

NEWSLETTER OF I.B.M. RING 180

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Ring 180 Officers

President:
Watt Hyer

Secretary:
Lou Dean

Treasurer:
Harry Gallant

Sgt.-at-Arms:
Randy Earley

Immediate Past-President:
Steve Fuller

IT'S A NEW RING YEAR

New Officers for the 2008 calendar year

At the business meeting held on Wednesday, January 2, 2008 at Famous Dave's Restaurant on Broad Street, the following people were elected officers of the Ring.



Watt Hyer was elected President. Watt is a native Richmonder who has been in the western part of the country for a few decades and has now returned home. While out west, Watt attended meetings of magic clubs few and far between in Wyoming, Utah and Colorado. Watt brings his experience with these clubs, some with very few members, to our Ring. One of Watt's goals is to increase the membership of the Ring and to increase attendance at our meetings.

The office of Vice-President is vacant.

Lou Dean was elected Secretary. Lou is a long-time radio entertainer in the Richmond area and is now retired.

Harry Gallant was elected Treasurer. Harry has been Treasurer of the Ring for longer than most people can remember.

Randy Earley was elected Sergeant-at-Arms. Randy has performed this function for the ring for many years.

Next Ring meeting is Thursday, January 17th

The next meeting of Ring 180, International Brotherhood of Magicians, is scheduled for Thursday, January 17th at 7:30 at the Science Museum of Virginia, 2500 W. Broad Street. We usually meet in the Discovery Room. If there has been a change, ask the Security Guard where the meeting is located.

The theme of the meeting is "close-up" magic. See a list of themes on Page 2.

If parking is tight, use the Volunteer Lot off DMV Drive.

REPORT ON THE DECEMBER MEETING



Ring 180's December meeting saw several guests. Andrew Stiles brought his son Mitchell and Mitchell's friend Paul. Both Mitchell and Paul, both teenagers, are interested in magic. Magic seemed to

fascinate Andrew, as well.

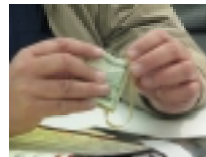
Landon L. Davis, III also attended as a guest and before he left filled out an application to join the national I.B.M. and our Richmond Ring.

Watt Hyer demonstrated the silk rose that Peter White showed at his recent lecture. Walt also had some fun with a globular candy container that, with a little gimmicking, Walt made to float.



Harry Gallant showed the group an updated version of "Clip-It." Harry cut a strip of Christmas wrapping paper into two pieces but when he cut them again, it was one whole piece.

Elmer Deffenbaugh showed another version of the dollar bill and the paper clips wherein the paper clips become linked when pulled free of the bill. The version Elmer showed also made use of a rubber band.



JANUARY BUSINESS MEETING: OUR CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The Constitution and By-Laws of our Ring 180, if not being outdated, are certainly not in accord with what our current practices are. That's a reverse way of saying we are no longer following our own Constitution and By-laws. This is a simple house-keeping matter. With guidance and suggestions from the national organization, our Constitution and By-laws are being updated made to conform to our current practices, such as meeting day, time and place; when elections are held; classes of membership, etc. **Lou Dean** wrote the first draft, which will be presented for your suggestions, additions, deletions and, ultimately, your approval.

Please note that all Active members are invited to the business meeting, which is held the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30, currently at Famous Dave's on Broad near Glenside.

THEMES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

President **Watt Hyer** proposed the following themes for our meetings in 2008.

January 17: Close-up
 February 21: Mentalism
 March 20: Invisible Thread
 April 17: Coins
 May 15: Stage Magic
 June 19: Cards
 July 17: Silks

August 21: Props
 September 18: Gimmicks—what the audience doesn't see
 October 16: Sleight-of-hand
 November 20: Books
 December 18: Open. Perhaps a party.