



I.B.M. MAGRUM-KIEFER RING No. 11

QUAD CITIES MAGIC CLUB

MAY 2010 NEWSLETTER

MAY MEETING

May 6, 2010
7:00 PM

Riverside Garden Room
34th Street and 5th Avenue
Moline, IL

ASSIGNMENTS

MC: Michael Finney!

Theme: Illusions & Stage

Drinks: Del Keifer

Snacks: Joe Dobson

Teachers: Chuck Hanson

(bring a deck of cards,
it's a coin trick.)

Media Rpt: Chuck Hanson

JUNE MEETING

Theme: Contests Close-up
and Stage

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rafael Benetar will be lecturing on Tuesday, May 18th
7 PM at the Garden Room

KOZMO will be lecturing on Tuesday, May 25th
7 PM at the Garden Room

Lectures: \$10 - members, \$15 - non-members.

LAST MEETING

President Todd Herbst opened the April meeting at 7:00 pm. Sergeant-At-Arm Brandon Lipkowitz introduced guests: Luke Van Cleve and Michael Lynch. Treasurer Jerry Phillips reported our balance at \$10,672.88.

President Todd reported on some backdrop information from a trade show about trade shows. Eric Dany reported on curtains to be used in conjunction with the backdrops.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rick updated us on upcoming Club shows: Saturday, April 17th (Dixon, Illinois), Saturday May 22nd (Dubuque, Iowa), Sunday June 6th (Iowa City, Iowa). Rick also gave Toto some overdue magic bucks.

The regular meeting in July is our annual club picnic. It will be held on Thursday, July 1st at 6 PM at the park adjacent to the Garden Room.

Upcoming lectures: Henry Evans will be at the Wizard's Den on April 15th at 7:00 pm. Rafael Benetar will be lecturing on Tuesday, May 18th. Shawn Farquar will be Wednesday, September 15th (changed from the 16th). The Club has been approached by Kozmo for his lecture, and he will probably be here in May.

OLD BUSINESS

The Club decided to purchase a sound system. Rick Brammer will spend the hard earned money on our new toy. Thanks Rick!

President Todd showed the new Club flyers and business cards. The Club voted to pursue printing up a book of tricks to be sold at Club shows, mainly as a means of promoting the Club. The renaming of the *Magician of the Year* was again tabled. There will be one award.

MONKEY BUSINESS

Toto reported that his London gig has led him to be invited to perform at a charity event in Monaco, which is the largest circus ring in the world!

Sir Richard announced that he has a supply of Ike dollars for sale for \$2 each.

NEW STUFF, INSTRUCTION & MORE MAGIC

Sir Richard gave a review of the DVD of the Cellini Zurich lecture. He highly recommends this DVD for anyone wanting to busk, or work outdoors.

Joe Dobson taught the easy Teach-A-Trick, one of the effects he used in winning the Close-Up Contest last year. The card trick was explained, and materials were passed out for members to make their own gimmick.

Jeremy "The Hawk" Haak taught the difficult Teach-A-Trick, a Stand-Up Cards Across routine (aka Cheek-To-Cheek).

Next month our theme will be Illusions and Stage. Drinks will be from Del Keifer; snacks from Joe Dobson. The Teach-a-Trick will be from the renowned Chuck Hanson. Chuck says to bring a deck of cards along if you want to learn the trick.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

Tonight our show was emceed by David Curley. The theme was Comedy Magic.

Our first performer was Bob Dahlquist, who brought out a mysterious bird to perform a card trick. Jerry Phillips helped by blindfolding the bird. Even blindfolded, the bird was able to divine a card selected by Jerry.

Next up was Todd Herbst in a chicken hat, assisted by Tammy Van Cleve and Toto. Todd then proceeded to perform some card magic and bombard us with absolutely terrible jokes.

Third to perform was the man himself, Del Keifer. He brought up Michael Dyer to assist him with the Pea Can trick.

Next was Jerry Phillips, who brought a gym bag full of material and Eric Dany up with him. Jerry channeled Todd's chicken outfit, and laid some eggs...literally.

Our fifth act was Hawk, who was strapped into a straight jacket (how appropriate!) by Eric Dany and Joe Dobson. He then escaped to the tune of the Peter Gunn theme, within 60 seconds! (Well, at least before the counter counted down from 60).

Next was Chas Hanson! Chuck performed a neo-classic magic effect, the sewing of the fingers with truly invisible thread, and then the miraculous production of a rope and 'square' knot. This marvelous pantomime performance left the audience wondering, "Why did we let Jeremy get out of the straightjacket?"

Then came Sir Richard who performed a mental card trick (?) with the assistance of Tammy Van Cleve.

Finally, Joe Dobson performed a visual telling of the Three Little Bears with coins. This was an up-to-date storyline, not suitable for family audiences, although he chose to perform it anyway. You will never think about stainless steel side-by-side 26.4 cubic foot refrigerators the same way again.

Another evening of magical fun for our group. Don't be shy, come out and see us!

FUTURE MEETING THEMES

July—Picnic Magic

August—Classics of Magic

September - Auction

October - Halloween

November - Round Robin Teach In

December - Birthday & Kids Magic

