

# SPECIAL PANDEMIC EDITION # 4

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### Ring Report Ring #170 “The Bev Bergeron Ring” SAM Assembly #99

**-Orlando and nation on lockdown-**

**No meetings until future notice**

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### IBM July National Convention in Pittsburgh Postponed!

#### A LETTER FROM OUR INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

To our members, families, and communities:

I hope this message finds you well and in good spirits.

Every year, the International Brotherhood of Magicians carries out its humble aim to link the world of magic through our international convention.

Throughout the current global health crisis, our international officers and convention committee have carefully monitored the Covid-19 pandemic. We hoped to provide yet another world-class convention this July in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, but of course, the health and wellness of our members and communities is our highest priority.

**Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the U.S. government’s recent disaster declaration for the state of Pennsylvania, and for the safety of all involved, the Board of Trustees of the International Brotherhood of Magicians has unanimously voted to postpone the international convention.**

Registrations will be forwarded to the new dates once determined. If you find you will be unable to attend you may contact [office@magician.org](mailto:office@magician.org) where we are happy to assist.

Let us take this time to reflect on those most important in our lives and rise to the challenge as magical entertainers. I call upon you to join with me in the face of adversity and #KeepCalmAndPerformMagic.



Warm regards,  
**Alex Zander** International President

**Stay Safe-Stay distanced**

**The peak of the pandemic is yet to come in Florida**

[https://covid19.healthdata.org/projections?fbclid=IwAR01f\\_uu1A8e2R37Io9j3kGTqm5OHjpUwWx0lYtzacPaAJUF7UPSQ4tBZM8](https://covid19.healthdata.org/projections?fbclid=IwAR01f_uu1A8e2R37Io9j3kGTqm5OHjpUwWx0lYtzacPaAJUF7UPSQ4tBZM8)



**More Florida current Data:**

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/96dd742462124fa0b38ddedb9b25e429>



**Dennis Deliberations ... Ring # 170, Assembly #99**

**“The Bev Bergeron Ring”**

4/5/2020

“Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.”

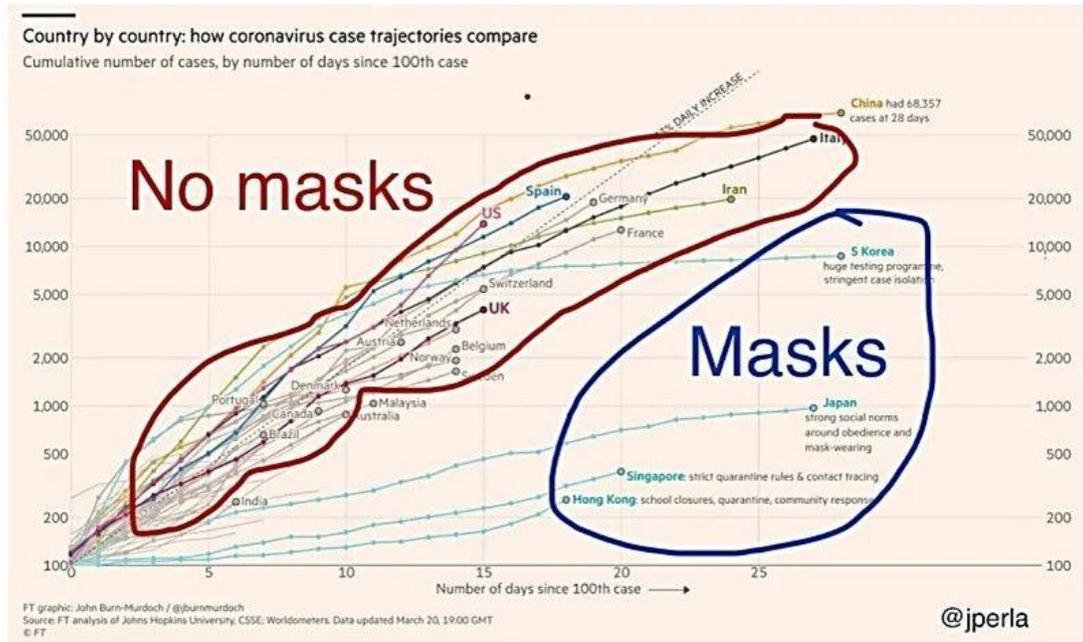
-Winston Churchill-

[https://www.iatse.net/news/congress-passes-cares-act-providing-immediate-economic-relief-entertainment-workers?fbclid=IwAR3SpigQ8Jc\\_U2aXeEamzeU28IA1Hxl4pEwLJ0s9BuHmMVQt7wIHqib7vnl](https://www.iatse.net/news/congress-passes-cares-act-providing-immediate-economic-relief-entertainment-workers?fbclid=IwAR3SpigQ8Jc_U2aXeEamzeU28IA1Hxl4pEwLJ0s9BuHmMVQt7wIHqib7vnl)



The screenshot shows the IATSE International website. At the top left is the IATSE logo, a stylized cross with 'IATSE' in the center. To the right are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. A search bar is located to the right of the icons. Below the search bar are two orange buttons: 'LOCAL UNION DIRECTORY' and 'YELLOW CARDS'. A dark navigation bar contains the following links: 'HOME', 'ABOUT THE IATSE -', 'MEMBER RESOURCES -', 'MEMBER BENEFITS -', 'GET INVOLVED -', and 'HOW TO JOIN -'. Below the navigation bar is a 'Home' breadcrumb. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column has a 'NEWS' section with three articles: 'Congress passes "CARES" Act providing immediate economic relief for entertainment workers' (Friday, March 27, 2020), 'Heritage Minister Steven Guilbeault Meets with IATSE International & Local Leaders regarding Industry Support Around COVID-19' (Thursday, March 26, 2020), and 'IATSE facilitates 80,000 letters to Congress in campaign to support displaced entertainment workers' (Thursday, March 19, 2020). A 'VIEW ALL' link is at the bottom of this section. The right column features a large headline: 'CONGRESS PASSES "CARES" ACT PROVIDING IMMEDIATE ECONOMIC RELIEF FOR ENTERTAINMENT WORKERS'. Below the headline is a photograph of the U.S. Capitol building. Under the photo is the date 'Friday, March 27, 2020'. The article text begins with 'Washington - In its latest response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis, Congress has passed a third package of emergency relief legislation, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security "CARES" Act. This bill will provide tangible and immediate economic relief for entertainment workers across the United States, many of whom found themselves out of work overnight due to COVID-19 related cancellations across all sectors of the entertainment industry.' A second paragraph discusses the challenges for entertainment freelance workers. A third paragraph mentions that IATSE members and allies sent over 107,000 letters to Congress.

Western countries are experiencing higher rates of COVID-19 infections compared to Asian countries because of the West's aversion to wearing masks. We need universal mask-wearing to aid in lowering COVID-19's virality.



[https://www.maskssavelives.org/?fbclid=IwAR1n0MlnMYWcCyFzeVBM6gM4sy90XPAKBmAGg3ZWHQbwJEjYYwhunU4q\\_Q](https://www.maskssavelives.org/?fbclid=IwAR1n0MlnMYWcCyFzeVBM6gM4sy90XPAKBmAGg3ZWHQbwJEjYYwhunU4q_Q)

The U.S. Surgeon General and W.H.O. have said masks are not effective at preventing COVID-19 spread. This hopefully is a white lie to reserve the available masks for medical professionals. Anything that prevents aerosolized viruses from being transmitted lowers the virality of COVID-19

Here is a cloth mask pattern:

[https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/coronavirus/documents/INF2003076\\_VW\\_Hand-Sewn%20Mask%20instructions-1.pdf](https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/coronavirus/documents/INF2003076_VW_Hand-Sewn%20Mask%20instructions-1.pdf)

Here is how the make-shift Tokyo Metropolitan Police Paper Towel Mask

The Tokyo Metropolitan Police Disaster Prevention Section released “Simple Mask with Kitchen Paper (Paper Towel)” on Twitter. What to prepare Only kitchen paper, stapler, rubber band. It can be made from materials found in every home.

(1) Break the kitchen paper along the cuts and fold the bellows at 1.5cm width.

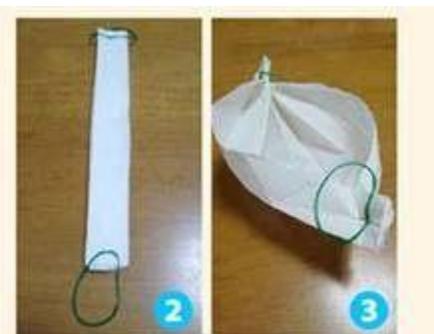
(2) Attach rubber bands to both ends of the folded kitchen paper and stop with a stapler

(3) Spread the folded kitchen paper and put rubber bands on both ends.

(4) Since the size of the face differs depending on the person, adjust at the position where the rubber band is stopped.

It has been questioned how effective the mask can be in preventing the transmission of COVID-19. The Metropolitan Police Department's Disaster Prevention Section of Tokyo also admits that simple masks have limited performance, saying that "there is a little lack of airtightness, but sand dust can be sufficiently prevented."

I am sure that this simple mask will prevent coughing and sneezing to spread.



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# MAGIC RELIEF PROJECT

A SPECIAL, 24-HOUR LONG LIVE VIRTUAL SHOW  
DESIGNED FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Steve Nelson  
14 mins

Attention ALL working / performing magicians!

Wherever you are we are producing a 24 - Hour NON STOP (LIVE) virtual show 🎤 for healthcare workers 🏥 working on the frontlines battling effects of COVID-19. We are planning to give them a brief, fun and entertaining 🎭 break during their LONG and DEMANDING shift 🙄. If you'd like to take part in this project please submit the following.

- A short bio
- Your reasons as why you believe magic is so important during this difficult time
- Short demo video of trick that can be performed virtually. (Ideally Interactively)

Submit the ABOVE items directly to the email listed BELOW: ✉️

HealthcareMagicProject@gmail.com 📧

TARGET TIME: ASAP 🕒  
(All performers will be provided with additional details shortly.)

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IF YOU THINK  
ARTISTS ARE USELESS  
TRY TO SPEND YOUR  
QUARANTINE  
WITHOUT MUSIC, BOOKS  
POEMS, MOVIES  
PAINTINGS AND  
GAMES

**Magicians, Stay home.  
If you die, your wife will  
sell your magic for the  
price you told her you  
paid for it.**



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I get a bit upset about blaming the Covid Corona Virus on the Chinese people. I suppose that in a psychological way, believing a conspiracy theory gives a person a sense of control. We understand pretty well the mechanism of viral epidemics. China has 1.35 billion humans, or roughly 20 percent of the world's population, live within the country's borders. That is one-fifth of the world's population. Moreover the population is densely packed. Biological processes are not fixed and stable. There are mutations that happen continuously. The larger the population the more the mutations. The corona virus family are a simple single stand RNA virus that can easily mutate and some of those mutations can find affinity to the human body and infect us because we lack the antibodies, which themselves are made by our own immune system when they come in contact with the new virus. I am sure that it is possible using CRISPR gene splicing to reconfigure viral DNA to be infectious. This instance and the history of the Novel Corona COVID 19 seem highly unlikely to be such as case. We have come to expect that every year the influenza viruses in birds and pigs ( and China has many due to the needed food supply) routinely cross over the species barrier and we get the latest strand of global flu. Some years worse than ever. So we are always subject to Chinese originated pathogens. This is because by populations and travel. Before jet travel, there was a lot less quick spreading epidemics. The pathogens died out due to a natural quarantine. Today's inter connectedness has its health hazards. That is not the Chinese fault. Mad Cow Disease (BSE) began in England when sheep with Prions ( oddly folded proteins in their neural tissue) were ground up and feed to cows, who also they developed prion proteins and that was , in turn, passed to humans.

COVID 19 is a member of the SARS ( sudden Acute Respiratory Syndrome) Family. It attacks mostly your lungs as a pneumonia. Much of the severity of your immune response is from all the immune triggering mechanisms. You can get a cytokine crisis with massive inflammation that blocks air passages and that is why you need a ventilator. Since all of our immune responses are different, it can mildly to fatally affect us. 70 percent of our immune system reside in our gut wall and microbiota. M Cells are in the Peyer's Patches of the small Intestine. M cells are specialized epithelial cells of the mucosa-associated lymphoid tissues.(MALT) A characteristic of M cells is that they transport antigens from the lumen to cells of the immune system, thereby initiating an immune response or tolerance. Be good to your gut!

I could see the wheels turning in Dr. Fauci's head when it was suggested that a Z-Pack be used. He is saying to himself, "No not yet! Even though Azithromycin appears to be effective in the treatment of COPD through its suppression of inflammatory processes and

maybe potentially useful in [asthma](#) and [sinusitis](#) via this mechanism, it has side effects! Azithromycin is believed to produce its effects through suppressing certain immune responses that may contribute to inflammation of the airways. Sounds good, but azithromycin can cause abnormal changes in the electrical activity of the heart that may lead to a potentially fatal irregular heart rhythm. Azithromycin, a Macrolide, clearly increases rates of gastrointestinal adverse events. Oh no! Now we may be tearing up the needed gut immune help". I hope that I have helped you see some of Dr. Fauci's thinking.

The immune system is made up of two armies of cells: innate and acquired. Innate immune cells are the body's first line of defense. They quickly respond to foreign cells to fight infection, battle a virus or defend the body against bacteria. Our acquired immunity—also called adaptive immunity—uses T-cells and B-cells when invading organisms slip through that first line. These cells take longer to develop, because their behaviors evolve from learned experiences, but they tend to live longer than innate cells. Adaptive immune cells remember foreign invaders after their first encounter and fight them off the next time they enter the body. This is the fundamental premise for how vaccines work—using a small, harmless amount of protein from a disease to allow the immune system to recognize that protein if the pathogen were to invade the body.

B-cells and T-cells are also called lymphocytes. There are primary and secondary lymphoid organs involved in the complex development of lymphocytes. The primary lymphoid tissues in the initial generation of B- and T-lymphocytes are the bone marrow and the thymus.

Back to the Chinese...

I am not sure if you know that I can passably write several hundred of the Mandarin Characters and speak some of the Cantonese Dialect. It has been a long time but when around it, a lot comes back.

Sho Tung Chin, the owner of a Chinese Restaurant Chain had me co-ordinate his advertising and do all his radio, outdoor and print ads over a 3 year period. I even co-ordinated the chain's background music. Since Muzak did not have a Chinese music service, I had Mr. Chin obtain Chinese LP records and I dubbed them to 8 track tapes and installed a carousel 8 track tape player.

The big event of the year was Chinese New Year. I would perform both walk around magic and we has a small riser for a short show and giving out door prizes.

Dennis performing January 1971 Chinese New Year at The Golden Pavilion Restaurant In Bowie, Maryland (Suburban Washington)



Stay Home

Stay Safe

Keep the Magic Alive

Dennis