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## David Jonathan Lecture

March 3, 2021

7:00PM CDT

Meeting info will be sent via email



HAPPY  
St. Patrick's  
DAY

## President's Message

by Terry Richison

Spring is about to take hold. Are you ready? Based on the call for shows, I think things may hopefully be loosening up. Who knows, we may soon be able to start having in-person meetings again. I sure would like to see everyone in person again. I know we have had to postpone our I.B.M. Ring 1 Close-up Contest but as the world starts to slowly open back up, we may be able to hold the contest in a few months. So, keep practicing! Also remember we have two divisions, a Beginner/Intermediate and an Advanced division. Check out our website for rules and details.



Coming up at our March 3rd meeting, we will be hosting David Jonathan. He is a very creative young magician who won the Inventor of The Year at the Penguin Magic Awards. "David has handpicked some of his favorite magic and mentalism creations to teach, including some of his marketed items as well as unpublished effects. Additionally, he will give an in-depth crash course on how to create original magic, which will not only spark your creativity, but it will also help improve your existing routines." David told me there would be something for everyone, no matter what their level of expertise might be. This is going to be a great evening!

At our April 7th Meeting, Craig Petty will be zooming in from England to share his wit, wisdom, and humor. Stay tuned.

We may have something new for those that may want to join the meeting via the Ring 1 Facebook page. At this point we are still working on it but hope to have it set up for the David Jonathan lecture. We will let you know when we send out the meeting notice. Remember the March 3rd David Jonathan lecture will start at 7:00PM CST. The room will open at 6:45PM CST.

I want to end with a few reminders:

- Please go to [www.IBMRing1.com](http://www.IBMRing1.com) to pay your dues.
- Contact D. Jay Lenz if you would like to submit a video that can be used at our Project Magic Shows that will be shown at the Shriner Children's Hospital. ([djay1000@yahoo.com](mailto:djay1000@yahoo.com))
- Please contact me if you would like to run to be one of the officers or on the board for the I.B.M. Ring 1. At this time, the President, Vice President, and board members still need nominees, but you can run for any of the other officer positions as well. You can make a difference by being one of our leaders. [TerryRich@charter.net](mailto:TerryRich@charter.net)

Remember to share your magic and brighten everyone's life. I hope to see you on March 3rd.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Richison". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

I.B.M. Ring 1 President

# Ring 1 Report

by Sandy Weis et al.

Ring 1 is still meeting, even though it is virtually. Hopefully, members will be able to meet in person in the near future. Ring 1's meeting location is still not open. However, the Ring members are still involved in magic by meeting virtually, reading magic books, viewing magic on DVD's, Facebook, etc., taking workshops, attending lectures, etc. The following is input I received from a few of our actively involved members.

The Science of Magic Association held their 2019 conference in Chicago. Joshua Weider and Jill "Silly Jilly" Schmidt carpoled to the informative two-day event. Some presenters discussed how magicians could use scientific discoveries to improve their magic; for example, studies show that a time delay in the criss-cross force has no benefit. Many lectures were directed towards scientists regarding how magic is being used to study the human mind.

In January 2020, Jill attended a two-afternoon course on the science of magic, put on by Jeff McBride's school. The course was for magicians only. The main presenter was Dr. Gustav Kuhn, who is the head of the MAGIC lab at Goldsmiths University in London. Before Jill took the course, she thought a trick using magician's choice (Equivoque) could only be shown once or else people would pick up on the inconsistencies. Wrong. Dr. Kuhn's experiment showed when the magician's choice force is repeated, it is still effective the third time.

Jill used to think magician's choice works best when a consistent route happens; for example, each time a spectator names an item, the magician says, "We'll eliminate that." But she was wrong. The method is more effective when the opposite happens; for example, the first item named is eliminated, and the second item named is kept. Experiments show with an inconsistent route, the feeling of freedom of choice is larger. Surprising, isn't it?

Jill has been impressed with the ending of the What's Next dots trick when the eight dots appear. But she mistakenly thought the beginning was lame. Dr. Kuhn explained the principles that convince people there are three dots on a card that only has two dots. Jill will finally start performing the cookie version of What's Next that she purchased seven years ago!

You can learn more in Dr. Kuhn's book "Experiencing the Impossible," for sale at Penguin Magic. Jill purchased it on Amazon to get the Kindle version. The McBride school might repeat the course.

Ring 1 sponsored a lecture on February 3rd featuring Erik Tait. Thanks to Scott Smith for scheduling this excellent lecture. Erik is a full-time performer and also works for Penguin Magic (heading their video production department, hosting their weekly Podcasts and "Cool Box Live! Sunday night review and filming Penguin's lecture series and their "on location" trailers for their new products). He sure keeps himself busy! Erik is also very computer savvy and his talents shined in this Zoom lecture—one of the best formatted presentations he had seen in a long time.

Erik shared Penguin's philosophy on bringing magic to the masses, shared several excerpts from past Podcasts, including one from our own Chris Kenner. Erik talked about how Penguin will help bring your product to market and talked about their "Cool Box Live!" review show which takes place every Sunday night at 9:00 PM CT. The show can be viewed on either Facebook or YouTube. Erik also shared several card effects. Erik is one of the most talented magicians with a deck of cards. Erik showed us his method of culling, including the practice drill he uses to keep up the speed, a great effect with "marked" cards which was a real fooler based on a "sic" math equation that he fooled our President with, along with a host of other card effects. Erik also shared his "go to" moves that every magician should know. With over 45 guests in attendance, including I.B.M. International President, Stephen Bargatze, this was Steve's favorite lecture to date during COVID.

The last two months were full of magical opportunities for Michael McClure. Various performances, online Ring meetings, and IBM-sponsored virtual lectures offered plenty of occasions to enjoy the company of fellow magicians, while learning new and exciting methods to improve his magic. The annual Mindvention Convention was held virtually this year, but still provided an excellent assortment of mentalism lectures ... literally "mind" blowing to experience the variety in effects available to the serious practitioner! Our attendance at the December I.B.M. "Inside the Ring" and I.B.M. JAM lecture by Alan Fisher elicited a nice shout out for Ring 1. Michael also took great advantage of the special sales at Vanishing Inc. and Penguin Magic. When a discount is offered, that is the time your money talks ... the only problem is, his money just says "Goodbye." Michael also reaped the benefits of Steve Finkelstein's and Steve Zuehlke's generosity and picked up several books and effects for his archives. The fellowship and camaraderie of magicians are unparalleled to any other organization, and Michael feels blessed to count these men and women as his friends! Michael is our webmaster, and he regularly adds new features to our site. Check it out! <http://www.ibmring1.com/>

On January 20th, Michael watched the Kansas City Magic Showcase on Facebook, sponsored by Society of American Magicians, Assembly 38. Randy Kalin, a Ring 1 member, was one of the featured performers. The Showcase is a monthly event (though December was skipped), and different magicians are featured each month.

Chad Jacobs shared that he attended the virtual KAX Conference recently. This convention is specifically geared for family entertainers with a special focus on magic and puppets. He highly recommends this yearly convention—it costs only \$110 this year, and he has access to all the lectures for an entire year!

## **Thanks**

by Steve Zuehlke

The Spirit and Ring Reports – A BIG hats off to Gary Chan and Sandy Weis for all their hard work keeping us all informed. Drop them a note via e-mail (contact info on last page), give them a shout out at our next Zoom meeting, or personally thank them when you see them in person.

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# VIRTUAL

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ONLINE ZOOM  
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Ring 1 Lecture on March 3

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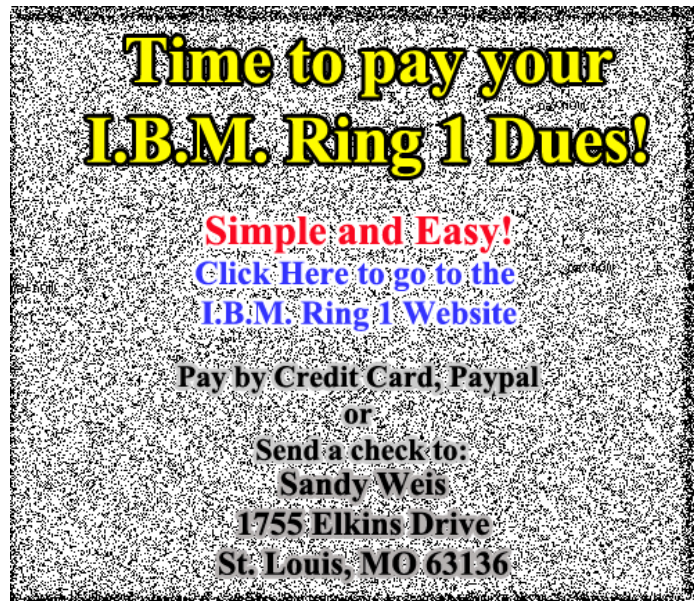
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## Pay Ring 1 Dues

Annual membership is \$15 and 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 \$15. Write “2021 Dues” on the memo line. Mail the check to Sandy Weis, 1755 Elkins Drive, St. Louis, MO 63136.



## Volunteer for Shriner's

Volunteer to perform either by streaming with Zoom and/or creating a short video of performing one or two simple effects. It also works if you want to teach one or two effects that kids can perform. Contact D. Jay at [djay1000@yahoo.com](mailto:djay1000@yahoo.com).

## Upcoming Events

2021 Magic Conventions: <https://www.themagicwordpodcast.com/magic-convention-guide>

Ring 1 Events (US Central time)

Date	Event
Mar 3, 7pm	David Jonathan lecture
Mar 17, 7pm	I.B.M. Ring 1 Board Meeting
Apr 7, 7pm	Craig Petty Lecture

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend all of the events, including board meetings.

## Be an Officer

How would you like to be an Officer or Board member of Ring 1? Maybe you have thought about it but didn't know what to do about it. Now is your time. We are looking for people who are interested in becoming active in the leadership of the club to help guide it into the future. Ring 1 is 90+ years old, and you can help shape the next 90 years. If you are interested, please contact Terry Richison at [Terry@magicofterryrich.com](mailto:Terry@magicofterryrich.com). You can help make the Ring continue to succeed by becoming an office or board member.

## Assembly Lecture Review

by Steve Zuehlke

Our local Assembly recently had Mike Pisciotta lecture and invite Ring One as their guest. Mike covered extensive work on the breather crimp (a great TOOL), some excellent card work with a KILLER version of Elmsley's Between the Palms, an AWESOME NO PALM card to wallet that he repeated TWICE with two different spectators (this is going into my repertoire) as well as several other card effects and an awesome TWO coin routine that combined a bit of Three Fly, a bit of Hanging Coins along with a few other subtleties. Mike also discussed the type of effects he chooses while working behind the bar, how to make the boss happy, and how to handle hecklers. A great time was had by all. For those lucky twenty-two people who attended, you all had the chance to witness a true worker of his craft.

## More Magic

In case you are looking for more magic, check out these articles:

Review of "In & Of Itself by Derek DelGaudio": <https://bit.ly/3pXIQ68>

Inside Ed's Head: <https://bit.ly/302amVD>

## Acronyms

Sometimes we run into acronyms in the magic world. Here are some common non-obvious ones:

- ACAAN = Any card at any number
- ATFUS = Anytime face up switch by Ed Marlo
- DL = Double lift
- EATCT = Expert at the Card Table
- FASDIU = From any shuffled deck in use
- OPEC = Out of position Elmsley Count by Ed Marlo
- TT = Thumb Tip

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