

The Silent Messenger

March 2025



Ring 122 February Ring Report

As our members trickled in, several were already discussing Penn and Teller's Fool Us, and Mike Charles was casually practicing a muscle pass before David called the meeting to order.

David's diplomacy secured us a spot at Snappy Pattys for March's meeting, saving us from needing to host it solely over Zoom. We are working to secure an open invitation on Mondays pending more diplomacy. For the time being, many club members meet at Snappy Pattys before the monthly meetings. Just let us know in advance so we can RSVP.

After some prodding from Pat, we moved to our next item of business - our upcoming magic shows! We have one for the Library on Monday, April 28th at 7PM, and our Spring show on April 12th at 12PM at the Grace Episcopal Church. Our March meeting will be planning for the upcoming show.

Michael Charles proposed getting the data from Eventbrite and the payments to assemble a mailing list for future advertising purposes. He also volunteered with his PA system. Any sound effects or songs that are used in the show should be sent to him or the IBM email. There was discussion about potentially hosting more shows in the future so that magicians can get together more often to perform for an audience. Michael Charles and Mike Lee emphasized how meeting with fellow magicians is easier when these events are more frequent and consistent.

Pat was anxious to get to our magic trick feedback session for the night, so he was volunteered to start. He began with [King Con by Richard Sanders](#), then moved on to a bandana coin vanish by E Bryan MacCarthy that was found through a series of magicians making it difficult to source the name. (Editor's Note: may be found in Roth's Ultimate Coin Magic Collection.) He also demonstrated the [Martin Chapender](#) coin palm, which he heard about from Jim Rainho, who heard about it through another series of magicians such as Jean Hugard, likely found in some long-lost magic packet. (Editor's Note: I believe it might be listed in his book, Chapender's Method of Palming)

Mike Lee was next to volunteer and performed his rendition of [Equally Equal Ropes by Mark Leveridge](#) as a magician fooler. He also performed a unique split card routine of his creation based on the methods in [Adam Wilbur's SPL-ITS Project](#). The crowd was just as impressed with the trick as with the craftsmanship after learning the prop was custom made. Jimmy Do was up next with a three-coin routine whereupon one by one they disappear, only to reappear at will on the table. He then requested feedback as it was a new routine which quickly became a small collective lecture on coins, with Mike Charles taking the lead and showing his version of the trick before segueing into his set for the night.

Mike C. demonstrated a few coins across routines he employs, such as Shawn Farquhar coins across and David Roth's versions. This led to a discussion on coins and shells before moving to our next performer.

Our two newest members went next. Nick Kerpan demonstrated some rubber band effects he is incorporating into a larger cohesive performance. Mike McHenry showed off a monte routine and card selection routine. A short feedback session on double lifts ensued.

Felice Ling performed a one-of-a-kind crayon routine she is working on. She shared some feedback from the [Mystify Magic Festival](#) about living the fiction of the presentation instead of just explaining it.

David Penn closed out the night with a Kreskin card trick he also found somewhere in an old book that uses crosscut force. While discussing the crosscut force, Mike M. explained there was a survey of forces where spectators chose it as the "fairest" of the forces. Something to consider!

Our meeting closed out with a reminder that our March meeting will be on the 24th instead of the last Monday of the month, and it will be in person at [Snappy Pattys](#). We will be planning our upcoming shows. We also have an upcoming lecture in May.

Thus concluded our evening of magic.

**CHRIS CONGREAVE
LECTURE**

Chris is a working professional from the UK, he has earned his living performing at private parties, weddings, and corporate events for the past 20 years. He has released many commercial effects including *Omen*, *Roll*, *The Light*, *Cloak* and many, many more. He has also written 5 books of his own material.

All of his routines are easy to follow, perform and are extremely powerful.



President's Report



As we roll into spring, I wanted to try to inspire you by finding 12 great quotes about performing magic by the most famous magi I could find! These quotes reinforce that magic is not just performing tricks, it's about telling a story which manipulates human psychology and establishes an emotional connection with your audience. Can you identify which magi said which quote without using Google?

And don't forget that we have lots of magic going on this spring! Our joint Ring 122/SAM 9 Spring Magic Show is on Saturday, April 12th at noon, in Newton, and our first Member Magic Night for the Medford Library Community is on Monday, April 28th at 7pm at the library.

In May we have our meeting EARLY in the month and on a different night! On THURSDAY, May 15th, the Chris Congreave lecture, co-sponsored by Ring 122 and SAM 9, will take the place of our May meeting. So, there will be NO meeting the last Monday of May. A flyer for this will be coming out soon!

Have fun playing the matching game and cover the answers (below) if you don't want any hints! See you at Snappy Pattys for dinner at 5:30pm, Monday, 3/24, followed by a short meeting. Bring a personal favorite magic effect to demonstrate (or practice) and we will also be planning the Member Magic Show for April.

David

Which Magician Said these 12 Famous Quotes?

1. "My brain is the key that sets me free."
2. "The secret to magic is that the audience doesn't know it's magic."
3. "The real secret of magic is that it's about the presentation, not the trick itself."
4. "The best way to become a magician is to learn from others. The best way to be a good magician is to create your own style."
5. "The only trick that counts is the one that works."
6. "The best way to fool people is to tell them that they're being fooled."
7. "Personality must be bigger than the prop."
8. "When I was a kid, everybody told me girls can't do magic."
9. "As children we believe that anything is possible. The trick is to never forget it."
10. "Magic is not about making the impossible possible. It's about making the impossible seem possible."
11. "The real magic isn't in the tricks, it's in the audience's reaction."
12. "Magic is the only art that the audience wants to be fooled."

Answers

1. Harry Houdini
2. David Copperfield
3. Dai Vernon
4. Paul Daniels
5. Ricky Jay
6. Penn & Teller
7. Harry Blackstone Jr.
8. Dorothy Dietrich
9. David Blaine
10. Juan Tamariz
11. The Amazing Johathan
12. David Copperfield



**IBM Ring 122 President
David Penn**

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Upcoming Meeting Themes

April - Member Magic Show

May - Chris Congreave Lecture

(5/15 Thursday!)

June - Favorite Unusual Props/Elections

July - No Meeting

August - BBQ

Our next meeting is **Tuesday,**
February 24th at
7 PM on Zoom and at Snappy Pattys!

Theme: Planning Upcoming Shows



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