



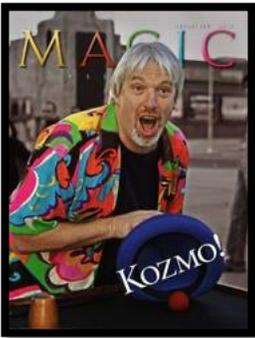
The Silent Messenger

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Kozmo's Magic Cures Pandemic Blues



Kozmo is a [professional street performer](#), [restaurant magician](#), producer of an outstanding online magic magazine, [ReelMagicMagazine](#), and an entrepreneur of [high-quality magic](#). He's also a very generous and humble lecturer whose humorous and empathic presentation illuminated his comments throughout his Zoom session.

After describing his background and why he went from working restaurants to working the streets (you make more money on the streets), Kozmo performed his Matrix routine. It's a great version of the classic effect, enhanced by Kozmo's clever use of the purse palm. Kozmo's explanation was clear and the 36 Zoom attendees had their questions answered in patient detail.

Kozmo noted that until the Covid-19 pandemic he was performing small shows for 40 to 50 people and earning about \$600 per show. Since the pandemic, he is not performing at all, not even on Zoom—"How do you *feel* it?" he lamented—but he makes an exception for magic clubs and magicians. He lectures for free to them.

Kozmo also tipped his work on the Bill in Lemon, the Tenkai Pennies, and the card to impossible location using his clear glass jar production, while also dispensing great advice about performing and practicing. Here are some highlights:

1. Audio record every show and listen to it later, noting what lines are affecting the audience, especially new ones that you or the audience come up with.
2. Get right into the next trick so you don't lose your audience. As soon as he's done with the Matrix, Kozmo says, "Hey, who wants to see a card trick?" and gets into

the next routine. Related to this is Kozmo's use of jumbo index playing cards, because they make a signature much easier to recognize up close and at a distance.

3. Continuously develop your muscle memory to build your self-confidence in performing sleights. Kozmo described how he mastered the coin roll after practicing it whenever he was driving alone in his car. He also told how he mastered the classic palm by constantly keeping 2 half dollars palmed while he went about his daily life for six months—including showering! This reminds me of Ring 122 member Dave Cresey's advice to people learning difficult sleights: "You gotta commit!"

Though it's hard to feel and gauge an audience while performing online, it isn't hard to listen to Kozmo's heartfelt thoughts and watch his tricks online.

—Patrick Farenga

The President's Letter

Hey everyone,

It's been months since we've met in person, but that hasn't stopped this club from remaining incredibly active! With lectures and online monthly meetings, it's been an engaging and informative year so far.

Kozmo's lecture left me itching to get out into the streets and dip my feet into street performing. Of course, now isn't the time, and the future is uncertain, but we can perform online at our meetings until the virus is under control.

Our upcoming meeting will feature our annual elections. Here is a list of all of the open positions and the candidates for each that are up for election.

Candidates for election:

President: Ryan Lally

1st Vice President: (Open)

2nd Vice President: Dan Bybell

Secretary: Debbie O'Carroll

Sergeant at Arms: Bob Filene

Board of Governors: David Penn

If anyone else wants to run for any of these positions, please reach it to us ASAP!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on Zoom on August 25 at 7:30!

All the best,

Ryan

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, Aug 25, 2020 7:30 PM EST

Join Zoom Meeting (copy and paste the link below into your browser):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/78466756177?pwd=MnVlbGM3c1JTRjVDaVFUSEdkQm1lZz09>

Meeting ID: 784 6675 6177

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TOPICS: Election of officers. Performances by members.

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