical skills. Take every chance you get to jump in front of a crowd, or your local Ring, and share your passion for magic!



IBM Ring 122 President
David Penn

**Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 27th
at 7:30 PM on Zoom!**

**This month's meeting will be Elections and Group
Trick Creation**

Upcoming Meeting Themes



August: Summer BBQ (In person)

**If you have ideas for future themes, let's hear them!
Email us at Ibm.ring122@gmail.com**



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