



I.B.M. MAGRUM-KIEFER RING NO. 11  
QUAD-CITIES MAGIC CLUB  
FEBRUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### NEXT MEETING:

February 5, 2009  
7:00 p.m.  
Riverside Garden Room  
34th Street and 5th Avenue  
Moline, IL

#### ASSIGNMENTS:

##### FEBRUARY MEETING

**DIRECTOR:** Bob Beardsley

**Theme:** Close-up Musical Chairs  
(See text for details)

**Drinks:** Ken Thompson

**Snacks:** Eric Dany

**Teachers:** Rick Szewcyk (easy)  
Chuck Hanson (advanced)

**Book/DVD Report:** Mike Dyer and  
Rick Brammer

##### MARCH MEETING:

**March 12 (Please note the date)**

**No Assignments Yet**

YOU, YOU, YOU and I...all of us...will be the featured performers at the February meeting. We want everybody to do something. And it should be easy because each of us will only have to perform in a small group setting. And...we'll only have to do one trick for each group as we move from group to group. That means we can do one trick or a variety for seven or more times. Bob Beardsley, our choreographer, will divide us into the small groups and then will have us rotate, some clockwise, some counterclockwise at the end of each short session...just like he did two years ago when we tried out the idea successfully. SO...get out a few of your close-up miracles and practice the one[s] you want to use. Pick out tricks that can be done in one to three minutes because the time is limited. DO IT, YA HEAR!!

FOR THE TEACHING SESSION HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING. Rickie says to bring two ropes about 10 feet long and a 12 inch piece of thread if you want to learn to do the ropes through the body routine he'll teach. Chuck wants you to bring a pocket knife or some other steel bladed, pointed knife and a fairly new dollar bill. If you do you'll actually learn to perform a nifty trick that's easy to do.

JERRY PHILLIPS, keeper of the keys to our cash vault, reported a balance of \$4102.05 not including dues collected at the meeting, a hotel bill for the entertainers at the Christmas Party and the \$1000 yet to be received from the club's Polo Club gig last August. Not bad, huh?

He also reminds us that DUES ARE DUE...DUES ARE DUE...DOOZER DO... for 2009. Most of us have taken care of this obligation [or opportunity, if you're an optimistic person]. If you haven't you may still get in on the \$15 rate if you pay before the end of the February meeting. After that the dues are \$20.

Is this a busy club or what? I tell ya...just look at all these extra-curricular activities coming up and mark your calendar so you won't forget. Mine is already marked. My memory is short!

March 5.....Club Show, Monroe School, Davenport.  
March 14...Club Show, North Scott High School for Eldridge, IA library.  
March 18...PAUL GERTNER LECTURE, 7 PM, Wizard's Den, Davenport. More later.  
April 6.....Club Walk-Around Gig, Mt. Pleasant, IA library.  
April 16.....Club Show, Dixon, IL theatre, for charity.  
May 2.....DAVID GINN LECTURE, QC area, details to be worked out.  
August 8...Club Walk-Around Gig, Davenport, Polo Club match.  
October ?..Club Show, SPOOKTACULAR, Moline Park Department.

Please make yourself available to perform or be of assistance. Contact Rick Brammer...563 823 1471.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont'd):

GUESTS at the last meeting were former member, Jason Hamilton and Alisha from East Moline, another former member, Tim Stolba, Don Nelson and Chris Arthur from the Cedar Rapids Ring and Justin and David Peters, new to our area, now living in Park View, IA. We're glad to have you with us.

### A LITTLE BIT OF THIS...A LITTLE BIT OF THAT

P. C. Swanson was scheduled to have by-pass surgery on January 16 in Aurora, IL. We haven't been able to get an update on his situation but will keep you posted on any developments.

Rochelle Beardsley, working on her Girl Scout Silver Award, expects to teach a magic class for youngsters at the Epworth, IA Community Center. At the conclusion they will put on a magic show at one of the nearby nursing homes. For this they would greatly appreciate any donations of magic props. Contact Rochelle or her dad, Bob, if you can help.

A timely riddle. What did Abraham Lincoln, George Washington and Christopher Columbus all have in common? Give up? They were all born on holidays [at least that's the way it used to be.]

In Tucson, AZ there is a magician by the name of Justin Kredible, believe it or not.

Here's an opportunity for all would-be wordsmiths. Create a book called "Great Oil And Water Routines I have Seen and Enjoyed". It should be easy to write and very short. [For those of you who might not know, Oil and Water refers to a card trick which is often quite boring.]

And finely...SPELING IS A LOSSED ART.

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The following snippets came from Magic Magazine eUpdate by Stan Allen.

### ***One Way Out Monday, February 2nd, 9 and 9:30pm Discovery***

The premise for escapologist Jonathan Goodwin's new half-hour show One Way Out was first introduced to American viewers last April during a Discovery Channel special of the same name. During each of these ten episodes, Goodwin will be placed in elaborate and extreme situations by his team, only to then be left alone to find his way out. The first two episodes, airing back-to-back Monday evening, send the show's host careening off a high-dive, tumbling down a hill in a locked barrel, and attempting to free himself from a rapidly spinning chair.

### ***The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson February 2nd - 6th, 12:35am, CBS***

Last April, television talk-show host Craig Ferguson saw Rick Thomas performing in Las Vegas, launching an affinity for the art of magic that would result in a week full of prominent magic talent taking the stage at his studio. Beginning Monday, The Late Late Show's "Magic Week" returns with Lance Burton on Monday, Jason Randal on Tuesday, Jason Hudy on Wednesday, and Ed Alonzo on Thursday. Rumor has it that Craig may try his hand at the magic for the Friday show. When scheduling your TiVo, remember that The Late Late Show actually airs very early in the morning, Tuesday through Saturday.

### ***Masters of Illusion Mondays at 9pm, myNetworkTV***

If you've missed out on Masters of Illusion thus far, here's your chance to catch up. The first four episodes of the thirteen-part series will re-air beginning Monday, leading up to a new episode on March 2nd.

February 2nd: Scarlett, Jeff McBride, Kalin & Jinger, Farrell Dillion, Hillel, Krystyn Lambert, Amazing Jonathan, Guy Bavli, Tony Clark, Ai & Yuki.

February 9th: Jason Byrne, Dan Sperry, Joe Skilton, Krystyn Lambert, Kevin James, Jonathan Levit, Aaron Radatz, Tom Burgoon, Ridgeway & Johnson, James Clark

February 16th: Arian Black, Scarlett, Ed Alonzo, Jeff McBride, Kyle Eschen, Zach Creahan-Mueller, Farrell Dillion, Ai & Yuki, Mark Kalin & Jinger

February 23rd: Jason Byrne, Tom Burgoon, Nathan Gibson, Chris Randall, Aaron Radatz, Dan Sperry, Fielding West, Rocco, Jonathan Levit, Kevin James, Krystyn Lambert, Ridgeway & Johnson

# RING NO. 11 REPORT

## JANUARY 2009

Something special must have been going to happen at the January meeting in Moline, IL because there was an unusually large turnout. Why so, you might ask. Because the events of the evening seemed to have the potential to be a little out of the ordinary.

President Joe Dobson started the meeting by welcoming guests and thanking Eric and Linda Dany for handling the arrangements and booking the talent for the Christmas Party. Rick Brammer reminded us about the six club shows definitely booked for 2009. These are programs the Ring does as fund raisers for charitable organizations, the Ring receiving a portion of the profit or a flat fee.

Kim Meacham, owner of the well-stocked Wizard's Den in Davenport, IA, showed some of the new items he has on the shelves...just to whet our appetites. Then he gave a very good and thorough review of John Carney's "Book of Secrets". Jerry Phillips also did a review. He discussed "Card College Light" by Robert Giobbi, putting a very favorable light on it.

Eric Dany put on his teacher's hat and showed us a nifty trick in which a selected card magically appeared at the end of a spelling sequence using random numbers and words. The trick is the brainchild of Bob Brown, a member who recently passed away after a lengthy bout with lung disease. The second Teach-A-Trick session was conducted by Bob Beardsley. He did a nice, quite easy version of Dr. Daley's Last Trick and even distributed instructions. Good work, gentlemen.

Several months ago President Joe asked the two senior members, Del Kiefer and Chuck Hanson, to give some thought to the statement, "I wish I knew then what I know now" and to talk about it at a future meeting. Well, that's what they did at the January meeting. Del and Chuck, both 81, have been doing magic most of the time since they were in Jr. High School...they've seen and learned a lot over the years. Magic topics covered included...the necessity to learn as much as possible by reading, performing, watching others and conversing with other magicians; professionalism; using helpers from the audience; creating presentations/ miracles; obtaining good rapport with the audience; the importance of appropriate attitude; and how to make a trick interesting and magical. Some of the audience members also offered very interesting comments on a number of the points. The entire affair wound up with a lively question and answer session.

Since I was one of the two principals I can tell you the assignment was thought-provoking, interesting and a lot of fun. We expected the presentation to last about a half an hour but so many examples came to mind that it lasted considerably longer. We must have put the audience into a semi-stupor because they stayed to the end, then felt compelled to stand up to straighten their legs and wave their hands back and forth. I say this with the utmost modesty of course. It was gratifying to have so many people come up afterward to express their appreciation. We loved it.

Please visit us at a meeting or at the Magicians Roundtable/brunch every Saturday, 11 AM, at the Windmill Restaurant in East Moline, IL. We like to see new faces and make new friends.

