



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



**NEXT MEETING:**

May 1, 2008  
 7:00 p.m.  
 Riverside Garden Room  
 34th Street and 5th Avenue  
 Moline, IL

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There's a lot of news this month starting off with...The **CLOSE-UP CONTEST** at the regular meeting on May 1, 7 PM. A number of members said they plan to enter so it should be a good night. Judges will be Rick Brammer, Todd Herbst and Jerry Phillips. Here is how the judging will be done:

Five criteria will be measured and a rating from 1 [low] to 7 [excellent] will be determined for each criteria. The importance of each criteria is shown by the weighting factor.

**ASSIGNMENTS:**

**MAY MEETING**

**Theme:** Close-Up Contest

**Drinks:** Todd Herbst

**Snacks:** Michael Dyer

**Teach-a-Trick:** Jerry Phillips (hard)  
 Michael Dyer (easy)

**Book/DVD Report:** Todd Herbst

**JUNE MEETING (6/5):**

**Theme:** Classics of Magic

**MC:** Laura Anderson

**Teach-a-Trick:** Eric Dany (advanced card work)  
 Todd Herbst (easy)

**Book/DVD Report:** Jeremy Haak

**Snacks:** Brittany Schmidt

**Drinks:** Ken Thompson

	Points x Weight = Total
APPEARANCE [1-weighting factor]	_____ x 1 = _____
PERFORMING PRESENCE ...	
[POISE, PERSONALITY [3]	_____ x 3 = _____
ABILITY [3]	_____ x 3 = _____
ORIGINALITY [2]	_____ x 2 = _____
AUDIENCE RESPONSE [3]	_____ x 3 = _____
Total Points	_____

Performers exceeding seven minutes will be penalized ten points. Only paid up QCMC members are eligible to participate.

A 19" x 46" table with a draped cover will be available for use. The drape is long enough to hide lapped items.

Jerry Phillips said the treasury balance is the same as last month [\$3815] less \$153 for the Rick Maue lecture, plus some dues he collected. Jerry tells it like it is.

Rick Brammer reported on the two club shows coming up...May 3 in Williamsfield, IL and May 17 in Dixon, IL. Both are split profit activities with the sponsoring organizations.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued):

Congratulate Toto Johnson when you see him. Not only has he been invited as one of eight clowns worldwide to return to China [April 26-May 5] to promote clowning festivals in that country [a real honor], but he was surprised to learn he placed second in a national contest in the category “most picturesque clown character”. Pretty tall stuff, Toto.

Del Kiefer is busy taking care of his wife, Myrt, who returned home after an eight week stay in the hospital following a stroke. She is improving but still needs quite a bit of therapy and physical help to do the things she wants to do. We send them both our very sincere best wishes for continued recovery.

Mr. Wong’s metamorphoses into the Wizards Den on May 1. By now most of you know that Brian Moore is selling his magic business to Kim Meacham, effective the end of April. Kim is renaming it the Wizards Den and is planning to keep it at the same location. He is sending out a separate announcement with details. We are very grateful that Brian has been a significant presence in the area. It hasn’t been easy in this era of the decline of brick and mortar magic shops. Thank you Brian for your efforts and for allowing the club to use your theatre for many lectures. We appreciate your generosity. Best wishes to you and Missy. Best wishes, too, to Kim for his interest in keeping a real, live magic shop right here in our midst. It’s up to us all to “give him the business”, so to speak.

BOB SHEETS LECTURE...MAY 10. 7 PM, Wizards Den. Members...\$10. QCMC & IBM members...\$5. Spouses and parents...\$5. All others...\$15. Bob is an excellent entertainer and lecturer. Humor flows through his entire session. He is equally at home on the stage, the street, behind a bar...in any type of setting. His lecture will most likely be a mixture of a variety of magic. Doc Eason, Eric Mead and J.C. Wagner look to him as their mentor. Several QCMC members attended his lecture in Cedar Rapids two years ago and say, “He’s superb. Don’t miss it”. Check him out at [bobsheets.com](http://bobsheets.com)

MAGIC MAY-NIA Convention, May 9, 10 and 11 in West Des Moines at the Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1025-28th St. Here’s the detail that we have. Friday evening...a four hour workshop with Kenton Knepner-\$75. Saturday throughout the day...lectures by Kenton, Matthew Fishman [Street Magician from Boston] and Michael Baker [Parlor Magic]. Also...a flea market, some dealers and an evening show. Cost is \$55 before May 1, \$75 thereafter. Family members...a bit less. Call 515 156 0999 for more information.

### OTHER DATES OF IMPORTANCE

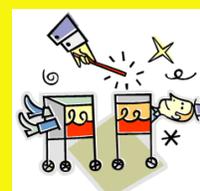
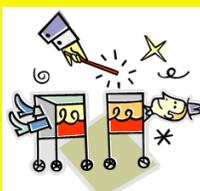
May 9, 10, 11...Jonathan Neal Brown and Joel Ward magic show in Savanna, IL. Details--March letter.

June 5.....Regular meeting.

July 6.....Club picnic, catered, shelter just south of Garden Room.

August 6-9.....Abbott’s Magic GetTogether, Colon, MI.

August 7-9.....Midwest Magic Jubilee, St. Louis, MO. Airport Hilton.



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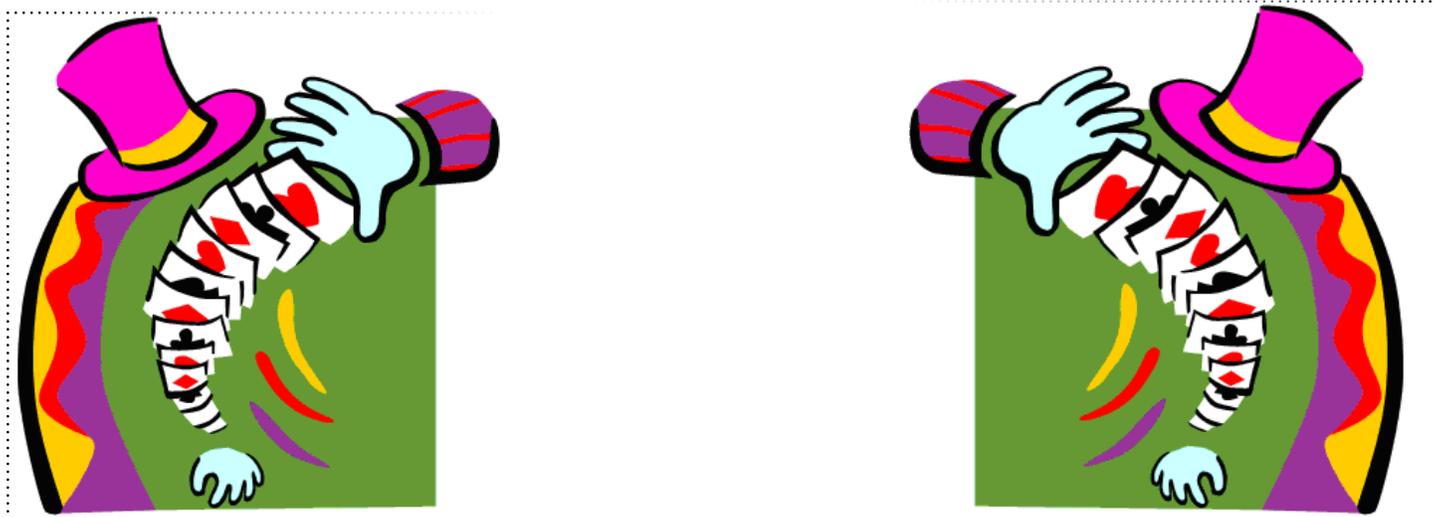
It wasn't April Fools day when Ring #11 met but we still had a goodly group of April Foolers to teach, review and perform. The business portion of the meeting was lively and to the point. Rick Brammer reported on two upcoming fund-raiser shows to be performed by club members. There are also two lecturers as well as the club's first close up contest...all in the busy month of May. The goodies just keep flowing in...like water from a Lota Bowl.

Historian Ty Bernier took us back in time with pictures and other memorabilia from the convention we had nine years ago. Jerry Phillips, using a borrowed copy, gave Pete McCabes new book Scripting Magic such a favorable review he decided to buy a copy fo his own library. The teaching session had Jeremy Haak explaining the Rope Through The Neck trick. Joe Urbain, one of our Senior High School members, showed and taught an original card trick in which the backs change color, then only partially revert to their original color. It was a cute trick.

Following a mini donuts and punch break we all settled in for the evening program of rope and silk magic. A record number of performers put on a great, entertaining show. Jeremy Haak capably handled the MC action. He brought out Laura Anderson, all dressed in her Daizy Dee costume, Chuck Hanson, dressed but not costumed, Joe Dobson, dapperly attired, Joe Urbain, looking nice, Eric Dany, Bob Beardsley, his daughter Rochelle, Jeremy himself and Ricky Sevchic [phonetic spelling]. Also former members Randy Smith and Jim Robinson joined us to present three effects from the mental act they have developed.

We watched several versions of the Professor's Nightmare, some nice knot tricks, a three rope baffler by Joe Dobson, a few comedy rope things, a rope twirling flourish, a version of the coin stunt called Three Flight, color changing juggling rings, the Silk Worm, a prediction, a mind control effect, a mind reading bit and two approaches to the mismade flag. [Why do these skilled performers all accidentally drop the blue scarf? Are they just clumsy?] All were well done and appreciated by the audience.

Please drop in at one of our meetings if you're in the area. We have a lot of fun and would be delighted to have you join us.



## Featured Magician

Lance Burton currently stars at the Monte Carlo Resort and Casino. His 13-year contract is the longest legal agreement ever given to any entertainer in Las Vegas history and the \$27 million Lance Burton Theatre was built especially for him and designed to his specifications.

Here is a brief synopsis of his career:

**Burton Leaves Kentucky for LA:** In 1980, shortly after his 20th birthday, Burton wins the “Gold Medal for Excellence” from the International Brotherhood of Magicians and moves to Southern California. Bill and Milt Larsen, the founders of the Magic Castle, feature him in their annual “It’s Magic” show and land him an appearance on “The Tonight Show” with Johnny Carson. To date, Burton has appeared on the “The Tonight Show” with Johnny Carson ten times and appeared five more times with Jay Leno as the host.

**Competes and Wins FISM:** In 1982, Burton competes in the Olympics of magic, “F.I.S.M.” (Fédération International Société de Magie) in Lausanne, Switzerland and wins the “Grande Prix.” Burton was both the first American and the youngest performer to be so honored. Burton accepts an eight-week trial engagement at the “Folies Bergere” in Las Vegas.

**Burton Stars at the Hacienda:** In 1991, Burton produced, directed and wrote his own show, which opened at the Hacienda Hotel and played for five years.

**The Mantle of Magic:** In 1994, Burton was given the honor of having the “Mantle of Magic” passed to him from Magician Lee Grabel, which allowed him to join “The Royal Dynasty of Magic.” This honor, has been passed in an unbroken line beginning from Kellar to Thurston in 1908, to Dante in 1936, to Lee Grabel in 1955 and to Lance Burton.

**Monte Carlo Calls:** Also in 1994, Burton entered into a contract to star in, produce and direct a new version of his magic show at the Monte Carlo Resort & Casino which opened in 1996. This 13-year contract is the longest legal agreement ever given to any entertainer in Las Vegas history. The \$27 million Lance Burton Theatre was built especially for him and designed to his specifications.

Burton has been featured in numerous television specials and starred in four network television specials. He has performed for President Reagan, (during his presidency) and was presented to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, after a Royal Command Performance at London’s Palladium Theatre.

This information was taken from the following website.

<http://magic.about.com/od/biosonfamousmagicians/ig/Famous-Magicians/>

and that’s a wrap!