



## Words from the Secretary

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Happy New Year

We will be meeting again in person/live on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We will be meeting for 2022 at InSpark CoWorking Space in Lynnwood. Thanks to Monty Reed for arranging this place for us. [Click here for more information](#). We will still have Zoom for those who don't want to meet in person yet.

***IT IS TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES \$25 FOR THE YEAR***

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## In Person meeting February 10<sup>th</sup>

We are having our Live MAGIC CLUB Meeting of the NW Ring of Fire in Lynnwood on February 10th, at 7pm (doors open at 6:30pm) at the

InSpark CoWorking Space  
16824 44th Ave W Suite 130,  
Lynnwood, WA 98037

The Zoom meeting will also happen for the safety and convenience of members who do not want to meet live yet.

Google map link: <https://g.page/insparkcowork?share>

### Zoom meeting info below

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/736296076?pwd=Sm4ybzA4SENCZnNZMk9odVN0QnF5Zz09>

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## Words from the President

As we navigate this we need to go forward as safe as we can, follow the science and bring joy to other through magic.

We are hoping to revitalize our relationship with the Canadian Magic club and do a convention with them in the Fall if we are allowed to cross the border.

**Live Magic Shows.** Tentatively set are a few magic shows in Arlington, Marysville and one at the InSpark CoWorking space in the springtime. These are planned as charity fundraisers, and it could be an opportunity for you to do a single trick, routine or an act. A few people have also mentioned a possible variety show with magic and comedy. Let me know if you are interested in performing live a magic show.

**How do you make money as a magician?** Is one of the questions I had as I was considering re-launching my career as a full-time magician. Contacting magician around the country helped me to learn more about how to earn money as a magician. I made some cold calls in July 2021 and started performing in August with five shows. By September I was doing 2-5 shows a week. It took time and money to make this happen. Making phone calls is a lot like public speaking. I have found if I do not market my services they will not hire me. When I do get a client on the phone they are so happy I called. I have had a couple of times where I was double booked and could use a little help. Let me know if you would be interested in doing a 45-minute parlor show.

**Join us for the live or online** version of our monthly Ring of Fire meeting on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 7 pm PST.

Whether you are a part-time, full-time, or just a dabbling magician, you will enjoy our guest speaker. The special guest will be joining us via Zoom.

**Guest Speakers.** A series of guest speakers will be joining us online via zoom to share perspectives from other parts of the country and other parts of the world. A magician I talked to last month told me the only way he has been able to continue to do magic shows in Vegas and casinos around the world is because he spends a lot of time on the phone calling them. He told me, "The casinos don't call me, I call them and that is what you need to do if you want to do the shows"

I met Monty Witt as a result of searching for URLs for my own website.

Monty Witt: is a Guinness World Record Holder, A full time professional magician and the creator of several magic illusions used by magicians all over the world. The publisher of nearly one hundred Android apps used in theatre, acting, and magic. A member of the Magic Castle.

A past Territorial Vice President for the International Brotherhood of Magicians

A past President of the International Brotherhood of Magicians - Hawaii Chapter.

A past President of the Society of American Magicians - Hawaii Chapter.

The owner of Monty's Magic Theatre, where he and several other magicians perform magic shows.

<http://montysmagic.com/Monty/>

Let me know in advance if you have any questions for Monty before the meeting or just bring your questions with you.

Warm regards, Monty K Reed

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**Inner Secrets from the Psychic Shop**  
**Reading Fidh Lan Sticks Volumes 1&2**

A Fortune Telling System

2 DVD Set

Leaping Lizard Magic

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

\$75.00

Reviewed by Payne

Fidh Lan is an esoteric and rarely seen method of divination. It employs four sticks or bars, generally fashioned out of wood, which bear a striking resemblance to the two-sided throw sticks used in ancient pastimes such as Senet or the blocks used in the modern game of Jenga. Each bar is adorned with a single mark, usually a line or a dot, on one side and a pair of similar marks on the other. They are drawn, rolled or cast and then laid out so that the dots form into one of sixteen different patterns. These patterns are based on those used in ancient art of Geomancy and it is from this symbology that the reading is drawn.

We are told that Fidh Lan is an archaic Gaelic phrase that means Faithful Completey

However, if one types Fidh Lan into Google all that comes up is page after page of pages selling the self-same 2 DVD set you are currently reading the review of. There are no pages, at least ones that I could find, detailing the origins ancient or otherwise of these sticks. There are no links to books or writings on them. There isn't even a Wikipedia entry for the phrase. Nor does typing Fidh Lan into a Gaelic Dictionary garner any information as the words don't seem to exist in the language.

Once there was a time, not so long ago, when you could get away with this sort thing. In 1781, for example, the Swiss Clergyman [Antoine Court de Gébelin](#) spun a fanciful yarn around some gaming accoutrement he saw a gaggle of servants using while visiting Paris. His argument from authority went unchallenged and thus the fortune telling device we know as the Tarot was born.

However, if the Internet had existed in the Eighteenth Century the curious could have done a simple web search and discovered for themselves that the cards in question were not some ancient cartomantic implement. But were in fact simply an augmented deck of cards which had made its first appearance in the early part of the Fourteenth Century and whose only use up till point in time was for playing a game called Tarocchi.

So, if you are going to employ the Fidh Lan for doing serious readings you might want to reconsider as you might find yourself with a credibility problem after a client goes home and tries to find out more about them on the world wide web. However, if this is not of concern to you one will find that Fidh Lan is a very versatile and easy to learn divination device. One that would be particularly good in a Renaissance Faire setting or any other place where traditional Tarot cards might not be historically or thematically appropriate. They would also be a great add on to use if one needed another divination system to employ to delve deeper into a reading.

The first disk is an overall introduction to the Fidh Lan and how to read them. Single and multiple cast spreads are explained a sample reading is shown and the topic of the benefits of asking the right questions is discussed. This DVD is clearly aimed at the novice or beginner reader. So, the advanced student might find it covering ground they've already traversed.

The second disk is made specifically for the psychic entertainer. It goes into more detail on the various spreads one can employ. Provides additional sample readings to study as well as providing information on how to establish ones self as a psychic entertainer. It tells you how to go about setting up a Psychic House Party and details how you can increase your revenue by utilizing the documents included on the DVD. There is a ready to publish 20 page pamphlet on Fidh Lan, a one page information sheet and a personalized reading chart you can print out.

There are also adjustments that could be made to the sticks to supply a more in depth reading by coloring the dots to represent the basic fundamental elements.

This two DVD set basically has everything you need to start a Fidh Lan reading based business except the sticks themselves and the chutzpah to start doing readings.

But then you really don't need the sticks to use most of the information on these DVDs. As any expert reader will tell you. You're not reading the cards, palm, tea leaves, Fidh Lan, crystal ball, or whatever medium your employing, you're reading the person. The basic information provided (especially on the second disk) can be applied to nearly any sort of divination technique one might care to employ. My wife, who years ago created her own textile based atouts called the Tarot of the Tailors. After watching the second DVD with me she was inspired to create a system based on the objects one

pulled out of a recycling bin. So pretty much anything can be used as a focal point for acquiring the necessary information to build a reading on.

So, if you are thinking about getting into the Psychic Reading racket this would be a good choice for one to cut their teeth on. Since there are only sixteen patterns to memorize, and the basic read is built upon only one symbol it is easy to pick up and build upon. As you get more comfortable reading and interpreting the single symbol you can easily advance to the more complex spreads.

So, if fortune telling is your game these DVDs will be of interest to you.

## January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Meeting Report of the Northwest Ring of Fire Magic Club #339

The meeting started with our end of year/beginning of year/holiday potluck. There was good food, and a great time was held by all. Thanks to all that participated.

Payne was attending via Zoom and showed off his dragon that he printed on his 3D printer. Tony Blei was also attending via Zoom and shared a YouTube video of his performance at an insurance meeting where he uses the magic to announce he was leaving the insurance business. His video can be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PoC0X-8QQIQ>. He is now working on his photography business.

There were some questions about marketing and asking the group what they are doing for marketing.

Monty Reed had an audition for AGT, he has developed 15 pieces for AGT, the audition was 90 secs for the routine.

Monty showed us his audition trick. He told us about quantum physics and magnetic fields. He riffled the deck and had a card chosen. He then blew soap bubbles and grab one and it turn solid and had the chosen card inside.

Brady performed a card trick and was asking for advice on the routine. A card is chosen and place in the middle of deck and lost in multiple cuts of the deck by the magician and spectator and the chosen card was on top. Second time had the spectator deal face down to 10s in 4 piles with stopping when hit. Add the number of cards in each pile and then deal to the number came to and match prediction. Monty had a bag full of one-dollar bills. Had different people take a bill and put it into a slot in a box. After everyone had done so, bills thus chosen were removed from the box and the last letter of the serial number was read and they spelled out Magic Cash. He was using an amaze box. He had 3 boxes, each with a different color gem on top. He turned his back, and a volunteer placed a ring inside one of the boxes and Monty was able to figure out which box had the ring.

Rich Waters showed a couple of cards decks from his collection. He then performed the "Chinese Challenge" using washers and a different and good routine. After the vanish of the washers, they returned as oversize washers.

Jeff Dial shuffle a deck of cards then had a volunteer divide the deck in half and they both shuffled each half then switch half's and reshuffled until they ended up with a deck with some cards face down and some face up. Jeff took out a sheet of paper with the words x number of cards face down, the deck was counted, and that number was face down, he unfolded the paper and with each unfolding there was a new prediction that was correct. Based on "Shuffle Bored" by Simon Aronson

James Donahue showed 2 socks had spectator pick one and he crumpled it up and then showed that the other sock had a kitchen knife in it. He then took out a Rubik's cube and solve in 1 sec. Gave to a spectator to mix up and the spectator's cube matched a 2<sup>nd</sup> cube he had. He then solved it again in 1 sec. James next routine where he had a volunteer in a chair and remove a coin out of their ear, then he produced a Chinese's coin, it changed color, produce more coins, and did a coin across routine ending with a coin on the volunteer's shoulder. James told us he was reading the Scripting Magic book

Respectfully Submitted,  
Craig Colombel - Secretary NWRP  
Everyone had an enjoyable time.  
Hope to see you soon.

See you next Thursday January 13th at 7pm at the  
InSpark CoWorking Space  
16824 44th Ave W Suite 130,  
Lynnwood, WA 98037

**MANY THANKS TO Monty Reed for finding a place for us to meet.**

Remember, to visit the club's website, <http://www.nwringoffire.com> and visit the clubs Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/pg/Northwest-Ring-of-Fire-429616737105973/posts/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/Northwest-Ring-of-Fire-429616737105973/posts/?ref=page_internal)

### **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](http://www.marketmagicshop.com)

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

#### **Brian Cook's**

[WWW.MAGICCRAFTER.COM](http://WWW.MAGICCRAFTER.COM)

### **Magical happenings**

**Continue to Check with each venue below to see if they are open and what are the requirements to attend.**

**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 20<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, Seattle, WA. Time: 7-8pm Magic Monday is not only a wonderful place to see local magicians doing what they do best; it is also a suitable 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](mailto: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)**

I am sorry to report that "That's Impossible Presents" has lost their venue and is closed. They have been closed during the Pandemic and now will not be reopening. Sorry to see this go.