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The Silent Messenger

November 2022

Ring 122 October Ring Report

The October meeting (which was held on the anniversary of Silent Mora's birthday!) opened up with Old Business. Mikey Lee looked into having a show again in Wellesley show but that space is no longer available. Mikey heard from Ryan Lally that the Chelmsford Theater is booked until the spring, so we may have an opportunity for a Spring Show. Davey is hoping that a new performance space in Winchester that he knows about will become available in the spring, as well.

For New Business, we welcomed our new Silent Messenger editor, Daniel Barbas, and our new sergeant-at-arms, Kevin Butler! A new position of Social Media Liaison was discussed as well as updating our website and Facebook presence and adding a presence on Instagram. Daniel Barbas also mentioned archiving our past newsletters, videos, and other media on our website. A committee including Debbie O'Carroll, Daniel, and myself and others is being formed to pursue these objectives. Please email me at penn.d@comcast.net if you would be interested in the Social Media role or helping out on this committee!

December Holiday Dinner! Mikey Lee has suggested we meet at CitiWorks for our in-person, December meeting! Located in the Arsenal Yard complex, it's not too far from Watertown Square. We can enjoy food, beverages, and share some card or other close up magic effects! I am wondering if Tuesday, 12/20/22 at 6:30pm would work? This avoids trying to meet two days after Christmas when some folks might be away on vacation? We can discuss this at the November meeting.

Rogue mentioned that he has begun to hold a once a month magic teach-in for kids at his local library and perhaps we could do the same thing in Watertown? Davy will follow up. Pat Farenga's terrific article on Boston's Magic past continues in this month's issue! The Michael Ammar lecture which was postponed has yet to be rescheduled. It may be that he is not doing lectures via Zoom any longer. And with that mention, the business meeting was complete and the magic began!

Bob Filene told a story about a spooky house he had to show as a realtor that involved a haunted key and a house that disappeared! He then performed a card prediction with a texted a message to a member which turned out to be a 52-in-1 card which then flipped to reveal the predicted card! This was enhanced using the "live video" feature on the iPhone. Rogue performed a card effect using custom cards with 10 hats and 10 magicians based on a Paul Curry effect. Davy did a version of Witch of Glastonbury by Paul Prater from September Linking Ring, page 79 using a Magician card instead of the wheel of fortune card. Rob Kinslow showed us a spooky dollar that folded by itself. Dan Bybell put a spooky looking block into a box and drove a wooden rod through it like you would drive a stake through a coffin to kill a vampire but the vampire/block gets away! This is a Daniel Brock effect. Dan also likes performing Disecto, a similar effect. And with that, we adjourned for the evening.



Meeting Information

Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 29th at 7:30 PM on Zoom.

There is no theme for this month. Instead we have a guest lecture by Scott Alexander!
<https://scottalexander.bigcartel.com/>

Upcoming Meeting Themes

December:	Holiday Magic Dinner (In Person)
January:	New Year, New Magic! (Zoom)
February:	Lecture, To Be Announced (Zoom)
March:	Mentalism (In Person)
April:	Book Magic and Favorite Gimmicks (Zoom)
May:	Lecture, To be Announced (Zoom)
June:	Elections, Group Trick Creation (In Person)
August:	Summer BBQ (In Person)



President's Report



There's an old quotation by Groucho Marx from when he resigned the Friar's Club that went: "I don't want to belong to any club that would accept me as one of its members." However I think we can turn that quotation upside down at Ring 122! I like being a member of the Boston Chapter of the International Brotherhood of Magicians! I'm happy to be a member! I hope you are too, and that you would want other people you know interested in magic to become a member too!

Perhaps if you look through your friends list on Facebook or your contacts list in your cell phone, you would find one or two friends you have lost touch with that you remember being interested when you showed them a magic trick? I did that the other day and immediately came up with a fellow teacher from some years back. We were supposed to go to a Ring meeting together, but he lived out in the Worcester area at the time. A quick search on Facebook revealed that he now lives in the North Shore. I reached out and he is now part of our email list and hopes to attend a future Zoom! I still have to look through the rest of my contact list because I'm sure I have a few other people that I should reach out to that might want to attend one of our Zooms. I invite you to do as I did and see if you don't already know people that have an interest in magic but have never crossed the threshold into being an active magician or joining a club.

It wasn't that long ago, that I was one of those people. Think back, what got you first interested in magic? Was it your mom or

dad, an older sibling, a relative, or a magician you happened to see perform? One bitten by the magic bug, it's amazing how that interest can stay with us even if it's dormant for a while. I loved magic as a kid but never went to a magic shop until I turned 40 and was looking for a way to keep my second grade classroom motivated throughout the day. (Diamonds, thank you Eddie Gardner!)

I would like to propose a personal goal for each one of us to invite a friend to an online or in person meeting in the next three months. I bet you know someone who is interested in magic but does not consider his/her self to be a magician. And since we are primarily on Zoom, don't limit your friends to local people. There's no reason why your friend can't be anywhere in the US or beyond. They just need to be someone you enjoy hanging out with as a member of a club you are happy to be part of!



**IBM Ring 122
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Remembering Bruce Fenton

Bruce was IBM Ring 122 President from 2013-2018. He actively served as the MC for many of the IBM Shows we put on from 2017-2020.

I was able to make it to the visitation today. I introduced myself as being there on behalf of the entire club. Bruce's family was so happy and appreciative to have that representation, knowing how important magic and the magic fraternity was to Bruce. They also made sure to point out to me that Bruce was dressed in his magic performance tuxedo (he looked so dapper) and will be buried in it.

-Daryl Vanderburgh

Bruce and I were on the IBM board together for a number of years. Such an unassuming fellow, it took me a while to realize what a Renaissance man he was. He had a myriad of interests besides magic, including music, history, theatre and grandchildren. He was always ready to help with any project we devised and I will really miss his kindness, friendliness and intelligence. We at Ring 122 benefited so much from sharing membership with him. I am greatly saddened by his death.

- Debbie O'Carroll



He was always so nice! Sending lots of love to everyone.

- Matias Letelier

Bruce was such a delightful person. He was easy to talk to and radiated kindness. I remember the endless list of jokes he pulled from whenever he hosted a show, and I will retell them wherever I can to carry his memory with me.

- Daniel Barbas

Bruce was such a good guy.

- John Sanbonmatsu

Bruce Fenton was a wonderful colleague to us in Ring 122. He contributed his time, equipment, and performing skills to many IBM public performances. His participation in our teach-ins always impressed me. Sure, he showed and explained some great tricks (Bentley, a neat paperclip trick, is one I remember), but he was a real Renaissance man outside of magic. He worked in advertising, was an experienced graphic designer (he did many of our posters for shows), could play a variety of musical instruments, and was well versed in politics and art.

At one of our magic Teach-ins Bruce displayed some of his American Indian art collection, explaining how the various objects displayed were connected to King Philip, a Wampanoag chief. When the New England colonists repeatedly violated their alliance with the Wampanoags, King Philip declared war. Wikipedia notes: "The war was the greatest calamity in seventeenth-century New England and is considered by many to be the deadliest war in Colonial American history. In the space of little more than a year, 12 of the region's towns were destroyed and many more were damaged, the economy of Plymouth and Rhode Island Colonies was all but ruined and their population was decimated, losing one-tenth of all men available for military service. More than half of New England's towns were attacked by Natives. Hundreds of Wampanoags and their allies were publicly executed or enslaved, and the Wampanoags were left effectively landless." I never knew anything about this war or King Philip, but Bruce did. I'm so grateful that he shared that part of his life with me during a magic club meeting, and I have many good memories of us discussing the pros and cons of various invisible threads, famous magicians, and the world at large.

- Pat Farenga



Reminder

Your 2022-2023 Dues are Due! Final Reminder!

It's that time of year again! Dues are due. Dues pay our Zoom bill, the magician who lecture, and other expenses to maintain our club.
It's still a bargain at only \$35 for electronic delivery of the Silent Messenger, \$45 if you desire snail mail delivery. For your convenience, there are multiple ways to pay:

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Please include the description: **IBM Ring 122** dues in your payment memo. Thank you!
- Daryl



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