



I.B.M. MAGRUM-KIEFER RING NO. 11  
QUAD-CITIES MAGIC CLUB  
JANUARY 2008 NEWSLETTER



**NEXT MEETING:**

February 7, 2008  
7:00 p.m.  
Riverside Garden Room  
34th Street and 5th Avenue  
Moline, IL

**ASSIGNMENTS:**

**FEBRUARY MEETING**

**Theme:** AUCTION TIME!!!

**Drinks:** Rick Brammer

**Snacks:** Joe Dobson

**MARCH MEETING**

**MC:** Jerry Phillips

**Theme:** Original or  
Impromptu Magic

**Drinks:** Del Kiefer

**Snacks:** Eric Dany

**Performers:** Everybody who  
wants to

**Video Review:** Bob Smith

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The **March meeting** will be a week later on March 13 rather than March 6...still in the Garden Room. The change is because there is a club show on March 6 that will involve a number of members. Monroe school in Davenport will be the site. Rick Brammer is lining up the necessary performers and helpers. Contact him if you're interested in doing walk-around or being a general helper.

Hey gang. Guess what ! It's **AUCTION TIME AT THE FEBRUARY 7th MEETING.** President Joe is back from terrorizing the French Quarter in New Orleans and will be our auctioneer. So bring money to spend and something magical to sell. You know the rules...same as last year.

1. A limit of ten items.
2. You may put a minimum sale price on each one if you like.
3. The club gets 10% of each sale.
4. Any magazines must be bundled and will be held till the end.
5. "Magic Bucks" may not be used.
6. Attach a brief description to EACH item rather than describing all your things on one sheet.

A warm welcome to new members...**CARTER and CURTIS HAGEN and MICHAEL DYER.** We're delighted to have you with us and hope you'll find your membership both fun and productive.

**DOOZER DOO.** That's right. The club dues for 2008 are due and will still be \$15 until the end of the February meeting. After that they jump to \$20. For new members the dues are \$15 whenever they join.

Several of us attended Chris Carter's performance at Augustana on January 12th. Chris is a full-time professional magician/mentalists from Chicago currently playing the college circuit. It was a mental show he did and the crowd loved it...very clever and full of humor. It ranked right up there with the bigger names like Banachek, Bob Cassidy, Larry Becker and Dick Osterlind. We enjoyed it.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont'd):

You'll be happy to know the rules for our Magician of the Year contest have been established and are a part of the newsletter. Please save them for your future reference. The contest started with the January meeting and will run through the end of the year. The person accumulating the most points will be named the Magician of the Year for 2008. So do all the things that will get you some points and shoot for this prestigious award. Brother Dobson, who has declared himself ineligible, will be the score keeper. He takes no bribes. That means you'll all have to work for your points. Darn.

### ***MAGRUM-KIEFER RING #11 JANUARY 2008 REPORT***

While newly elected president, Joe Dobson, was enjoying the hospitality of New Orleans, the rest of the members of Ring #11 braved the zero temperature and made the January meeting a good one. VP Rick Brammer of Davenport, IA. ran the meeting and kept things moving right along. Past President, Jeremy Haak, received the IBM PP medal and a certificate of appreciation for his leadership. Three new members, Carter and Curtis Hagen and Michael Dyer, were welcomed into the club. Rules for this year's Magician of the Year contest were approved. Rick Brammer announced that a club fund-raiser show will take place in March at Monroe School in Davenport. This is the second year the Ring has been invited to perform. Last year's show put \$700 into the Ring treasury.

Jerry Phillips reviewed a DVD on rope magic and Rick Brammer did two teach-a-trick sessions...the first covering his simple routine of backpalming a playing or business card which he finds very effective for young children, believe it or not. Next he taught an effective coins across routine. And he provided all the props so everybody had an opportunity to learn some magic by actually doing it. That's so much better than the usual "I'll do a trick, then tell you how it's done" approach.

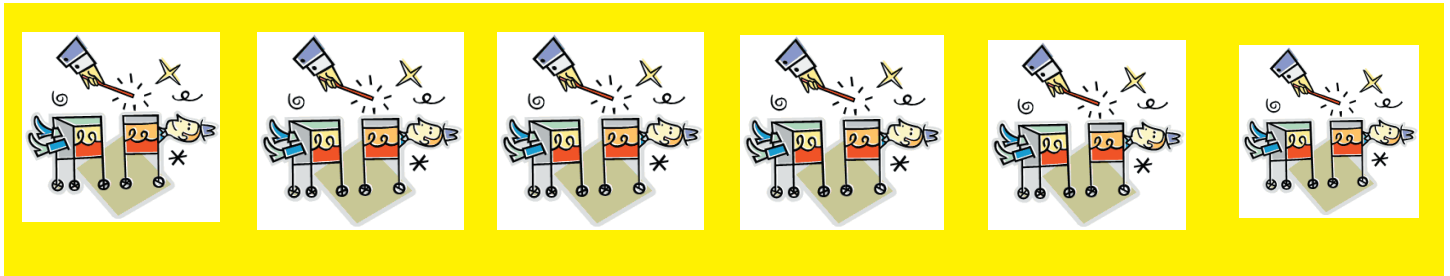
It's showtime with MC Chuck Hanson introducing Jerry Phillips, who did an ungimmicked linking ropes routine he learned from the DVD he had just reviewed. Brittany Schmidt, one of our fine teen-agers, performed a mental stunt using pictures of animals on cards. Four people each selected an animal from the pictures...then Brittany not only named the selections but was also able to state who had chosen each one. Lifetime member, Del Kiefer, used the classic Bohleno Visible Block Penetration [Town House Magic ca 1950] to convince us that solids can penetrate through solids without any damage. It was exciting to see Del do such a nice job because he's trying to get up to speed after suffering a stroke fifteen months ago.

Steve Dulaney had a card noted, then had a helper spell its name, placing the cards into four piles. The last card spelled was the selection. Then the other piles were turned face up, showing the other three cards of the same value. Jeremy Haak ably performed his version of the Invisible Deck miracle. He was followed by another teen-ager, Joe Urbain, who did an interesting prediction stunt using three chairs, a knife, fork and spoon, and a helper from the audience. He was all decked out in a tuxedo and was by far the best dressed person at the meeting. Duane Laflin's color changing "Russian Rings" trick was presented by Todd Herbst, a very colorful guy himself...and fearless.

Nifty is a good word to describe Ken Thompson's routine for Jumping Jack Cash, a trick in which two initialled bills change places even though one is locked in a plastic frame. Ken is the proud grandfather and magic tutor of Brittany Schmidt. Almost all of Kim Meacham's magic involves some sleight-of-hand to accomplish. And his performance of a two-card transposition and a slick Okito Box routine was true to form...very well done. Closing the show was MC Chuck Hanson, who used the old Attaboy prop and a neat, new Bob Brown routine to find three selected cards in an unusual manner.

The Magicians Roundtable lunch is held at Crooners Restaurant in Moline, IL each Saturday starting at 11 AM. Drop in if you're in the Quad Cities area. It's a friendly bunch.

**The Rick Maue lecture is scheduled for March 25 at Mr. Wong's.** Details will be in the next newsletter. You won't want to miss this one so mark your calendar. Rick was scheduled to be with us a year ago but had to cancel for health reasons. If you "google" his name you will be amazed at the wonderful things people are saying about him.



## MAGICIAN OF THE YEAR CONTEST

The Magician of the Year contest is based on participation in club activities. Members are awarded points for their involvement in accordance with the schedule shown below. The member accumulating the most points throughout the year will be named Magician of the Year. In case of a tie multiple awards will be made. The contest will run from January thru December.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONTEST YEAR

1. Must be a paid club member and an IBM member.
2. Must attend a combined total of at least 8 club meetings or club shows.
3. Must perform at 5 or more club meetings or club shows in total.
4. Must do at least one Book/DVD review or Teach-A-Trick.

### PARTICIPATION POINTS AWARDED

#### POINTS

- 1-for each meeting attended.
- 1-for each performance at a meeting.
- 3-for each performance at a club show.
- 2-for being a stagehand at a club show...2.per occurrence.
- 2-for each Book/DVD review or Teach-A-Trick.

#### STAGE AND CLOSE-UP POINTS

- 4-for winning First Place
- 3-for Second Place
- 2-for Third Place
- 1-for all other contestants.

The Board of Directors serves as Oversight Committee to ensure proper points are given to the members. The club president during the contest year will keep a record of each member's points and will be ineligible for the Magician of the Year award for the year.