

RING 180, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA – Horace Bennett Ring

Meets 2nd. Wed. each month, 7:00 pm, Children's Museum, 2626 West

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President Watt Hyer opened the July meeting with discussion of the national convention of the S.A.M. that had been held during the past week in Arlington, Virginia. Because of its proximity to Richmond, several Ring members, who were also S.A.M. members, had attended. There was some discussion of effects performed with smart phones that had been mentioned at the convention. Watt then introduced the evening's theme, "Classic Magic." With Steve Fuller as his spectator-assistant, Watt performed an Egg Bag routine in which an egg repeatedly vanished and appeared in a small cloth bag.

Larry Lessner demonstrated his variation on the classic "Card to Wallet" theme. Two cards were selected, and he showed that he had predicted the selections by having duplicates of the selected cards in his wallet. Larry also demonstrated a new effect from Vanishing, Inc., "Card Artistry 2" by Justin Flom. Watt Hyer chose a card and drew a picture on it. He returned the card to the deck. Larry shuffled the deck and spread some of its cards into four columns. The backs of the cards formed a mosaic depicting the wall of an art gallery containing famous paintings. Among them was the chosen card with its picture drawn by Watt.

Bill Baber performed the Rice Bowls using a set of plain, aluminum bowls from Uday with the "awkward celluloid gimmick." In this traditional effect a bowl was filled with rice. The rice doubled in quantity. The rice then vanished and was replaced by water. During the performance, Bill spoke of the kingly and priestly roles of the emperors of ancient China. There was discussion of the problems inherent in the performance of this routine, including preparation and clean-up. In the off-theme portion of the session, Bill Leedom demonstrated "Thought Wave" by Gary Jones and Mark Bendell. In this effect, spectator Watt Hyer chose one of 52 symbols and a playing card. Bill then showed that he had successfully predicted both. *Wm. C. Baber*