



# *The Silent Messenger*

Silent Mora–Ray Goulet Ring 122

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## Ring 122 January 2020 Meeting Report

Our Jan. 2020 meeting started the year off nicely. First, we noted that our recent club fundraiser, Classical Conjuring, at the Chelmsford Center for the Arts was well attended, well performed, and financially successful for the club. After the business meeting we then moved to the theme of the evening: performing tricks that appeared in past issues of the Linking Ring (preferably, though other sources were allowed).

Crazy Davy (David Penn) cleverly framed a two-card transposition trick with a children’s joke. “Why is six always worried about seven? Because seven ate nine...”

Felice Ling, (shown in picture with Pat Farenga) claiming to have misunderstood the



night’s theme, performed a wonderful linking routine by Shoot Ogawa, followed by a linking key ring routine by Jay Sankey.

New member Andy Custer did a nice ribbon penetration routine from the Linking Ring. It uses two volunteers and three ribbons—one ribbon has metal rings on its ends and gets wrapped around the volunteer; the other ribbons were attached to it with carabineers.

Mike Lee performed a cool effect from the Nov. 2019 Linking Ring. David Penn holds his hands out and Mike puts five, one-dollar bills on his palm, one at a time, alternating face up and face down. Mike has David place his other palm on top of the bills and turn his hands upside down, then back up. When he opens his hands, all the bills face the same way.

Pat Farenga performed Copycat by David Parr. This is a follow-the-leader trick using two decks of cards that was a crowd pleaser (and fooled Penn and Teller).

Dave Cressey, (shown in photo with Felice Ling) one of the oldest and spryest members in our club, jumped into the fray. First, he asked Felice Ling to choose a card then he shuffled it into the deck. Dave creates three piles and asks Felice to choose the top card from one of three piles after he turns away. She does and then, still turned away, Dave tells her to shuffle her card and the piles together. Then he turns around and chooses fives from the deck. He asks her to point to three, which he removes. Then he asks her to point to one and it is her card.



Dave ended the night with a strong divination trick. He took three dice from his pocket, a blue, white, and red one. He asked Felice to roll the dice while his back is turned. Then Felice takes one die in one hand, hides another, and puts the third one in her other hand. Dave said, without turning around, "Would it be correct to say the numbers on top of all three dice equal; 8? Yes. The blue one is 6, the other two are ones. And the blue one is in your right hand, the white one is in your left hand, and the other is your pocket."

**Our Next Meeting is Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm, downstairs at the Universalist Church of Watertown, 35 Church Street, Watertown, MA.**

## *President's Message – Ryan Lally*



The future of magic clubs is often discussed, and with the same grim outlook. It seems that dwindling numbers across the board -- including other fraternities and clubs -- is part of the slow death that every organization has to face. But a change of perspective can give us the opposite idea.

The future of magic clubs can be seen as being the brightest it has ever been. We are living in an age where connecting with other magicians is as easy as turning on your phone. Facebook alone has countless groups for magic enthusiasts, and several magic shops are thriving online.

The future of magic clubs will see a focus on the core value of magic clubs: community and camaraderie among magicians. This takes place at our monthly IBM meetings; it takes place in bars where two or more magicians gather to talk magic; it takes place on Facebook in groups; it took place in the back room of the Magic Art Studio. The important thing to realize is that the club isn't important, but the community is.

The future of magic clubs doesn't have to be bleak because of TV and the internet. Meeting with local magicians in person, discussing and sharing tricks, and building friendships are not being hurt by modern innovation; they are being hurt by those who see innovation as a threat instead of a tool.

The future of magic clubs will demand that these clubs give more away than they take; yet what they take will be priced at a premium. When all a magic club wants is dues and ticket sales, it won't last. For a club to survive, it has to look at how it can give to the community -- both the local communities and the overall magic community -- without asking for anything in return. Through this, the magic club will gain the respectful followers, who will gladly pay their dues to be a part of such a great organization. The dues are not the endgame; rather, they are the result of the generosity of the clubs.

The future of magic clubs will involve free content sent into the world on a regular basis. This could be a blog that features local magicians with tips on getting gigs, tricks that they have invented, recommendations for books, downloads, and DVDs, and more. It could include videos and vlogs on YouTube that teach tricks and showcase performances. It could include a free newsletter sent out one a week. The ideal future club will use some or all of the above mentioned. In summary, I believe the future of magic clubs will be a marriage of online presence and in-person meetings; of free content and premium dues; of a focus on community instead of making money. Let's bring Ring 122 into this future.

## Ring 122 Holds Successful Show at the Chelmsford Art Center

Several members of Ring 122 participated in a fundraiser January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Chelmsford Arts Center. 60+ people turned out to see our club's magi perform! MC Debbie O'Carroll wowed the crowd with 5 unique costumes(!) and newly joined member, Andy Custer, was our stagehand. We raised some \$ for the club and for the Arts Center so another successful show! At the January meeting, several members voiced their opinion that we should look at offering free shows to the Boston-area community. The president's article reflects this sentiment.



## S.A.M. 9 Best of Boston Magic Contest

The Annual S.A.M. 9 Best of Boston Magic Contest was held February 12 at the Puppet Showplace Theater in Brookline. IBM Ring 122 was well represented in the magic competition as Mikey Lee won the contest for the second consecutive year and President Ryan Lally took home the 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy. The Great Scott took 2<sup>nd</sup>. Also shown is S.A.M. president, Alan Ashare, on far right. It was a great showing for Ring 122 and helped showcase the magic talents of our members. Congrats!



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