



*The SPIRIT - Official Newsletter of I.B.M. Ring 1*

Greetings fellow Ring One members,

We had an exciting November. First off, we had a Zoom lecture from Lance Burton. It was wonderful that he spent some time with us although we all wanted more of his time. Several members asked him questions after he taught two effects to the members and explained the reasoning behind them. They are standard effects that most magicians start with. We also had a much younger magician who performed the Ball and Vase effect for Lance. Everyone loved his performance and gave him encouragement. His name is Benjamin Spivy. He also won the prize that Lance was offering to a member of the audience. Ben and his father will be at the White Elephant at our December meeting. His father is the landlord for the I.B.M. Home Office.

Our annual White Elephant party will be held on December 7 at 7 p.m., located at Dielmann Recreation Center, 11400 Olde Cabin Rd, Creve Coeur, MO 63141. Terry Richison will be running the White Elephant that evening. Please wrap and bring either a new gift or a used prop (in good condition) from your collection complete with instructions.

While Terry will be taking reservations, please, please reach out to me with what food item or beverages you will be bringing or if it will be a small cash donation in lieu of these items. Terry will send out the invitation notices. It would be best to reply to both of us in the same e-mail.

Back to November, three of our members performed at Ranken Jordan the second Monday of November, but the show was canceled due to several children being sick. Per the activity director, she would like the next performance to be the 2nd Monday of January (01/09/2023). Please reach out to me if you would like to perform for the children. Three to four volunteers will be great. The kids enjoy the performances as well as the staff and any family members that might be there. Show time is 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please arrive at or just before 5:30 p.m so we can have time to set and check in. First time performers will have to show their driver's license and receive a visitor's pass.

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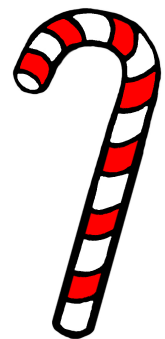
# Ring 1 Report

by Sandy Weis et al.



On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Ring hosted a virtual lecture/conversation with Lance Burton. Approximately twenty members attended at the Dielmann Recreation Center; however, it was also shown on Zoom so several members participated from home. Mike McClure was instrumental for organizing and advertising this amazing event. Gary S. Chan (a technology wizard) used his expertise to set the equipment up. Lance was able to see the audience and also interact with them. He was even able to converse with the members who were viewing on Zoom. At the beginning of the lecture, Lance said he would teach two tricks and then have a Q&A. He shared that, technically, he retired at the age of 50; however, he is quite busy doing other things related to magic. Lance shared that he has not performed in shows for seven years but is gradually performing again. He is scheduled to appear at Magifest in Columbus, Ohio, this coming January. He was born in Kentucky and, now that he is retired, lives on a farm in Kentucky. Lance made his debut on the national stage on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 1981, on the Johnny Carson show. He then appeared on Johnny's show ten more times and another ten times on Jay Leno's show. He has performed on a variety of TV shows, including specials, numerous live performances, etc. He has received numerous awards throughout his career. The first effect he taught involved using a salt shaker to make the salt disappear and then reappear. He has perfected this effect and provided helpful hints on how to perform the effect flawlessly. The second trick he performed used a coin and a bandana. Lance is a great storyteller and told a personal story while performing the effect. He perfected this effect and shared hints with the Ring's members on how to perform it. During the Q&A session, members took turns asking Lance questions. Mike prepared a booklet about Lance which included sample questions to ask Lance. The members, both those in the room and at home, had countless questions to ask him, and Lance answered every question. What an amazing evening!! Thank you, Lance, for taking the time to meet with Ring 1!

Gary S. Chan loves sharing the art of mentalism with audiences, and he developed a 1-hour mentalism show that he spent a year and a half creating and testing. The premise of the show is that we are influenced by invisible forces all day long, whether we are constrained by circumstances, our own way of thinking, or societal norms. Volunteers from the audience are called on stage, where he presents a concept and then demonstrates how it works, then repeats. Topics include statistics about our (human) behavior, predicting people's choices using game theory, body language and gestures, verbal tone and words, handwriting analysis, and imagery. He calls the show, "The Power of Hidden Influence". He recently performed it in Denver for an audience of 1300 people, and people couldn't stop talking about how much fun they had!



Jeff Lefton recently did a show at a senior center in Edwardsville, Illinois. A woman who lives there came to see the show. She mentioned that she had lived in St. Louis and that her husband was a magician...Emery Heimos! Emory was an institution in St. Louis magic. He was a member of the IBM and also the Society of American Magicians. In 2002, St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay proclaimed October 28<sup>th</sup> as Emery Heimos Day for his contributions to the City. The YMCA of the Ozarks dedicated an area of Trout Lodge in Potosi in Mr. Heimos' honor for all the summers he entertained guests at the lodge. He passed away 17 years ago. He did 250 shows/year, and was sponsored by Lemay Bank (now Midwest Centre Bank). He worked at Famous Barr (now Macy's) downtown for 52 years. She pulled out a picture of Emory, which she always carries with her. It was nice to think about him. One never realizes who they will run into.

The Francis Howell Central High School Girls Basketball team, located in Cottleville, MO, has asked Ring 1 to perform magic at their Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Last year, several members volunteered and the attendees really enjoyed their performance.

Dan Todd has a website called [TheGreatTodd.com](http://TheGreatTodd.com) which is a registered domain name. He previously had seven domain names which he paid for, but he has trimmed them down to three. Visitors to his site can click on "The Magician Site" to find a large directory of more magic sites. Pressing "Chess Poems" brings the visitor to a number of poems about chess. Sandy Weis perused the website and was really impressed with the information located on it. Check out his website! (Dan previously helped with Ring 1's website and always kept it updated. There are quite a few new members who aren't aware of Dan's computer skills since he is unable to attend our monthly meetings).

Randy Kalin has been quite busy recently. He is a member of Ring 1 and also S.A.M. Assembly 8. On November 13<sup>th</sup>, he lectured on S.A.M.'s Assembly V1.1, which is a virtual assembly available free to S.A.M. members. This class focused on Rubber Band Magic. He was one of the first teachers in the S.A.M. VIP series, the precursor to V1.1. Randy is a very talented magician and has presented lectures dealing with a wide variety of topics at Ring 1's meetings. Also, Randy, Jesse Bader, and Josh Weidner performed at the Westport Playhouse in Maryland Heights on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Their show was titled Disbelief: A Night of Wonder and Laughter. It was an evening full of magic, comedy, and audience participation.

The Ring always welcomes guests to its meetings and activities.

Sandy Weis



## It's Time To Pay Ring 1 Dues For Calendar Year 2023

The membership rate for 2023 is increasing to \$20. However, if you pay by December 31, 2022, last year's rate of \$15 will be accepted for 2023.

This is a bargain, considering our lineup of performers, lecturers, and activities! If any of your contact information has changed, please let Alan Zibits know at [alan.a.zibits@boeing.com](mailto:alan.a.zibits@boeing.com).

To pay online: <http://www.ibmring1.com/dues-payments>

To pay by mail: Write a check payable to "IBM, Ring 1" for \$20. Write "2023 Dues" on the memo line.

Mail the check to:

Sandy Weis, 1755 Elkins Drive, St. Louis, MO 63136.



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**Magical Mondays with  
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**MAGIC GIFT EXCHANGE**

**ELEPHANT**

**DECEMBER 7 @ 7 PM**





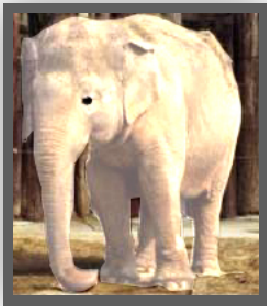
**December 7, 2022 - I.B.M. Ring 1 Meeting**

**Holiday Festivities begin at 7:00PM**

The meeting will start off in a festive mood with some great holiday food. The Ring will provide the Firehouse Subs. Everyone has his or her choice of bringing a covered side dish or donating \$5 per person in attendance. The meeting is open to all members and their immediate families. Please contact D. Jay and let him know what you are bringing. Then we will begin the Ring 1 Annual White Elephant Gift Exchange hosted by Terry Richison. You don't have to take part in the White Elephant exchange if you don't feel like it, just come and have some fun with the rest of Ring One!

Traditionally, a "White Elephant" is something lying around the house that you don't want (some horridly ugly item that someone gave you as a gift.) For our meeting we are changing that and asking everyone to bring a magic item for our white elephant get together. Here are the rules:

There is no requirement if you come to the meeting that you have to participate in the White Elephant exchange. Each person wanting to participate in the "Gift" exchange must bring a WRAPPED, COMPLETE magic effect, INCLUDING INSTRUCTIONS if needed. The effect does not have to be new, but it must be in presentable and working shape and no less than \$10 in value if new.



Participants will sit in a circle with the packages in a pile in the middle. Each person participating will be given half of a card. The other half will be put in a hat. A card will be drawn from the hat and whoever has the matching card will go first. That person will select a "Gift" from the pile. Once a "Gift" is selected, the "Gift" is unwrapped for all to see. The next chosen person may choose from the wrapped pile of gifts or may "steal" a "Gift" from someone that has already chosen a "Gift". The person that has a "Gift" stolen may choose to select a gift from the unopened pile, or may steal a "Gift" from another person. A single gift can only be stolen a total of three times. This process is continued until

all of the presents are exhausted or everyone has a gift. As an added bonus, it is a known fact that there will be at least one gift that will be worth over \$50 and several Gift Certificates from our two local Magic Shops! You might be the lucky one!

The meeting will be open to immediate family members.

Anyone who brings a gift is allowed to participate in the White Elephant.

**We would like to get a rough number of people that will be attending. Please call or email Terry Richison at 314-791-9108 or [TerryRich@charter.net](mailto:TerryRich@charter.net).**

**Also, let D. Jay know, at [djay1000@yahoo.com](mailto:djay1000@yahoo.com), what side dish you will be bringing.**



# It's Back!

## The Active Military, Veterans & First Responders Tribute Magical Holiday Show

7:00 p.m. Saturday December 17, 2022 (Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.)

Kirkwood Community Theatre  
111 South Geyer Road Kirkwood, MO 63122

The International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 1, will once again host a performance of the “Active Military, Veterans & First Responder’s Tribute Magical Holiday Show” on Saturday December 17, 2022 at the Kirkwood Community Theatre, 111 South Geyer Road Kirkwood, MO 63122. The curtain goes up at 7:00 p.m. As always, tickets for all Veterans or Active Military or a First Responder and their families are FREE! If you are not an Active Military, Veteran or First Responder, don’t worry. We have special tickets for our Ring 1 members as well. General Admission Tickets are only \$10, but for Ring 1 members, that are not Veterans, are only \$5.00 by entering a discount code “Ring1” at the time of check out. Don’t miss out. Get your tickets now at [www.ibmring1.com/holidayshow](http://www.ibmring1.com/holidayshow). Click on the General Admission button and enter the discount code “Ring1” after you click “save to cart”. The show is sponsored by Regions Bank.

The Active Military, Veterans & First Responders Tribute Magical Holiday Show will be a fantastic magic show for the whole family. Both children and adults will embark on an unforgettable journey of comedy and magic with a special tribute for all those who help and have helped to keep America FREE! You will enjoy the magic of an impressive list of Professional Magicians: Christian Misner, Terry Richison, Ted Schnarre, Mary Kopp, Jeff Lefton, Steve Zuehlke and more.

**Everyone must have a ticket for the show even if they are free.**

Just go to: <https://ibmring1.com/holidayshow>

Veterans: Please do not reserve more tickets that you can use so that we can let more Veterans and 1<sup>st</sup> Responders have a chance to enjoy the show.

Tickets are issued through Yapsody.com. All discounts will be taken after you click “Save To Cart.”

All Seating is General Admission.

**Please send the flyer that you have received to all your friends to help promote the show!**

If you need more information, please contact Terry Richison.

Help Ring 1 say “Thank You” to all our Active Military, Veterans & First Responders for all they do and have done.

See you at the show on December 17<sup>th</sup>!





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Tribute  
Magical Holiday Show*

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*Saturday December 17, 2022  
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**Kirkwood Community Theatre**  
111 South Geyer Road - Kirkwood, MO 63122

**Tickets are FREE To All Active Military,  
Veterans & 1st Responders and their Family**

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**For Tickets: <http://www.ibmring1.com/holidayshow>**

**There is a \$5 transaction fee, no matter the number of tickets ordered.**

**General Public Tickets - \$10.00**

**More Information: (314) 791-9108**

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On Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of this month, I received a phone call from Francis Howell High School, seeking performers to come for their annual pancake breakfast. Pre-Covid, we would come every year to entertain for staff, faculty, students, parents and visitors. The event raises funds for the girls' basketball team. This is a wonderful chance to show your close-up skills. Also, they have put us on their sponsor list and the club receives a small donation that we use for education via lectures and buying simple tricks to hand out at various fundraisers the club has participated in over the years. Due to the timing of the show, an update will be included in January's Spirit.

January is fast approaching along with the new year. Local dues are to be paid in January. After careful consideration by the board, the dues for next year will change. As a result of cost increases that have occurred over the years, the dues will be \$20.00 per member. If you pay early by the end of 2022, the old rate of \$15 will be accepted for the 2023 year. If you have already paid for next year, you are in good standing.

Since this is the beginning of a new year, please let Al Zibits (contact info on last page) know if your contact information has changed. Contact information includes your phone number(s), e-mail, and address

In January, it has been decided to have the meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month due to New Year's Day being close to the regular meeting night. Please mark your calendar for January 11th. Same location, same time.

At this meeting, we would like to have several volunteers perform two to three effects so we can professionally record them and place them on our web site. One, we can reach out to the different hospitals, nursing homes, and veteran homes that may still be restricting outside groups from coming due to illnesses and the like.

Two, it is an advertisement for those who perform and can help increase the number of shows our members will perform each year (including online performances). Plus, it is also shows the St. Louis area and surrounding communities that we are available to assist with the various functions that may be occurring throughout the area.

Finally, we have two lectures coming up for February and March. More details in the next letter.

Till next time, keep the gift of magic alive in all the good we can do for others. - D. Jay

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**The I.B.M. is 100 years old and the holiday season is here!**

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Now you can own a Collectible 100th Anniversary I.B.M. Deck of Cards!

These collectible decks are for sale from the I.B.M. Headquarters.

They are only \$20 per deck plus \$10.40 shipping and handling.



Each Deck is not only a regular deck, but has several gaffed cards and special printing and hidden predictions that only you will know.

**\* I am taking orders for these special decks and will bring them to the December I.B.M. Ring 1 meeting and save you the shipping and handling charge. That is a \$10.40 SAVING! \***

**But that is not all.**

As part of the 100th Anniversary, the I.B.M. has specially printed 100th Anniversary Magician's Insurance Policy. Supplies are limited, so get yours now before they are all gone.



Remember to email me and let me how many Anniversary Decks and Anniversary Magician's Insurance Policy you want and I will bring them to the meeting on December 7th.

I will accept cash or you can write a check to the I.B.M.

**Get your reservations in now. Send your emails to [TerryRich@charter.net](mailto:TerryRich@charter.net)**

Happy Holidays!, Terry Richison



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Date	Event
Dec. 7, 2022, at 7 p.m.	Ring 1 Meeting - White Elephant Gift Exchange
Dec. 12, 2022, at 7 p.m.	Blue Strawberry, Matt Hampel, magician & Mark Howell, mentalist
Dec. 17, 2022, at 7 p.m.	Magic Show for Veterans at Kirkwood Theatre
Jan. 9, 2023 6-7 p.m.	Ranken Jordan Performance
Jan. 11, 2023 at 7 p.m.	Ring 1 Meeting
April, 20-22, 2023	The Senior Tour at Double Tree in Collinsville, IL

All events in the table above are in-person unless otherwise indicated.

The St. Louis Magic Roundtable meets every Saturday at 1:30pm at Dierbergs, 1080 Lindemann Rd, Des Peres, MO 63131.

Check the following website for the latest information before attending each week: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/374210993307299>

Board meetings are generally held the third Wednesday of each month over Zoom (virtual meeting), and all members are welcome to attend. To attend, please contact the President and Secretary (contact info on last page).

If you are interested in performing at the Blue Strawberry, please contact Jeff Lefton at [jlefton@q4solutions.com](mailto:jlefton@q4solutions.com) or 314-608-6547.

#### Magic Conventions

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

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