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January Ring Report



This month's ring report was swallowed whole and dragged to sea by the leviathan Nor'Easter. Should it wash ashore, we will memorialize it in a future edition.

Let us assume that the crew had a magical evening sharing tales and illusions.

"...to the last I grapple with thee; from hell's heart I stab at thee; for hate's sake I spit my last breath at thee."

— ~~Herman Melville, Moby Dick or, The Whale~~
Daniel Barbas, whilst stabbing at icy snow in his parking space

Nearby Magic

I wanted to highlight some local magic shows in case you can't get enough magic.

Boston Magic Lab—First Thursday of each month
Mario the Maker Magician February 22nd – March 1st
Four-Handed Illusions
Boston Theater of Magic
Alchemy: Magic in the Grand Salon



President's Report



After our usual business and discussions, our February meeting will be a rehearsal for our library show on March 23. If you're not a performer, we still need your help at this meeting. You can help as an observer, commenting on sight lines and other issues from the audience's perspective. You can help as a stagehand or help a performer sharpen their script or movements. We are lucky to have Michael Charles and Mikey Lee, experienced stage performers, leading the rehearsal and running the show.

I am not going to be here for our February and March events as I will be on an extended vacation in Mexico. I hope to connect with some Mexican magicians in Puerto Vallarta whom I found online recently. It turns out there are no IBM rings in Mexico!

I'll be back in April for our next meeting, and our joint show with SAM. If you want to help with that show, talk with Mikey Lee.

I wish you all months of merry conjuring!

Pat



**IBM Ring 122 President
Pat Farenga**



“Pawnee’s an incredibly superstitious town. A traveling magician came through one time, and he pulled a rabbit out of a hat, and the mob burned him at the stake for being a witch. The year was 1973.”

Parks and Recreation S3 E7: Harvest Festival

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MARC ROSS



ALAN THE UNCANNY



JOHN BACH



DAN BYBELL



ABRACADANIEL

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NICK KERPAN



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MAGIC SHOW: 7:00PM-8:15PM

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Upcoming Lectures

Reid Ferry

Wednesday, March 11, 7:30 PM

“More info and a description of my current lecture

“Mental Minimalism” [can be found here](#): ”

“The virtual format includes the same material as the in-person version, including free supplemental resources such as relevant tutorial videos and performance footage of the effects that can’t be performed live over Zoom. The session is interactive, engaging, and includes time for Q&A, ensuring your group gets the most out of the material.”

Alan Wassilak

August 12 (7:30) Zoom lecture

Presenting the construction and use of gaff cards

Other possible meeting topics include:

- Favorite tricks from Martin Gardner books and columns
- Favorite tricks from the Tarbell Course in Magic series
 - ♦ Tricks that work well over Zoom
- ♦ Book recommendations, with an example trick from the book

Upcoming Meeting Themes

March: Spring Magic Show! (3/23)

New themes coming soon!

Our next meeting is **Monday,**
March 23rd at
6 PM at the Library



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