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Jeff McBride Lecture

Transforming Eye Candy into Soul Food

The 8 Steps to Effective Online Magic

Oct 7, 2020

7:00PM CDT



Zoom information for the McBride lecture will be sent out via e-mail.



President's Message

by Terry Richison

Hi Everyone,

I hate to say it, but it looks like our world is more of the same for another month. The Dielmann Recreation Center continues to be closed. But that is not going to stop us from performing and learning magic. DJ Lenz is checking with the Shriner's Children's Hospital to see if we can perform some online shows for the children. It would be a lot of fun. We will let you know if this gets a thumbs up so you can sign up to perform. We have put the President's Banquet on hold for now with the hopes that we can possibly hold it in the spring. We have also decided to postpone the close-up contest with the hopes of holding it live and in person. These were hard decisions, but we would rather hold these events when people can come and enjoy the friendship and magic safely and without worries.



Now for the good news. For our next meeting, we have secured a highly sought-after lecturer. The One and only Jeff McBride! This is going to be a great lecture. I have seen Jeff teach the Lance Burton Teen Seminar. The only way to explain it is to say that he loves to teach and share his knowledge and magic to people of all skill levels and all ages. This is not a dealer's lecture. There is nothing to buy, but a lot to learn. As a special, just for Ring 1, after the lecture, Jeff is going to stick around, answer questions, and work on some of the things in his lecture!

MARK your calendars for October 7th at 7:00 CDT!

The online meeting info will be sent to everyone as soon as it is in place. You will want to make sure you join the meeting early so you don't miss anything! I hope to see you there!

Terry Richison

I.B.M. Ring 1
President

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Ring 1 Report

by Sandy Weis

On September 2nd, members were invited to listen to a pre-recorded lecture hosted by Bruce Kalver via Zoom. Bruce has been working professionally for over forty years. He started his career when he was only six years old. His magic education started at the age of four when his grandfather, Samuel Woolf, who was himself a magician and an assistant to Houdini, began to teach him the art. The members who participated enjoyed this lecture and learned a lot of information that they can use in their magic.

Jill “Silly Jilly” Schmidt usually works at Eckert’s Country Store and Farms during the fall. This year, due to COVID, she will not be working there. However, she has booked her first dual magicians’ Zoom Show and looks forward to the fun collaboration. Jill will be opening for another fellow St. Louis magician. However, she sure misses all the parties and functions she previously worked at before the pandemic. I am a “friend” of Jill’s on Facebook and look forward to her posts. These posts are very informative—they tell me what magic lectures and events she is attending. I have viewed several of these and greatly enjoyed them.

Steve Zuehlke shared the following: Another month has passed and COVID has still not VANISHED! With that in mind, I have been finding new ways to pass the time. Recently I opened a private chat room on Facebook’s Messenger. This is a small group of fellow magicians from all over the country. With this unique app, we have the ability to talk in real time 24x7. We film ourselves doing routines, show our latest creations, ask questions, help each other, etc. Everyone in the group seems to enjoy themselves. Why not do this for your local Ring? Whether a Facebook page or group, this could prove to be a novel way for members to communicate with each other all the time. It is in real time and allows the posting of photos and video, video conferencing and group phone calls as well. Most people already have the Messenger app on their phones. Best of all, it’s free!

On another note, the Magifest Convention, located in Columbus, Ohio, moved its dates to May 6th - 8th in lieu of their usual February dates. With assigned dealer room times, limited registration, and social distancing in place, it will be interesting to see how it works. We wish Josh and Andi the very best. They also are planning for the convention to be virtual. If you have never attended Magifest, now is your chance to find out what all the hype is about. By attending from your living room, you’ll save a ton of money on hotel, food, and travel expenses. Hopefully there will be a vaccine in the near future, and we can all get back to normalcy!

Steve Finkelstein, one of our Ring’s active and teaching magicians shared the following: I have taken the opportunity during the Covid-19 shutdown to do two things: (1) inventory a house, garage, and storage locker (ha! ha!) full of magic, (2) identify the two or three effects I am most passionate about, and (3) practice, practice, practice. If anyone is interested in buying close-up magic, like new or new, let me know so I can have room to move around my house. My top three effects are Dice Stacking, 3 Disk Monte, and Endless Chain. I will be preparing for the upcoming local and regional close-up contests so watch out, competitors! You may also see me perform on

the Web. So, now is the time to get rid of your stuff and perfect your favorite effects. You can contact me, Steve Finkelstein, at Sfinkelstein1@sbcglobal.net .

Steve Finkelstein also is this year's Close-up Contest Chairman for the I.B.M. Ring 1 Close-Up Contest since he was last year's 1st place winner. He was determined to still have the contest, but with several modifications. Plans were to have the contestants perform at the Dielmann Center in a responsible manner. Only judges and performers would actually be present at the Center. However, this would be held as a Zoom meeting for everyone else (members and guests) who are not contestants. As I write this article, I just received notification that the Dielmann Recreation Center recently decided to close for October due to COVID-19. Based on the unavailability of the rooms at Dielmann, the I.B.M. Ring 1 Close-Up Contest will be rescheduled, hopefully in the first quarter of 2021. On the positive side of all this, the Ring should have some very polished acts when they finally have the contest. Members, keep practicing!

Ring 1's Board continues to meet virtually every month. Members greatly miss the monthly in-person meetings and activities.

I.B.M. Ring 1 Close-Up Contest - Postponed

by Steve Finkelstein

The I.B.M. Ring 1 Board of Directors is committed to delivering high quality and safe contests and meetings for our members. The Dielmann Recreation Complex recently notified us that they will not be open in October. As a result, unfortunately, the I.B.M. Ring 1 Close-Up Contest will need to be postponed again. The Close-up Contest will be rescheduled at the earliest possible date. We will keep everyone up-to-date as details progress. Plenty of time will be given to allow all Close-Up contestants and judges to make the appropriate plans so that we can put on a quality Close-Up Contest. We know it could be difficult to perform in front of an audience of magicians, but it is harder to perform with no audience at all. Hopefully, we will be able hold the contest live with an audience. Part of putting on a great act is engaging and involving the audience. We are shooting for some time in the first quarter of 2021. On the positive side of all this, because of the COVID-19 virus, we should have some very polished acts when we finally hold the contest. So, keep practicing!

Again, thank you for your understanding. As Close-up Contest Chairman, I am looking forward to a great event next year.

November Meeting with Steve Zuehlke

Steve Zuehlke will be presenting a teach-in for our November meeting. He will cover a variety of magical effects and will be happy to answer any questions you may have. If there is something you would like to see or need help with, drop Steve a note at stlsteve2009@yahoo.com. There will be something for everyone!



October Lecture with Jeff McBride

Jeff McBride will be presenting *Transforming Eye Candy into Soul Food: The 8 Steps to Effective Online Magic* on October 7, 2020, at 7:00pm Central!

Since his first tour of Japan at the age of 16, Jeff McBride has been widely known as a foremost innovator, delivering the most riveting performances in the world of magic. His unique combination of masks, mime, mythic stories, and world-class sleight of hand earned him wide recognition as one of the most exciting creators and performers in the world of contemporary conjuring.

Early recognition came in the form of invitations to perform with leading concert superstars, like Diana Ross, Tom Jones, and Cheap Trick. This led to his becoming one of the youngest headliners ever in Las Vegas, in the *Bal du Moulin Rouge* at The Las Vegas Hilton. He has returned to top Vegas casinos many times over the years, most recently headlining at Caesars and Palace Station Casino.

McBride is a three-time award winner at the *International Grand Prix of Magic* in Monte Carlo and was named Magician of the Year by The Academy of Magical Arts (The Magic Castle). Crowning him “Vegas’ Best” Magician several years ago, the *Las Vegas Review Journal* wrote, “Light years ahead of the pack... McBride is easily the most exciting and mesmerizing magician I’ve seen in years.” For several years, McBride headlined at Caesars Magical Empire in Las Vegas and recently toured South America with the world’s largest magic show, *The Illusionists*, and China with *Las Vegas Magic Stars*, a grand illusion spectacular he created with illusionist Greg Gleason. His *McBride’s Wonderground* magic nightclub has just completed its ninth year of performances in Las Vegas.



Besides his work as a performer, Jeff McBride is well-known for his founding of the *McBride Magic & Mystery School*, the world’s most renowned academy for the training of magical performers. Top artists and beginners alike make the pilgrimage to Las Vegas to study at his *House of Mystery*.

The Lecture:

Jeff’s new lecture will give you new tricks, exciting and practical tools, and techniques that you can use immediately!

* SPECIAL FOCUS WILL BE PLACED ON MAGIC EFFECTS SUITED FOR ZOOM AND ONLINE PLATFORMS

Jeff will teach concepts and magic effects that you will see him perform in his show! At the end of

this lecture, you will have a new 20 minute show and more!

1 FLASH SILK & COINS- OPENER:

Powerful eye catching magic that teaches you about color, action, sound, and movement.

2 YOUR PERSONALITY PIECE

Jeff teaches you the routine that he uses to open his Magic Castle close-up show. In this routine, you will learn techniques to get the audience “on your side” and build rapport.

3 STORYTELLING MAGIC

Storytelling is the Heart of the art of magic. Jeff will share one of his favorite stories and teach you how to adapt it to your own personal style.

4 THE GRAND FINALE

Jeff teaches you how to close your show with impact as you learn a nearly forgotten piece of classic vaudeville magic! What is it? Show up and learn a new “closer!”

5 SCALE AND IMPACT:

Learn how to take a piece of your current close-up magic and make it play on stage.

6 THE MAGIC LESSONS:

Get the entire audience engaged in your show, live or online! Learn the real secret behind what makes the magic connect with your audience.

7 THE EMERGENCY SHOW:

You arrive and have NOTHING. Here is a 20-minute stage show you will ALWAYS be ready to do!

Jeff’s lecture will be held online on October 7, 2020, at 7:00pm Central. Check your e-mail closer to the date for the Zoom link.

The lecture is FREE and open to guests, so please pass this along to all of your magic friends. Compliments of I.B.M. Ring 1. I hope to see everyone at the lecture.

Be Famous: Upload a Headshot of Yourself

We want to make it easier for everyone in the club to learn each other’s names. This will make it more welcoming for new members, too! Please take a photo of yourself, name the file with your name (e.g. “Gary Chan.jpg”), and upload it here:

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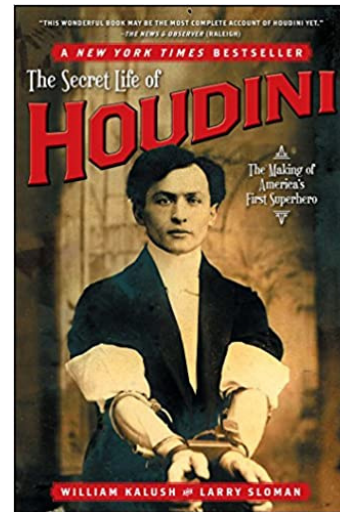
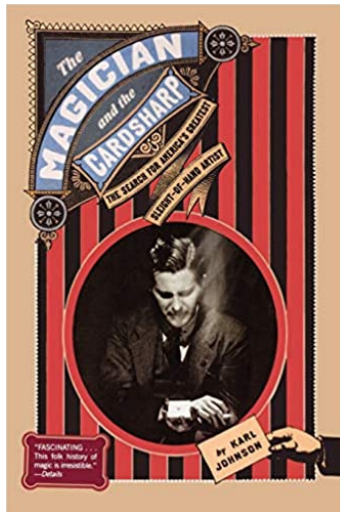
By uploading a picture of yourself, you are consenting for Ring 1 to use your photo for our organization’s purposes (e.g. our website, newsletter). We won’t sell your picture.

New Ring 1 Website

A big thank you to Mike McClure (watson7654321@gmail.com) for building us a new website! Check it out here: <http://ibmring1.com/>



Raffle for Two Magic Books!



Steve Zuehlke and Steve Buesking donated two brand new and AUTOGRAPHED books (pics above) for attendance prizes for the Jeff McBride lecture. Thank you, Steve and Steve!

Podcast with Teller

One of the worlds greatest living magicians takes to the podcast hot seat to discuss his incredible life. Teller discusses in detail some of the duo's most famous pieces and also talks about how important chat shows were to their rise to fame. He also speaks candidly about their special relationship with the UK, how he feels about modern day Las Vegas, his thoughts on exposure and The Magic Circle. Also, he faces the difficult talks of choosing some of his favourite acts who have appeared on Fool Us.

<https://magicianspodcast.podbean.com/e/ep-97-teller/>

Amazing Effects with a Sharpie

Oscar Owen shows how to make a Sharpie disappear, reappear, and become tiny!

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3979956/Ta-da-Three-magic-tricks-require-Sharpie-learned-just-two-minutes.html>

Easy Magic With Patter

Will Goldston's 120-page book

<https://archive.org/details/EasyMagic/mode/2up>

The Mathematics of Card Tricks

Peter Chang

In their essence, playing cards are information carriers. However, cards in particular carry more information than almost any other physical object. They are able to be used simply as a counting methodology, just like coins, rocks, or sticks may be used, but with the additional properties of being numbered, colored, and suited. This bounty of information allows for a wide variety of tricks to be played with them.

In this paper, I will analyze two different card tricks and the mathematics behind them. Each of these card tricks deals with a different method of utilizing the information that is held within playing cards. First I will look at The Color Scheme, which uses the color component of cards and deals with the transposition of information. I will also analyze the 27 Card Trick, which is perhaps the most well-covered card trick in mathematics. This trick provides insight into the process of sorting information. Upon further generalization, the 27 Card Trick also reveals a fascinating world in which massive quantities of information can be sorted through a few simple techniques. These card tricks will show some of the various ways that complicated amounts of information can be manipulated using mathematics.

https://scholar.harvard.edu/files/peter_chang_portfolio/files/mathematical-card-tricks.pdf

A Challenge for the Math Nerd

This is the self-proclaimed "Most Complicated" trick ever invented. Can you read this and explain it to someone else? If you can, submit a write-up to ring1newsletter@finderstellers.com for the next Spirit!

<http://people.math.gatech.edu/~mbaker/pdf/Eisemann.pdf>



Learn Zoom

With so many great lectures and other events going on the Zoom platform, it's useful to learn how to use it effectively. Check out Zoom's instructional videos:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206618765-Zoom-video-tutorials>

Upcoming Events

 2020 Magic Conventions

<https://www.themagicwordpodcast.com/magic-convention-guide>

Ring 1 Events

Date	Event
Oct 7	Magic lecture led by Jeff McBride
Nov 4	Magic lecture led by Steve Zuehlke
Dec 2	To be announced

Both the Ring 1 close-up contest and President's Banquet have been postponed indefinitely.

Board Meeting Dates

Board meetings will be held at 7pm on Nov 18 and Dec 16.

Register with Terry Richison to receive the online meeting information. His contact info is on the last page.

Contribute and help shape the future of our organization. All members are welcome!

Volunteer

I know that we are currently fairly light on member requests due to COVID-19, but we are always open to ideas. If you have ideas or wish to volunteer, please contact Terry Richison (contact info on last page).

Project Magic at Shriners is currently temporarily cancelled through the end of 2020.

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