



Silent Mora-Ray Goulet
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THE SILENT MESSENGER

NOTE: All meetings are now on Tuesday. Our next is Sept. 26, 2017.

Member Teach-In Proves to be Popular



Alan Wassilak lecturing on the cups and balls with props ready to be used by members.

June is our last meeting before our summer break and we put on a member Teach-In. This is where a few members volunteer to perform and teach a few tricks, moves, or presentations in about 15 minutes and concurrently. Audience members decide the order in which they attend each lecture and the format assures plenty of time for questions. This is the third or fourth time we've used this format and we will do another one in the coming year.

John Sanbonmatsu performed two strong mentalism effects that he later explained to us. The first was a mailed card prediction. Mike Lee got a sealed envelope from John earlier. John



shuffles the cards and Mike chooses two cards at random and one is discarded. John opens the envelope and the card in it matches John's. The next trick involved a Manhattan phone book—a fascinating object to many of the younger members and a fond blast from the past for us older folk. Ryan Lally examines the phone book then sits down. John asks three audience members to write a random number between 8 and 889 on a notepad. Ryan comes back up and silently chooses one of the three page numbers written and opens the phone book to that page. John then hands an envelope with a question mark on it to an audience member. Ryan is asked to close his eyes and place his finger at random on the page then open his eyes and announce the name his finger landed on. The spectator opens the envelope and written on the paper inside is the very name Ryan randomly chose!

Pat Farenga taught several Patrick Page card revelations and David Roth's handling of a coin vanish in a handkerchief.



Alan Wassilak taught a variety cups and ball moves, including using different types of cups (foam, clear ones wrapped in paper) for impromptu routines.



Bill LeBlanc taught Hot Rod moves, including a prediction routine that uses envelopes with color cards that match the colors on the Hot Rod.

—Patrick Farenga

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“An unforgettable learning experience.”

- Jeff McBride

As a full-time "General Practitioner" of magic, **David Oliver** has honed his performance skills in every situation imaginable, from close-up at cocktail parties and biker bars, to full stage shows and at comedy clubs and on cruises for well over twenty-five years. These experiences enabled David to learn what plays well, and what is to be avoided.

His magic and insights have appeared in **MAGIC Magazine**, **M-U-M**, **The Magic Menu**, **the Linking Ring** and for the past fifteen years as product reviewer for **Genii Magazine**. He has also had effects and routines published in books such as Simon Lovell's "*Son Of Simon Says*," John Lovick's "*Switch*," David Kaye's "*Super Sized Silly*," Paul Osborne's "*The Art Of Rehearse!*" and Gary Ouellet's "*Fulminations*."

A highly respected teacher of the youth in magic, David Oliver has been a counselor and teacher at **Tannen's Magic Camp** for 25 years, and has been the director of the **Society of Young Magicians** in Boston for an unprecedented *thirty years*, sharing his love for the performance and history of magic.

In this workshop, David Oliver will teach some of his favorite stage and close-up effects. Along with tipping the "real work", David will share his thoughts and ideas about on-the-spot problem solving for magicians. He has been called the "MacGyver of Magic" by more than one thankful performer. Find out why.

This is not your typical "dealer-demo" lecture. This is a hands-on, real-world experience. Bring along an effect or prop that you have been having trouble with, or that just doesn't seem to flow well in your show. David will randomly select a few participants from the group to have these problems addressed, adjusted and hopefully corrected. David will share with you the tools he uses, to get over some of these creative "bumps in the road."



“His attention to detail places him among the rank of the better professional.”

- Bob Fitch

“This is not hype, this is a report card: David Oliver is a worker.”

- Jamy Ian Swiss

“David Oliver has been an enormous influence on me since forever, and I'm so inspired by what he has overcome.”

- Joshua Jay

“David Oliver helped turn one of the darkest nights my life into an unforgettable learning experience.”

- Jeff McBride



Bring a trick or routine you want David Oliver to help you take to a new level!

Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 8 pm, 35 Church Street, Watertown, MA. Admission charge:

\$5.00 for IBM Ring 122 members

\$20.00 for non-Ring 122 members

\$5 for Society of Young Magicians members

The President's Letter

It's a brand new day!

Greetings compeers! Here we are again, about to kick off a new season of magic at Ring 122, and it is literally a brand new day. We have moved our regular meeting date to the last TUESDAY of each month to allow for greater member participation.

We couldn't have a better first meeting than our good friend David Oliver conducting his Performance Workshop for Magicians. If you haven't seen David in action, he is a masterful showman and an outstanding teacher. I guarantee that we will all learn something and have a great time in the process.

David mentioned that he will call on three members of the audience to perform a routine or their choosing. So be ready with your best material.

Thanks to Debbie and Gil, we expect a good number of prospective new members, perhaps even a bus load. If you see someone you don't recognize, please welcome them and make them feel at home.

REMEMBER the business meeting begins at 7:30 and the monthly featured event begins at 8:00. Business meetings are open to I.B.M. Members *only*.

I can't begin to tell you how many awesome and exciting things we have planned for the months ahead. I don't know what they are yet. But rest assured, it's gonna be a great year.

—Bruce Fenton

Secretary's Report

Sunday Oct. 29, afternoon, was suggested for a Halloween show at the Regent. Ryan Lally suggested that Arsenal Theater is flat fee to rent. Chelmsford too. Debbie is looking into the costs of doing a show in Newburyport.

We held the election of officers. The roster appears at the end of this newsletter.

Jim Rainho suggests we perform the full IBM meeting initiation ceremony for the new members this year. He will contact John Cuddy for ceremony details and for details about the

Irving award, an award for service to magic and Ring 122 named in honor of Irv Weiner (Mr. Fingers).

—Pat Farenga

Happy 90th Birthday, Gil!



Compeer Gil Stubbs celebrated his 90th birthday on August 14th. Magic colleagues and business associates joining him for dinner were (back row, left to right): Jerry Schiowitz; Robert Schlundt; Dr. Steve Croopnick, PhD; Dr. Elliott Palmer, MD; Dr. Paul Motyka, PhD. Seated (left to right): Doug Lober; Gil Stubbs; Ken Wax.

Saturday Morning Magic Off to a Great Start!

Started only last month, Saturday Morning Magic has turned out to be really informative and enjoyable. Although only a few magic enthusiasts attended the startup August and September sessions, the great conversation and performances at each get-together *lasted two to three hours ...* with most of the day left for other weekend activities. The get-togethers are held monthly in Framingham, from 10 am to 12 pm, on the Saturday morning most convenient for participants that month. For further information, please contact Jerry Schiowitz at annjer@rcn.com.

An unforgettable
evening of mind-reading,
stories, and a séance with the
“spirit” world!

Legend has it that in 1891, a mysterious box appeared at the estate of Arthur Conan Doyle, the creator of Sherlock Holmes. Doyle later became the world’s leading exponent of spiritualism, the belief that we can communicate with the dead. What was in Doyle’s Box? Can we really reach out to the “other” side?

Your Guide

Acclaimed Mentalist & Magician Méliès was named Best Magician in Boston on Thumbtack in 2015, based on enthusiastic audience reviews of his unique blend of mind-reading, magic, and occult mystery.



Your Venue

A National Historic Landmark, Hamilton Hall (1805), on Chestnut Street in downtown Salem, is widely recognized as one of the most important Federal buildings in America.

Reserve now!
Limited seating!

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For entertainment purposes only.
Stairs involved (wheelchair accommodations
may be requested in advance).

Ring 122 Meeting Calendar

September

7 PM: Pre-meeting social gathering. Snacks and cookies will be served.

7:30 PM: Business meeting (all welcome to attend; officers need to attend):

- Meeting topics (subject to change)
- Details of the Board meeting and upcoming events
- Nominations for the Irving Award
- October show

8 PM: Lecture/workshop with David Oliver (see previous page for details).

October

Note: Halloween, Oct. 31, is the last Tuesday of the month, so we will NOT be meeting then. Instead, we will meet a week earlier at our usual location on October 24. We are in the process of booking a special lecturer for our October 24 meeting—stay tuned!

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

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