



Silent Mora-Ray Goulet
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THE SILENT MESSENGER

Tarbell and Linking Ring Night

Our February meeting was the occasion for members to choose a trick from the Tarbell course or from the *Linking Ring* and perform it. In the name of spontaneity, not every trick shown was located in those resources, and the evening was a nice gathering of performances.



Things got started when Felice Ling performed some very dexterous rubber band magic with patter about trap doors and penetrations.

Crazy Davy (Dave Penn) showed us a trick from the *Linking Ring*: The Truth or Lie Travel

Game. 10 cards with travel destinations are mixed, one selected, and the magician correctly determines the city by asking the spectator the same question about the name of each city: Did you lie or not?



Dan Bybell did a card trick from Tarbell: The Prophetic card. Dan wants to write an article about this type of trick because of the surprisingly simple math that is well hidden in the procedure for this effect.

Bill LeBlanc rose to the occasion by saying, "Since no

Ring meeting starts at 7:30; bring a trick to show or a story to tell.
BJ Hickman lectures at 8.



one's doing magic anyway..." Bill showed two dollar bills, one in each hand. He then gave a motivational speech about working together, folded the bills together, and they became a single ten-dollar bill.

Ryan Lally did a well-presented and well-scripted ambitious card routine with Felice as his spectator, and this

inspired Felice to show a Triumph effect mixed with a color change that she's working on. It is from Paul Harris' *Art of Astonishment*, V.1.

Dan, also inspired by the happenings, stepped up and did a trick with two borrowed decks. It was from an old *Linking Ring* and was based on Hammon's Gemini Twins.

It was not the most well attended meeting, but it



certainly was full of positive energy and performances that made it worth coming out for.

—Patrick Farenga



Photos from left to right: Pat Farenga choosing a card from Felice Ling. Ryan Lally starting his ambitious card routine. Jim Rainho, Dan Bybell, Daryl Vanderburgh, and David Penn.

The President's Letter

Exploration



A Silent Mora ink blotter.

Most Saturdays lately, I have been perusing the less visible aspects of Ray's collection. The volume of material is mindboggling. It's like an archaeological expedition.

Way back in "B.C." (Before Computers), magicians employed whatever they could think of to promote themselves. Posters, flyers, throw cards, matchbooks, even blotters are carefully archived here in a seemingly endless array of ring binders. The artwork is fascinating!

Examining the props up close, one tends to forget the age of these items. Occasionally, there is a telltale label, written with a fountain pen, a century ago. The craftsmanship and ingenious methods they used back then, the design and manufacture, is every bit as magical as the performance itself.

It's easy to see how addictive magic collecting could be. I fear that I may need to build a secret room in the cellar this spring. But that's just between us, right?

—Bruce Fenton

The Secretary's Report

February Minutes by Pat Farenga

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by our president Bruce Fenton. There were no reports from our secretary or treasurer.

The issue of going back to Tuesday for meeting night to see if it would attract more members was raised, since Wednesday seems to be a busy evening for many people. Jim Rainho mentioned two other ways to revive membership numbers: Revive the Irving Award, given in honor of Irv Weiner (Dr.Fingers), and make inauguration into Ring 122 more of big deal, as it used to be. Jim said the inauguration of new IBM members took a whole night and the process is described on the IBM website. The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.



BJ Hickman Lecture

March 29 at Ring 122, 8 PM

\$5.00 for IBM Ring 122 members

\$20.00 for non-Ring 122 members

\$5 for Society of Young Magicians members

BJ Hickman is back with a fun lecture: Time-tested, and getting-invited-back worthy, comedy magic for children and family audiences; and some “Bits of Business” that make

shows memorable. Busy New England magician BJ Hickman is based in New Hampshire. He has lectured all over the U.S. including 5 times for magician members of The Magic Castle in Hollywood, The International Brotherhood of Magicians, and many regional conventions from Florida to Cape Cod, and magic shops and clubs from coast to coast. Bring your questions, BJ Hickman loves to share!

BJ Hickman
Magic Shows

Where: I.B.M. Ring 122... First Parish of Watertown, Unitarian Universalist, 35 Church Street, Watertown, MA 02472

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2017 Ring 122 Meeting Schedule

Feb. 22: Members perform an effect from Tarbell or The Linking Ring.

March 29: BJ Hickman lecture.

April 26: Harry Lorayne.

May 31: Lecture (TBA).

June 28: Teach-in (TBA).

We need performers for our May 20th Benefit Show in Wellesley

This is an important event that will benefit Alzheimer's research and Ring 122 together. Shows such as this are an important source of funds for our lectures.

Please contact Gil Stubbs (gilstubbs@gmail.com) to join the show.

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Website: <http://www.ring122.com>

Meetings take place the last Wednesday of every month at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Watertown, 35 Church Street.

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