

**International Brotherhood of Magicians
Ring 180, The Horace Bennett Ring, Richmond, VA**

**Report of Meeting
September 9, 2015**

The topic for the September 2015 meeting was "Sleights." The intended format was that each presenter perform a routine, explain the sleights used, and be available to present a "teaching table" after the conclusion of all presentations. President Watt Hyer, following announcements of coming activities, began the topic with his performance of Silent Mora's "Balls and Net" routine. In this classic routine balls passed from hand to hand and from pocket to hand. In the end all balls vanished. Watt substituted a large, clear plastic box on a table for the usual net held by two spectators. He reported learning the routine from a Danny Archer lecture.

Coins jumped from pocket to hand, passed through a hand, and completely vanished in Joe Duck's presentation of "Gadabout Coins" from Bobo's *Modern Coin Magic*.

Roy Eidem passed out wands and balls so members could follow his presentation of three utility vanishes: the Al Schneider vanish, John Rogers' "Wand through Hand Vanish," and David Williamson's "Striking Vanish."

Dan Dalton changed a regular penny into a jumbo penny, which appeared to bend like rubber, but it landed on the table with a clunk, showing clearly that it was inflexible metal. Dan then demonstrated his "Coin through Table" routine using metal slot machine chips. The chips appeared, vanished, and passed through a table. Dan said his uncle taught him the routine when he was a boy.

Larry Lessner showed resources that he recommended for learning sleights. They included the Dover edition of Arthur Buckley's *Card Control*, Daryl's treatment of the "Ambitious Card," the four-DVD set of *Modern Coin Magic*, based on the Bobo book, and the *Complete Card Magic* four-DVD set.

Siwei Lee, who had been a student at Virginia Commonwealth University, was visiting the Ring during a brief return from China. He presented what amounted to a mini-lecture on sleights, illustrated by his "Three-Fly" and "Three Coins Across" routines. He also gave tips on handling the "Striking Vanish" and showed his take on the "Classic Pass." A spontaneous Q & A session occurred with Siwei commenting on other sleights.

With all presentations completed members were able to pursue their particular interests and obtain more tips on sleights from one another.