



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.

Happy New Year to everyone

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Ring of Smoke Report

No Meeting this Month.

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

December's Meeting Report

The December's theme was "Courage" - Just before the New Year, perform something that you have always been afraid of performing in public... especially in front of a group of magicians! (perhaps a palm, or shift, or seemingly impossible move, etc...

We had a 2nd time visitor who became tonight a new member. Welcome Steve Brittan. There was a discussion on a Winter party with some discussion. Evan Shuster talked about the lecture series for the next year. Cheryl Van Voorhees brought to share a delicious baked sweet. Very good and very rich, thanks Cheryl!!

The video for the night was a demonstration of some of the illusions of Jerry Andrus.

Thank to Jeff Dial for finding a make your own Jerry Andrus illusion. This is an optical illusion invented by Jerry Andrus that was made up for the Gathering for Garner 3 in 1989. It is a tie in to our meeting last month. The Link to the template is at <https://www.thinkfun.com/teachers/thinky/>. Thanks, Jeff, for looking this up.

Brian Melicher show the club a birdcage used to produce birds or other items. According to Brian, using the cage to produce birds would be dangerous for the birds.

Jeff Dial borrowed a deck and had it shuffled by a spectator. Jeff then had the volunteer deal 10 piles-2 cards in each. Then had 2 more volunteers join the 1st and each pick a pile and remember a card in the pile. The piles were then collected into one. Jeff had members of the audience chose a number and he dealt down the cards off the top face up and face down. This was repeated until all the cards were dealt. Then by asking questions Jeff was able to determine the chosen cards. This was from Tuzot Senu by Jim Steinmeyer and from Greater Magic.

Evan Shuster using the two Jokers performed a sandwich effect.

Rich Waters ask for someone lucky to come up. He asked the person to give him a number between 1 and 50. Rich then dealt that number of cards into two piles. The top card on each pile matches a prediction and the two cards produced a blackjack.

There was a Teach-a-trick, taught by Evan Shuster. The trick used 4 Jokers in the deck, two jokers were rough on the face and the others were rough on the back. He used Science Friction from Card Sharp for the roughing. He also answered some questions about Svengali decks regular and reverse.

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
 January 2019

Hi everyone!

Well... the New Year is finally upon us, and I hope you all enjoyed your end of year holiday festivities. I also hope that we can continue to count on your support of the Northwest Ring of Fire in 2019.

How can you support?

1. For starters, the 2019 club dues are now due. Your dues enable us to continue to subsidize the lecture series (and the member discount), maintain the club web site, and continue to organize additional events, such as 2018's 3 of Clubs Convention.
2. Participate in the monthly meetings. Your attendance is greatly appreciated, and you don't have to perform to have an impact. Feel free to observe, or get involved in the conversations, or offer your thoughts/reviews on a new product, or show us a work in progress, or any item that you think may be of interest to the group. Hang out, watch a video, make some friends.
3. Contribute something (anything) to our monthly newsletter. You don't have to write a 20-page essay (unless you want to). Any length, even a paragraph will do. Review a product or performance, share your philosophy, teach a trick, draw a magic comic, etc....
4. Help spread the word. We would LOVE to reach out to new potential members. If you know someone who may be interested in our club, invite them to attend a meeting with no strings attached. If they like what they see they are welcome to join.

In other news...

Gregory Wilson kicks off the (believe it, or not) 7th season of The Can-Am Conjuring Lecture Series on Saturday, February 16th, at Shawn O'Donnell's (2:00 PM, lower level).

Since very rarely do any of us ever follow along with the monthly "themes," I decided to rerun the same themes from last year (I kind of like them, anyway).

- JANUARY: "Whudjaget?" (as in... "What did you get" for magical gifts over the holidays?)
- FEBRUARY: "Culture" – Perform or discuss something by a creator from another part of the world.
- MARCH: "Tribute" - Perform or discuss something by one of your favorite creators, or from one of your favorite genres of magic.
- APRIL: "Chaos" - Perform or discuss something where things seem to go wrong but turn out right.
- MAY: "Chance" - Perform or discuss something related to gambling, bar bets, or games of chance.
- JUNE: "Fate" - Perform or discuss something that results in an impossibly predetermined outcome.
- JULY: "Revelation" - Demonstrate a newly discovered sleight or false count, or something from a newly discovered magic creator, or just perform an actual revelation-style trick.
- AUGUST: "Change" - Anything... from a color change, to a trick with pocket change, or even a transformation (change) of some kind.
- SEPTEMBER: "Truth"
- OCTOBER: "Challenge"
- NOVEMBER: "Gluttony" - When you end up with more than you need, like a BIG turkey dinner, but you devour it, nonetheless. (i.e. multiplying objects, Thimbles, Miser's Dream, 6-Card Repeat, etc...).
- DECEMBER: "Courage" - Just before the New Year, perform something that you have always been afraid of performing in public... especially in front of a group of magicians! (perhaps a palm, or shift, or seemingly impossible move, etc...)

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I hope that you will join us at the Kenmore Library on the second Thursday of each month. Next one up is on January 10th. We meet at 7:00PM, but we usually have the room available by 6:30. I look forward to seeing you there!

**Best regards,
Evan**

<http://nwingoffire.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!