

I.B.M. RING 43 - 1946-2020

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AGENDA FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 20th MEETING CANCELED — 7:30 p.m. • Conference Room Presence Saint Francis Hospital • 355 Ridge Ave. • Evanston Check the Welcome Page on our website www.ring43.org on the day of the meeting for any meeting changes MEETING CANCELED

The board has decided to cancel this month's meeting for the safety of our members. Please stay safe and remember to wash your hands, and then create and consume art to help keep your mind active if you have to stay at home.

Besides that, I'm *knot* in the habit of making terrible puns, but just let me *string* you along for a second. If you don't like it, you can turn me over to the *handker-CHIEF* of police!

The whole reason for those puns is because this month *was* Ropes and Silks Night! However, due to unfortunate circumstances, but also for all of our safety, we won't be able to see tricks with rope and silk. However, instead, might we suggest taking this time to learn a new rope trick! Or maybe even a new trick with some silk. Since we can't be together, this could be a good time to get practicing and possibly creating. Bonus points if you learn or perfect a trick that involves both ropes AND silks! (What are these points useful for? Nothing... you just get to feel good about yourself.)

So take some time this month to learn something new with ropes and/or silk. You'll be glad you did, and that's no *yarn*! (Look, a "yarn" is both spun thread for weaving AND a rambling and implausible story... Look it up!)

Last Month

Martin Cox Lecture

President **Mike Kamlet** called the February meeting to order and reminded everyone that past-member Jim Geppert's book and note collection was available for sale. In May we have a lecture by Ferran (Rizo) and Nataly, both teachers at Juan Tamariz' school of magic.

Mike then called Gordon Gluff up to accept his award for –Est Night. Finally, Mike introduced two new members, **Andrea Solimbergo** and **Perry Argiropoulos**.

Vice President **Mel Siegel** then introduced our guest lecturer, Martin Cox, a comedy magician from the UK. Martin said he had a slight cold so even if you don't buy anything you may go home with something.



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Dedicated to teaching its members to become better magical entertainers!

Last Month...... (continued)

First up was a card effect. He had **Elliot Cutler** select a card. As he lifted the card he put a massive crimp in the card. This didn't matter, however because the chosen card was the 4D and every other card in the deck was a KC. (*Fechter's Opener*)

He than had **Elsie Tzontchev** mentally select a card. He told the story about how he met his wife, which related to the card trick's theme. Martin said he had placed one card in the card box and had Elsie name her card. She said Ace of Hearts and he showed that he had the 4S. He laid the 4S face down on the table and said "Let's try again." This time, when Elsie named the AH, he picked up the card on the table and it had transformed to the Ace! (*How I Met My Wife*)

Next came a coin routine (*My Three Friends*) with an English penny, a silver dollar, and a Chinese coin. One at a time the coins vanished. The handling was both visual and not too difficult for most people to perform.



Martin asked **Perry James** (pictured above) to assist. Perry shuffled a deck and cut it in two piles. Martin and Perry each took half and Perry selected a card from his half (4D). When Martin spread the cards on the table the 4D popped out of the spread. Perry then chose a 7S and returned it to the deck. As Martin shook the deck, the 7S gradually rose from the deck.

Next came a packet trick which was ideal for restaurant work. He showed a trick his mom showed him. If he could find the card with the rabbit on it, he wouldn't have to eat his Brussels sprouts. The rabbit card was nowhere to be found in increasingly difficult circumstances. (*Fuzzy Bunny*)

Martin showed his Mystery Card Trick to **Sadie**. He showed three face up Aces with one face down. He closed the fan and refanned them and now two cards were face down. Next all four cards turned face down and when he turned them face up again they had all changed to Kings of Hearts!



Marshall Ellenstein joined Martin who showed him a book (pictured above). Marshall chose a word from within the book. Martin pulled out a sketch pad and drew a picture. He asked Marshall for the word and when Marshall said "Bicycle" Martin showed he had drawn a picture of a bicycle. This is an incredibly easy and very funny (with Martin's handling) book test.

After the break and the raffle Martin explained how to make an audience member feel like you are talking directly to them. Even if you can't see the audience, don't let the audience know you can't see the audience.

Martin showed a card move invented by Reed McClintock called the *McClintock Twist*. The four Aces magically turned over one by one as he simply rubbed them against each other. A bent coin trick followed where a borrowed coin bent while in a spectator's fist. (*Bendy Coin*)

Martin showed **Russell Stone** a trick with a red deck and a blue deck. Russell pulled three cards from a shuffled deck and placed them in three pockets. Martin placed three cards in his pockets. Each card Russell removed from his pocket matched the corresponding card in Martin's pocket.

For his last trick, he had **Elliot** pick a card and **Terrence Hunter** just think of one. Martin selected one card and placed it face down on the table. When he turned it over it was Elliot's card and he then produced Terrence's thought of card from his wallet.

After the meeting some members went on to Gulliver's Restaurant for food and fellowship.

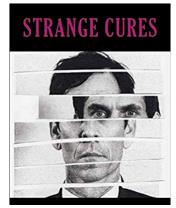
-John Hutsebaut (Photos by Mike Kamlet)

The GREAT MYSTO = ++++ BY: John Hutsebaut



HOT OFF THE PREZ BOOK REVIEWS FROM MIKE KAMLET

More highlights of books I read in 2019. Here are two books that were released to the general public that involve magicians:



Strange Cures – Rob Zabrecky - This is Rob's autobiography from growing up as a bit of an outcast, to his time in the LA Punk Rock scene and his journey into magic. It's a great read. If you're a fan of Zabrecky, then it's a must read.

THE PREZ SAYS: "Changes"

As you may have noticed, our calendar has changed a bit. We have moved Ropes and Silk Night to this month and have replaced a proposed April 17 Flea Market with Four Corners Night. While I know some folks have been looking forward to having a swap meet type meeting, we felt it was too close to the Knights of Sleights Flea Market and we wanted to provide additional "entertainment" for the evening with dealer demos, etc. If there's enough interest, we will work hard to add this to next year's calendar.

And if you are interested in teaching at Four Corners Night, please let me know – we'd love to have some new faces.



We will also be adding a short trivia game to Ropes and Silk Night. We will break up into teams of 4-5 to answer questions in various categories. The winning team will receive prizes. We hope you like it!

We will also be adding to the calendar our second annual Pizza Party over the summer. It was a big hit last year so we're going to do it again. Look for details/dates in the newsletter as it gets closer.

And finally, this is YOUR club so we're always looking for new ideas to improve and to provide programming that is relevant to our members.

Hope to see you at the meeting!

- Mike Kamlet

Read any good books lately? Just bought a trick that you love? That you *hate*?! TELL US ABOUT IT!

Write a review and send it over to Danny, our newsletter editor, at *dannyrudnick@gmail.com*

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2019-2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 20:Ropes and Silks - CANCELED April 17:Four Corners Night May 15: LECTURE: Fernan Rizo y Nataly June 19:Close-Up Contest

Summer Pizza Party (Date TBA)

Denotes Special Night

This calendar is **tentative**, and may be changed by unforeseen events.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Celebrating March Birthdays

... Luis Carreon, John Mussman, Kevin Owens, Mel Siegel, Joanne Volk

New Members . .

Please welcome our new member . . .

.... help them feel part of all our activities

Perry James, Gary Katz, Andrea Solimbergo FELLOWSHIP AFTER HOURS

A great deal of the friendships made, ideas exchanged, and magic learned can be found at *Gullliver's* after the regular meetings. *Gulliver's* is located at 2727 W. Howard Street just east of N. California/ Dodge Ave., Chicago. Everyone is welcome so we encourage you to join us for this opportunity to mix and mingle. Directions are available at the meeting.

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Magical Happenings:

Shows/Lectures:

Chicago Magic Lounge—Shows every day of the week. More information: <u>chicagomagiclounge.com</u>

Magic Inc. — Card College Group - Meetings every Sunday. Located at 1838 W. Lawrence Ave. For more info, call 773-334-2855 or visit <u>magicinc.net</u>

Club Meetings:

S.A.M. Assembly 3—First Monday, now meeting at THE CHICAGO MAGIC LOUNGE! January: PARTY!

Conjurer's Corner Magic Club—Fourth Monday, Mr. Beef & Pizza, 1796 S. Elmhurst Rd., Mt. Prospect.

Knights of Sleights-Second Monday, 7:30 PM, Midwest Magic, 9706 Frankin Ave, Frankin Park, IL

Magic Masters-NEW meeting time and location! Fourth Wednesday, Ed & Joe's Pizza 17332 S. Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park, IL.

Mazda Mystic Ring—Second Thursday, Knights of Columbus Hall, 10 Villa Court, Elgin.

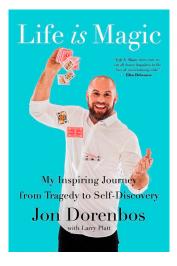
S.A.M. Assembly 106—Second Monday, The Timbers, 1100 N. River Rd., Shorewood.

S.A.M. Assembly 148—Third Monday, Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church, 314 W. Valette St., Elmhurst

This month's stamps feature

....Sesame Street

Hot Off The PREZ (continued)



Life is Magic – Jon Dorenbos – You might know some of Jon's story – His dad killed his mom when he was 12, he became interested in magic (and sports), he was the long snapper for the Eagles for many years and was on America's Got Talent and Ellen's talk show. This is a great uplifting story about dealing with adversity.

Look out for more quick reviews in future issues! If you would like to submit any reviews (long *or* short), send them to our newsletter editor, Danny Rudnick, at dannyrudnick@gmail.com

- Mike Kamlet