



# *The Silent Messenger*

Silent Mora–Ray Goulet Ring 122

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## **Ring 122 February 2020 Meeting Report**

February’s meeting theme was Creative Magic—that is a magic effect of your own making or a unique use of an effect that was original. March’s meeting may be online, which makes sense since the theme is “Tech Magic: Magic on an iPhone and other ideas.” Felice Ling and Mikey Lee mentioned that they had performed at the recent SYM bash. There was an update on a potential new meeting place, the Marines Corp Hall on Mount Auburn Street, near our current meeting location. The location has a back bar and a comfortable meeting space. Since we are paid through the summer at the church, this plan is on hold until the summer board meeting. A suggestion was made to visit there prior to a future meeting and that will likely happen when it is safe to meet again.

The IBM magic show scheduled for May, in Wellesley at the Community Center, will have to be postponed due to Social Distancing rules. There were three other magic events brought up at the meeting but I am assuming all have been canceled or postponed so I won’t add them here.

### *Creative magic night parade of magicians and effects!*

First up was **Jim Luscutoff** with his “No Politics, Just Magic” trick using a nested Russian doll and a prediction in a box trick using a specialized repeating deck. His non-political slogan was “Make magic great again.” **Felice Ling** followed with her own version of “Wild Card” using Peter Samuelson’s handling. Mesmerizing! **Andrew Custer** demonstrated an ingenious Money Laundering effect. **Jim Rainho** followed with an original effect that had me so fooled I forgot to write down anything about it! Your truly, **Crazy Davy** recycled an idea given to him last October by Jim Luscutoff using an “empty” paper bag to produce his lost “keys” including his work keys, a map of the Florida Keys, and a stuffed monkey! **Ryan Lally** demonstrated a neat pad effect that he introduced as a method of keeping a journal of your daily activities. Magically, the numbers we wrote on a pad added up to the number he had previously written in his journal!

**Daniel Barbas** used the room’s piano for his original effect! He had the C scale written on cards and with a seemingly random pick of cards he was able to “play the cards” which always formed a recognizable song (like Happy Birthday). Bonus points for including music in your act, Dan!

And **Dan Bybell** concluded the night by demonstrating the classic Needle through a Balloon with some snappy repartee!

**Our next in-person meeting is on hold due to the social distancing policy.**

**Instead, we are holding an online meeting via Zoom Meeting this Tuesday, 3/31, at 7:30pm!!!**

**Use the following Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/423285238>**

## *President's Message – Ryan Lally*

**We're living in a crazy, scary world today. And a magical world.**



If Herrmann or Houdini were confined to their homes for weeks on end, they could forget about any social gatherings at the local magic shop. But today, we are fully capable of attending face-to-face meetings from the comforts of our couches. And that's exactly how we're going to have our March IBM meeting!

We will have this meeting digitally, using [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us) and the Zoom app. Included in the email with the Silent Messenger should be a link. This is the link that will bring you to the Zoom "group" on the night of our meeting. You will be able to see everyone else who has clicked the link. The meeting will begin like normal. We will meet Tuesday, March 31 at 7:30pm. Everyone who has followed the link will be able to see the meeting and participate.

Appropriately enough, this meeting will be about **tech tricks**! Come prepared with a piece of magic that uses technology in some way. It's important to keep in mind that the use of technology in magic doesn't have to be in the method. You could use technology to enhance the effect of a trick without changing the method.

See you all on Zoom THIS Tuesday for a truly digital night!

*Ryan*

### **The IBM magic show scheduled for May in Wellesley is postponed**

In light of the current state we are facing, I made an executive decision to postpone the May 3rd Magic Show at the WCC. When we get back to normal, maybe we can hold a summer or fall show? I have asked Elliot to speak with the folks at the WCC so maybe we can hold something in the near future. Thanks to all that stepped up to perform or volunteer! I will follow-up with all of you when we plan the next show, hopefully sooner than later. We had a GREAT show planned and I was looking forward to it. We will do it soon. Stay safe and talk with all soon.

Thanks again, Mike Lee

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