



Words from the Secretary

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The newsletter needs you. I need articles and news events written by you. You do not have to be a member of the club to send articles to be published. Send me emails (accolombel@zipcon.com) on what you would like to see in the newsletter and what you like or don't about the newsletter. Visit our Facebook page and post. Come to the meetings and lectures.

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Ring of Smoke Report

No report this Month.

The Ring of Smoke meets the first Sunday of the Month at Shawn O'Donnell's in Everett.

March's Meeting Report

March's theme was "Chance" - Perform or discuss something related to gambling, bar bets, or games of chance.

Jim Earnshaw informed everyone that he is now running Magic Monday and is looking for performers. Magic Monday is a magic show held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm at Ravenna Third Place Books in the Ravenna neighborhood of Seattle. Jim also informed us that he is now the IBM Territorial VP for this area. Congratulations Jim.

The magic part of the meeting was started by Jim Earnshaw.

Jim performed something inspired by John Carney, He hung an invisible coin in the air, then turn invisible coins to real coins, then he went to hang the visible coins in the air and as he did, they become invisible.

Santiago Naranjo practice his Toastmaster's speech. It was about how he got into magic, his early days and history. His leaving magic and returning to magic. He showed his rising card in goblet, that he will be using to illustrate his talk. He discussed how he would use it and took suggestions from the club on routine. He did a good job on his speech, well done.

Brian Melicher showed a wand then transformed the wand into two silks. Talk about changing a silver color wand to glitter. A magician used a silver wand that look like a flute, "played the flute" the transformed to silver glitter. There was a discussion of items on the market.

Payne will be performing at the Moister Festival. Payne told us about the KGB (an invite only group of children/family magicians) convention he was at and during the time they went to Universal and bought Hogsworth's wands, Payne got a Dumbledore wand.

Come to a meeting a talk, see magic and show off your magic.

Remember, to visit the club's website, <http://www.nwringoffire.com> and also visit the clubs Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Northwest-Ring-of-Fire/4296167377105973>

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President's Message

Evan Shuster

April 2019

Geez... I just realized what a jam-packed calendar of magic is coming up this year.

In addition to the terrific line-up of upcoming lecturers here in Seattle (four more!), the convention season officially kicked off in January with the Columbus MagiFest, which I hear was truly spectacular. My first live exposure to Juan Tamariz was at his Genii Bash appearance in 2012. I saw him again at the last Magi-Fest, in 2014. He was back again at this year's MagiFest, as effervescent as ever!

I'm sure that I'll be kicking myself for months to come for my over-commitment by registering for both Magic Live, AND the Genii convention in the same year. At least I'll have some interesting topics to discuss in my final round of messages to the club.

Which is the perfect segue into this...

We need to decide the future of the club.

Elections are coming up. Probably should have come up last year, but what can I say... you knew I was a big dummy, but you elected me anyway. ☺

It would be nice to have you all thinking about what you would like your role in the club to be over the next year or two. If you have good attendance and think you might like to become an officer (President, perhaps?) now is a great time to let me know. I want to do it by the book, so the more info I collect now, the more successful that pledge will be.

Still working my way through the DeLand book by Richard Kaufman. Really impressive work. Not just the book itself, but the full package, including reproductions of some of the original decks. Very cool!

One of the tricks discussed in the book is Henry Hardin's "King's Kards" (the cards were originally manufactured by DeLand). One reason why I am still working my way through the book is the distraction that this bit of info caused.

I then learned that it was an early inspiration of Paul Harris's Strange Travelers. I didn't own that trick, and soon discovered that it was out of print. Thankfully I found a copy and then also learned of a few other variations on the theme, such as Dan Harlan's Red Rover. And then...

One of the (several) reason I love magic books is that each book I read inspires me to create my own footnotes (so to speak). I read a reference to something particularly interesting, and then I research the referenced materials before returning to the original text I was reading to begin with. Makes for a much longer, yet much more rewarding reading/learning experience.

How do you study magic? Why not write an article for this newsletter?

Share what you know.

****ALERT****

April's club meeting will be at the Richmond Beach Library

****ALERT****

May's club meeting will be at the Lake Forest Park Library

****ALERT****

June's club meeting will be at the Shoreline Library

Best regards,

Evan

<http://nwringoffire.com/>

Haec aut bene aut male cedent
"This may or may not work."

Magic Shops in the Area

Below is a list of the Magic shops in the Area. None have paid for this listing and if anybody knows of others let me know and I will list them.

Seattle's Market Magic Shop

Pikes Place Market
1501 Pike Place #427
Seattle, WA 98101

www.marketmagicshop.com

(A store that many know about. In existence for 30 years)

Lakewood Costumes

5932 Lake Grove ST SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

<http://www.clownshop.com>

(Mainly Costumes and Clown items, they have a counter where they sell magic)

Dave's Killer Magic Shop

1707 Main Street
Vancouver, WA 98665
360-448-9022

Brian Cook's

WWW.MAGICCRAFTER.COM

FunkyFun Magic Shop- Is Now

Twisted Monkey-Magic Shop

1101 Outlet collection Way
#1261

Auburn WA 98001

206-859-8363

Magical happenings

Magic Monday! Magic Monday is an hour of magic, conjuring, & prestidigitation which stars magicians from the Northwest region on the second Monday of each month. Location: Ravenna Third Place Books in the Ravenna neighborhood of Seattle. 6504 20th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA. Time: 7-8pm Magic Monday is not only a great place to see local magicians doing what they do best; it is also a great place for YOU to perform. It happens the second Monday of each month. If you are a local magician in the Puget Sound area and would like to perform at the venue, please contact Jim Earnshaw at jim@earnshawmagic.com. You can reserve a spot to perform months in advance and he would be happy to hear from you.

"That's Impossible Presents" (Seattle's Best Magicians)

That's Impossible Presents a Night of Magic, Mystery, and Comedy, with your host: Tim Flynn Magic.

2nd Saturday of Every Month. Hosted at Delancey's on 3rd in Renton. Doors open at 7:45, Stage Show begins at 9pm. Food & Drinks are available. Table-side magic before the show from real magicians!

A Magic History Article from “The Quarterly Journal of Military History”

The cover article of The Quarterly Journal of Military History” is titled “Lincoln’s Magician” It is about magician Harry Cooke. The article was written by Jason H. Silverman. The article covers Lincoln’s love of watching magic. He even took time out from the Civil War to watch a magician. Cooke was a magician before the war and join the union army when the war broke out. Harry Cooke performed magic for Lincoln and was also a scout for the union. After the war he was at Ford’s Theater when Lincoln was shot. Cooke’s field was escapology and exposing mediums and spiritualists. Cooke was friends with Harry Kellar and Harry Houdini. Harry Cooke live to be billed as “America’s Oldest Living Magician”.

The full article with pictures can be found in “The Quarterly Journal of Military History” Spring 2019 issue. The article is “Lincoln’s Magician” by Jason H Silverman.

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Jason Ladanye Lecture

Saturday, April 13 @ 2:00 PM



Shawn O'Donnell's (lower level)
122 128th St. SE
Everett, WA 98208

NWRF Members: \$25
General Admission: \$30

See next page:

Jason Ladanye is known for creating high-impact card tricks that play like miracles for lay audiences. These aren't "pick a card" tricks. These are effects that make you look like a world-class card mechanic. Jason is constantly creating new and original plots that are meaningful and very entertaining. These effects are practical and most importantly, they don't all rely on knuckle-busting sleight of hand. In this lecture, Jason will teach several killer effects.

In addition to teaching the mechanics of the tricks, Jason will share his insights on how to make your show one that the audience will never forget. Learn how to connect with your audience and how to get them hooked—and keep them hooked. He'll also cover topics such as effect construction, audience management, magic theory, misdirection, dealing with hecklers, developing your character and persona, how to maximize the impact of every trick, and much more!

Books, DVD's, close-up mats, practice mirrors, and lecture notes will all be on sale as well.

Video links:

<https://youtu.be/FxKNG7glsHM> (Standing Out)

<https://youtu.be/dt81NUuYJUo> (Forging Ahead)

<https://youtu.be/6x8xq6sXhjQ> (The Big Stack)

<https://youtu.be/BbSCp1ZzeGE> (Sizzle / promo reel)