



**THE NORTHWEST RING OF FIRE**  
**The Lynnwood Magic Club \ I.B.M. Local 339**

February 2009

# THE PASTEBOARD

## Criswell Predicts!

I, the Great Criswell predict that on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February 2009 that the editor of a magic clubs newsletter will be on a great airship and thus unable to take notes of the meeting.

I predict that he will use his great and hitherto unknown psychic abilities to contact me, the Great Criswell across the astral plane. Once in contact he will ask if I, the Great Criswell, could be persuaded to write this month's newsletter for him. I, the Great Criswell have accepted this challenge.

Across the void I see but dimly a brick building of some sort. It appears to belong to some sort of government agency. Perhaps a fire station?.

I predict that on the evening of February 12<sup>th</sup> that this building will be the meeting place of the Lynnwood Magic Club.

I predict that after arriving in their atomically powered flying cars a number of individuals will file into the building and seat themselves at long tables. I see twenty. . . no twenty-eight men and two

women. Or perhaps one woman and a young boy -- It's hard to see clearly from here in 1958.

I predict that the meeting will start with a modicum of confusion.

I predict that their newly appointed president is absent from the proceedings. After much discourse and banter it is decided that a man named Libby or Ryan will take charge.

This Libby or Ryan will call the meeting to order.

I predict that a discussion of the upcoming club show will commence. It will be discovered that all the acts are in place but there is still a need for help both backstage and in the house.

I predict that there will be an emphasis on selling tickets for this show.

I predict that an outstanding poster for this show will be unveiled at this meeting and that much oohing and aaahing will take place over the aforesaid mentioned poster. Many will comment that this is the absolutely best poster for a magic show they have ever seen and that a graphic of this magnitude alone should assure that the show is a stellar success.

However I predict that there will be one individual upset that the club has wasted valuable resources as a poster of this quality must have cost a small fortune to create.

I predict that this argument will be shot out of the water when Libby or Ryan reveals that the artistic genius who created the poster donated time and talent and that all the club had to pay for was the meager printing costs. I see across the void that there is much rejoicing over this and that they en-masse agree that said artist should be made a lifetime member of the club and that awards and honors should be endlessly bestowed upon him for his continual magnanimous and unselfish acts.

I predict that the check I was given to say the previous few paragraphs will bounce so you should disregard everything I've said about the poster and its deadbeat creator.

I predict that the Smoke and Mirrors show on April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Everett Performing Arts Center will be a rousing success.

I predict that there will be reports from the Librarian and the Treasurer and that all will be fine from those departments.

I predict that an announcement will be made about the upcoming lecture on the 14<sup>th</sup> and that lecture will be given by Paul Gertner.

I predict many will go to this lecture and become better performers for it.

I predict that several members will get up to perform and even though they all did stellar work that a Rich man will receive the magician of the month award.

I predict that a stellar trick will be taught in the evening as well and that one member who shows this newly learned trick the next day to his boss will receive a promotion because of it.

I predict that after the meeting they will all go to Maddox for dinner and drinks

I predict that in order to make this newsletter look larger and more impressive than it really is that the following sections will be shamelessly lifted from last months to make it look more substantial

## Other Important Things

Dues are due. Well past due actually so it's going to cost you! Roger had a generous deal that if you paid your dues before (or at) the last meeting that you'd get the old price of \$15.00. That offer however is gone and now the dues are \$25.00. You all had your chance. Perhaps if you talk to Roger nicely or buy him a beer he'll overlook your tardiness and let you have the old rate.

Smoke and Mirrors is happening again on April 11<sup>th</sup>. They are still in need of performers and tech support people so get a hold of Philemon to help out on this yearly fund raiser.

Paul Gertner is coming to lecture in February. Many felt it was the 14<sup>th</sup> but no one was too sure. It will be at the usual time and place I suppose but I have no details on it. Perhaps it's on our web page?

Sterling Dietz is doing a winter tour to help raise money for Special Olympics. If you're up to seeing a great "Vegas Style" magic show while supporting a great cause then pencil one of these dates in your calendar.

February 7 - Ikea PAC, Renton,  
3pm & 7pm

February 14 - Capitol Theatre, Olympia, 3pm  
& 7pm

March 7 - Bellingham High School, 3pm &  
7pm

Brian Cook is looking for feedback as to what you, our loyal membership would like to get out of our club meetings?

More Lectures? Teach a Trick Nights  
Member Performances? Workshops?  
Marketing Seminars? A Coherent Newsletter?  
Themed Nights? What else?

If you have comments and suggestions let our fearless leader know.

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## Upcoming Happenings

### Magic Mondays

7:00 p.m. Second Monday of the Month  
Third Place Books Ravenna

### Sterling Dietz Winter Tour

February 7 - Ikea PAC, Renton,  
3pm & 7pm

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& 7pm

March 7 - Bellingham High School, 3pm &  
7pm

<http://www.magicsterling.com/>

### Paul Gertner Lecture

February 14<sup>th</sup>

Check the Webpage

### Smoke and Mirrors

April 11<sup>th</sup>

[elementalent@me.com](mailto:elementalent@me.com)

### Kramien's Jamboree

May 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

<http://www.magicjamboree.com/home.html>