



## Words from the Secretary

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Happy New Year

We will be meeting again in person/live in the month of January. 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.

January's meeting will be special as we will have the Belated Club's Holiday Party. We are planning a potluck. Yes a Potluck dinner at the InSpark CoWorking Space in Lynnwood. Bring a dish to share, bring your own utensils and drink. The potluck and meeting starts at 7pm. Hope to see you all there

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## In Person meeting December 9<sup>th</sup>.

We are having our second Live MAGIC CLUB Meeting of the NW Ring of Fire in Lynnwood on January 13<sup>th</sup> 2022, 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://q.page/insparkcowork?share>

### Zoom meeting info below

Join Zoom Meeting

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

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## Magic Review BY PAYNE

### **Encyclopedia of Impromptu Card Forces**

More forces than you can shake a stick at

Lewis Jones

H&R Books

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

Hardbound 9”X11” 294 pages

Price \$50.00

Reviewed by Payne

Those of you in possession of Theo Anneman’s classic 101 Methods of Forcing or his later volume 202 Methods of Forcing might wonder why we need another book on the subject. After all how many card forces does one really need to know? However, the problem with Mr. Anneman’s publications as Mr. Jones so aptly points out in his introduction is that many of the forces in 101\202 Methods of Forcing require special cards, decks and devices to pull off. Every force in the Encyclopedia of Impromptu Card Forces is accomplished with an unprepared deck of cards.

Mr. Lewis claims that there are 500 forces outlined in his book. Perhaps there are. I lost count. Some of them I found dated and not of much use. There are several mathematical or counting forces which I personally abhor. To me a force should be direct and unencumbered with procedure. In my eyes most forces that involve the spectator having to add up numbers then count that many cards down in the deck are suspect. As well as being tedious to watch. Fortunately, Mr. Lewis has included scores of other forces that are more direct and fairer looking. He has some nice subtleties for the very useful but much maligned Hindu Shuffle force. There is also good work on glide forces as well as an extensive chapter on the use of the oft overlooked locator card. Unfortunately, the book has a feeling of being somewhat padded. It seems to me that Mr. Lewis was more interested in quantity over quality. Many of the forces described aren’t even forces in the classic sense as many combine the force and revelation into a single effect. So, several of the “forces” in the book turn out to be more akin to card routines rather than a useful standalone utility move.

All in all, though a very thorough work on the impromptu card force that would only be improved with a little judicious editing of the material and the inclusion of an index.

## December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Meeting Report of the Northwest Ring of Fire Magic Club #339

The meeting started with reports on upcoming magic conventions. The Magifest happening Jan 20-22 of 2022 in Columbus, Ohio. Here is the web site <https://www.vanishinginmagic.com/magic-conventions/magifest/> November 11-13, 2022, the Fraser Valley Magic Club will be restarting after the 3 of Clubs convention. There was a discussion on working with the Fraser Valley Magic Club. As more information comes it will be reported here. Magic Live will be May 15-18, 2022, in Las Vegas the website is <https://www.magicconvention.com/> Portland Magic Jam will be March 25-27<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Website is <https://pdxmagicjam.com/> Elliott Hunter from Anacortes will be performing at FISM. Here is an article that was printed about him <https://cengmagazine.calpoly.edu/student-leads-dual-life-as-an-engineer-and-a-magician/>

Officers for 2022 are Monty Reed- President, Jeff Dial – Treasurer, Craig Colombel – Secretary. We are still looking for a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents.

Thanks to our previous Treasurer Brian Melicher for his years of service to the club and Thanks to Jeff Dial for stepping up to assume the duties of Treasurer.

There was a discussion about mentors and how to get one. There was a consensus that there is responsibility and work for both the mentor and the student. Also get permission first before declaring someone your mentor.

James Donahue started the magic part of the evening with a show and tell of a couple of books he was reading/working through. One book was “SWITCH-Unfolding The \$100 Bill Change” by John Lovick. The other is “Rune’s World – The magic of Rune Klan” by Joshua Jay. He and a volunteer signed both sides of a quarter. He covered the coin, and it penetrated a package of cigarettes, in-between the cellophane and the package. The next was a spectator cuts a deck and looks at the cut to card and replace in the deck. The deck is shuffled and cut several times and returned to the magician. Four cards are chosen, and none match the selection. The values of the four cards are added together and in a separate deck that number is counted to, and the choice is at that number.

Mike Losk had a book and when one drew a keyboard on the paper and when the keyboard keys were press with the pen the drawing of the keyboard played. It is Fly Fusion from LeapFrog. He then brought out a bag with envelopes in them had a spectator pick one and the magician then made a card prediction and when the envelope was open it had a card that match the prediction. He then repeated with a different card as the prediction.

Pane showed off a 3D printed stripped stick with a reindeer head on the top use as a paddle for a paddle trick. The reindeer become Rudolf the Red Nose reindeer. He showed us his 3D printed large version of a chocolate Bar puzzle. He wanted one that was much larger than a normal size Hersey’s bar. Payne had a set of cards with pictures of good and bad children on them. The pictures were 1800’s style. With the cards face down the spectator decided which cards went on one pile and which went on another pile. All on the coal side where bad children and all on the Candy Cane side were good Children. Based on a Darren Brown routine.

Monty Reed brought out two different size glasses each filled with water. Takes a coin and place under a handkerchief, the coin is kept under the handkerchief and place over one of the glasses and dropped. Everyone heard the coin hit the water and the bottom of the glass but when the handkerchief was removed the coin had vanished. He repeated with a second coin. He then told us his efforts to find the gimmicks he used that had the right size and weight.

Monty then showed us a prop he got and was looking for help on how it works. He had a dove cage that he put into the box/prop and covered the box with a cloth. When the cloth was removed the dove cage had vanished. He had some extra parts and wanted to know if they were to be used and if the box was working properly. He then took a book and drew a dove on one of the pages, he then produced a dove(not live) from the book, then produce an egg. He then closed his hand around the egg and when he opens his hand the one egg became many.

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Tony Blei showed us a routine with coins and a Okito box. He is preparing this routine for a Redmond, WA Chamber of Commerce meeting. He produces the coins and they one by one vanish and reappear in the box. The patter will be connected to insurance as that is his job. This will be his first performance of magic before an audience. He asked the group to workshop his routine. There was a discussion about the difference between practice and rehearsal. One suggestion was to help was to act like he was teaching someone the trick to help himself learn n the trick. It was suggested that he continues to work on the trick and bring it back to the club next month and re-show.

Jeff Dial performed the Orange, rice, and checkers trick with using a pearl. The set was 3D printed. Payne also had his set to show.

Santiago told us about a couple of magic shows he saw and knew about. Robert Hall in Lake Tahoe(bar magic) and Alex Ramon at the Hard Rock Café in Lake Tahoe.

Rich Waters tied a rope onto a washer nut and covered with a red handkerchief and reached under the handkerchief and removed the nut. He then threaded the nut with the rope and had the nut penetrate the nut. He vanished the nut and produced it from someone's ear. He vanished the nut a second time and then produced a banana, then split the banana into two bananas He then took the scarf and produce a sponge ball and performed a sponge ball routine.

During the Covid shut down Rich was working on Tom Franks "Mystery of the 5 Mystic Rings" and he performed it for us.

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  
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**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.