



Horace Bennet Ring January, 2018

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I.B.M. RING 180

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Upcoming Lectures/Events:

Harold Wood Annual Party:

Location: January 28, 2018; 3pm
Marlbank Cove Recreation
Center
111 Lookout Point
Yorktown, VA 23692

Crossroads: January 19, March 16, May
18, July 20, Sept. 21,
November 16
Location: Crossroads Art Center
2016 Staples Mills Rd
Richmond, VA 23230

Kent Axell: February 23, 2018; 7pm
Location: Stonehouse Community Center
9701 Mill Pond Rd
Toano, VA 23168

****Keep checking to make sure you don't miss anything
as this section will be continuously updated as we get
more lectures coming our way.*

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Mark Leveridge: April 19, 2018; 7pm
Location: Napier Realty Office
10148 W Broad St
Ste: 200
Glen Allen, VA 23060

Things You Should Know About Ring 180:

Magi-Whirl: May 4-5, 2018
Location: West Potomac High School
6500 Quander Rd
Alexandria, VA 22307

- We are increasing dues this year from \$18/year to \$20/year.
- Dues are due now. You can pay via Paypal, or check or cash, which is handed to Landon Davis III, our Treasurer, at the meeting. Thank you.

- We are going to attempt to start video recording performances at meetings so we can upload them to a server and have a member's only section on the website where you can review yourself, or others, demonstrations. You can, of course, opt out of being recorded. Please let us know prior to performing if you would rather not be recorded. Recording the performances allows our members to go back and re-watch how to perform the illusion. We feel this will be an added benefit of joining Ring 180.
- Watt Hyer has extra copies of archived Linking Rings magazines. If you would like some, please contact Watt at president@IBMring180.org Thank you.
- We have a new secretary, Chris Mills. If you would like to notify everyone of an upcoming show or event, or if you just have something new you would like to see appear in the monthly newsletter, please let Chris know at: secretary@ibmring180.org

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January Meeting Notes:



Watt shows off his new finger guillotine and Chinese Fortune Sticks

- Watt Hyer showed off a few new things he received for Christmas. The first was a book, *Illusions: The Art of Magic*. This beautiful book went back to about 1945 and illustrated old posters, magicians, etc.

He also received a Jumbo deck of cards, which can be purchased at Barnes and Noble or Books-A-Million if you are interested.

Watt then went on to show us two tricks by Tenyo Magic. The first was a wonderful finger guillotine, which he went on to perform on Amy. The second was a great set of Chinese Fortune Sticks. He informed everyone that he purchased

these from SEO magic through [52 China Magic Shop](#).



Mike performing his amazing mentalism

- Next up was Mike Kinnaird. In traditional Mike Kinnaird fashion, he performed a new mental illusion he had received from someone that was retiring from magic.

This illusion was a beautiful Epic Board made of dry erase

board and wood. He asked Amy to think of any 4 digit number. Mike made a prediction, then asked Amy to name, out loud, the number she was thinking of. He wrote that so everyone could see it. He then asked Michelle to think about her favorite color. Again, he wrote his prediction, then asked her to name it out loud. He wrote down the color she thought of. The last part was a mini-game. He instructed Amy to gather about eight little items from the room (ie: pen, bracelet, a half dollar, etc...). Once she had the items and laid them on the table, Mike picked up two of the items and asked Amy to name one to "discard". She was then instructed to freely grab two items herself and then Mike asked her to "discard" one of the items. This repeated until they finally ended up with just the pen remaining. Mike wrote "Pen" on the Epic board in the last remaining square. He then opened the doors above the items one by one, to reveal the predictions were ALL correct.

- Harry Gallant was up next with a wonderful Yellow Pages Ming Reading illusion. He instructed Michelle to think of a number of any date in a month (1-31). Once she had the number in mind, she was handed the phone book and instructed to go to that page number and look at the first word on that page and focus on it. Harry then began to call out letters and asking if that letter was in her word. After just a few minutes of getting the letters correct, he

proceeded to then name the word she had thought of.

Everyone was mesmerized by Harry's mentalism

- Larry Rohr revealed to us that, due to age, he had unfortunately lost the magic in his right hand, but maintained it in his left hand. He proved this to us by shaking a ball in his right hand and showing us that it made no noise. However, when he shook it with his left hand, it rattled. He then passed the ball around to everyone to show that when they shook it, it always rattled.



In our opinion, Larry's magic gets better with age

- Larry Lesner performed two close up tricks for the group. After inviting Michelle to sit with him up front, he handed her a deck of playing cards. He instructed her to shuffle the cards and cut the deck into two, approximately equal halves. Each picked one of the halves and then proceeded to choose one card out of the respective decks. He then placed his card, face down, into her face down deck and instructed her to place her card, face down, into his face down deck. He then asked her to look through and attempt to find the card he had selected and he did the same with her card. After both cards were pulled from the decks, both were revealed to be the original chosen cards.

Moving on, Larry then asked her to select a card from a fanned out deck.



Larry Lesner delights Michelle with his card tricks

Michelle then shuffled the deck and returned it to Larry. He cut the deck a few times and revealed that her card was on top of the deck, however, it was NOT her card. It was the wrong card. Being a magician, however, with a few waves of his hand, the incorrect card magically changed into the correct card.

Amy was amazed as the flame engulfed the quarter on the deck in Fred's hand



- Fred Kirchner was now on deck with a demonstration of Jay Sankey's - In a Flash. He produced a quarter and initialed said quarter to be able to verify it was the same quarter throughout the trick. Amy selected a card, signed it, and returned the card to the deck to be lost deep inside. The quarter was then placed on top of a piece of paper, all of which was placed on top of the deck. The paper was burned and, with a bright flash, the quarter was shown to have "burned" its way through the deck, leaving a quarter sized hole through about half the deck, and stopped burning when it reached one card, which was, amazingly, Amy's chosen, signed card.

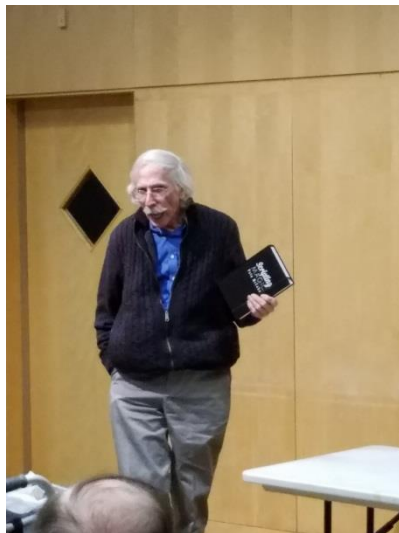


Everyone loved seeing Joe's card trick

- Joe Duck brought us a variation on Twisted Sisters, inviting Michelle to once again play volunteer. He then had her help with a second card trick where he had her select a card from the deck and return the card. He shuffled it into the deck and spread them face down on the table. He had her name a freely

selected number and they both slowly counted that amount of cards one by one. The card at the selected number was then removed, face down, and the rest of the deck flipped face up so Michelle could clearly see that her card was not among the face up cards. Then, in dramatic fashion, the one card that was at the freely selected number, was turned face up to reveal that it was, indeed, the chosen card.

- Lou Dean stood to show us a different version of Out of this World, called Off The World. It was an incredible “audience calls out whether the next card is blue or red backed”, but the cards were face up and the audience was calling out whether the next card was red or black.
- Bill Baber finished up the night by showing us a well reviewed book he received for Christmas called Scripting Magic (vol.1), by Peter McCabe. This book is all about being prepared when you perform and how to “script” your magic, even if you are miming what you perform. If interested in obtaining this book, or



Bill showing off his new book, Scripting Magic

volume 2, it may be ordered by going to [Vanishing Inc Magic](#).

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