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the International Brotherhood of Magicians

Spirit of St. Louis

RING 1

THE HOME OF MAGIC IN ST. LOUIS

The SPIRIT | Official Newsletter of I.B.M. Ring 1
December 2024 Edition

Holiday Party

December 4, 2024

6pm Social Hour and Food

7pm Lecture by Columbus Smith

8pm White Elephant Gift Exchange

Dielmann Recreation Center

11400 Olde Cabin Rd

Creve Coeur, MO 63141





Upcoming Events

I.B.M. Ring 1, and other events nearby St. Louis (US Central time)

Date	Event
December 4	6pm Social Hour and Food 7pm Lecture by Columbus Smith 8pm White Elephant Gift Exchange
January 8	Four Magic Disciplines
February 5	Ring 1 Private Magic Archive filming (tentative)
March 5	Tim Shegitz Lecture
April 3-5	2025 Gateway Close-up Convention Collinsville, IL 62234 https://www.baskervilleproductions.com/gateway2024

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>

Magic Conventions

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



Ring 1 Report

by Sandy Weis

On October 19th, Ring 1 had their fall fundraiser production, “Magic & Fantasy,” at the Florissant Performing Arts Center. Thanks to Michael W. McClure, the show was a huge success. He didn’t perform on stage; however, he did all of the advertising, producing, creating, recording, and directing. The full stage was utilized with huge background videos, original music, and professional voiceovers, where needed, to make the show the biggest we have ever produced. Houdini even showed up twice on screen to warm up the audience before ten of our Ring 1 magicians impressed them with television quality performances. The following Ring 1 members appeared in the show: Timothy Shegitz (performed double duty as a performer and emcee), Steve Finkelstein, D. Jay (our President), Jeff Lefton, Paul Gregor, Marty Kopp, Steven Buesking, and D. J. Edwards (owner of Ickle Pickle), with the assistance of his daughter, Moriah, and his son, Deacon. Providing pre-show entertainment, the following performed close-up magic in the lobby: Josh Weidner, Mike Hindrichs, and Quinton Robinson. The audience was the largest the Ring has had in years, with more in attendance than both of last year’s shows combined. Everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves. Thanks to all those involved, and especially those who assisted (Dave Goldfarb, Sandy Weis, Brook Lynn and Susan McClure). Plans are already in motion for a bigger production next year.



The Ring recently hosted two lectures. First, Dirk Losander presented a very interesting lecture in October. He not only performed his floating and disappearing table routine, but also shared other effects he has produced. In November, D. J. Edwards presented a lecture featuring several of his Ickle Pickle effects. He is a great storyteller who uses this skill to produce true magic and wonder.

Over the past month, Gary S. Chan has been captivating audiences in Dallas, Milwaukee, and Phoenix with his stage mentalism show. He continuously develops and tests new material to see what resonates with his audiences. His innovation and dedication are clearly paying off because he received two standing ovations in a single show at one of his recent performances!

Michael W. McClure has been very busy prepping his next table-top board game, **MASTERS TO MYTHICS**, for its January 14th Kickstarter release. The deeply magic-themed game is a lightweight, pattern-creating adventure, which from one to six apprentice players use the actions provided by the **MASTER** Magicians (real, famous practitioners from the last 200 years) to arrange and transform their mystic runes (48 poker-sized chips covered in magic icons), and then unlock the Lore books held by the **LEGENDS** (real men and women that garnered larger-than-life magical reputations in worldwide cultures). Combining the actions and lore books collected, each player strives to ascend to the level of the **MYTHICS** (ancient deities from historical cultures all over the globe) and be awarded the points



Lady in a table, serving dessert at the end of Gary’s event.



needed to win the game. There is an incredible depth of research put into this project, which elevates it to an educational and enjoyable way to introduce and entice young players to pursue the Art of magic. Famous living magicians, and many Ring 1 members, have loaned their faces to supply images for the artwork showcased on over 150 magical characters. The Masters, of course, are original works of art that reflect the famous magicians (with their own faces) performing some of their favorite effects. Each card is a never-before-seen glimpse into the lives and performances of the “Magic Greats” we seek to emulate. The game is an extremely desirable collectible, even if only for the beautiful, detailed artwork and history jammed inside each box. The game contains the men and women who have inspired and elevated our Art to a world-class avocation. Everyone interested should visit Michael’s website to learn more about his mission to introduce magic to the quickly expanding community of gamers (hopefully getting them bitten by the magic bug). There they can leave their email addresses to receive a reminder when the Kickstarter campaign goes LIVE. Michael needs everyone’s help in promoting his huge undertaking, and he asks fellow magicians to spread the word. More information on this easy-to-learn, quick-to-play fun game (and an email courtesy reminder link) can be found at <https://www.baskervilleproductions.com/masterstomythics> .

Broken Wand: John Apperson

Fellow Ring 1 member, John William Apperson, passed away peacefully at his home in Granite City, IL, on November 17th, 2024.

His obituary and memorial details:

<https://www.wojstrom.com/obituary/john-apperson>



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FEATURING A SPECIAL SEASONAL MINI-LECTURE

I.B.M. RING 1 ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY
DECEMBER 4TH
6 TO 9 PM

WHITE ELEPHANT MAGIC GIFT EXCHANGE
(PARTICIPATION OPTIONAL)

FREE FOOD, FUN, and FELLOWSHIP

Firehouse Sub Sandwiches
Chips
Snacks
Passive Games
Share Magic!
Candy
Win Prizes
Cookies
Soft Drinks and Water

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ALL DETAILS AT WWW.IBMRING1.COM FAMILY & FRIENDS ARE WELCOME

Holiday Party on Dec 4

IBM Ring 1 will hold its annual holiday party on December 4, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the Dielmann Recreation Center in Creve Coeur. The Ring will purchase a variety of small sandwiches and provide soda/water/snacks, and there will be light piano music of holiday classics during dinner! We are asking members to bring either a side dish (examples: individual bags of chips, cookies, candy, etc.) or if you prefer, give a donation of \$5 to the Ring. We will NEED you to R.S.V.P. and let us know that you will attend and what side dish you will bring. You are welcome to bring family and guests (all ages), but please let us know how many will be attending with you so we can purchase adequate food.

After the casual meal, we are thrilled to announce that Columbus Smith will entertain and educate us with a mini-lecture on the Spirit of the Holidays, beginning at 7pm. We will then host our Annual White Elephant Gift Exchange, starting at 8pm. Everyone can participate, even guests. To participate in the Exchange, please wrap a gift pertaining to magic (worth at least \$10) that is in new OR used but good working condition (including directions). You are not obligated to participate in the Exchange, but can still watch the exciting, active new way we will again be playing the game. The rules are improved again for this year, and we will explain the details that night. All who join in the fun will be actively involved until the last present swap, thanks to a random selection of cards that will guide our every move. Nobody will know what they've won until the very end of the Exchange.

Additional "non-mandatory" FREE activities/games will enhance the evening's schedule, providing extra enjoyment for the entire group. Those who wish to participate in the extra challenges have a chance to WIN some magic PRIZES! We hope to have some of our members performing walk-around Christmas magic You are encouraged to bring your own effects to share. Be ready to



have some FUN!

Please R.S.V.P. to via email, phone text, or voice call (contact info below). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Michael W.McClure
watson7654321@gmail.com
618-826-5125 (please leave message)

We look forward to making this the BEST Ring 1 Holiday Party ever ... the only thing we need is YOU!

What: I.B.M. Ring 1 Annual Holiday Party and White Elephant Exchange. For those who have not been to a meeting recently, parking information is on the next page.

When: Dec. 4th starting at 6pm

Where: Dielmann Recreation Center, 11400 Olde Cabin Rd., Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Things To Do:

- R.S.V.P. to Michael with number attending and side dish (if providing one)
- Bring a wrapped magic gift (if you wish to participate in the fun NEW Exchange)
- Be ready to have some FUN!

Dielmann Recreation Complex Parking Map

The back golf parking lot will be closed to the public during the ice plant switchover project. The city has secured additional lots for overflow parking. A-Frame signs will be posted at the lots providing times and days of the week for parking.



Please be patient during the construction project and remember when parking at the other lots to be respectful as they are helping us all out.



Pay 2025 Membership Dues

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

To pay by mail: Write a check payable to "I.B.M. Ring 1" for \$20.

Write "2025 Dues" on the memo line.

Mail the check to:

Sandy Weis

1755 Elkins Drive

St. Louis, MO 63136

Cost: \$20 for the year is a bargain, considering our lineup of performers, lecturers, and activities!

If any of your contact information has changed, please let Alan Zibits know by e-mailing him at

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