

The Lynnwood Ring of Fire

The Lynnwood Magic Club / IBM No. 339

A Truly Hectic Summer!

I'm terribly sorry about the quality of this month's newsletter. I know over the years that you've all come to expect a nice, professional looking newsletter, not some rag that looks as if it's been quickly scrawled out on the back of a Denny's place mat.

Now normally I have access to a computer, which allows me to produce a quality product, however this past month has been a very busy one. I've been on the road doing library shows around the county, as well as my regular gig out at Camlann Fair and to top it all off I've also been up to my ears working on the PCAM Convention taking place next week here in Seattle.

The convention has turned into a lot more work than I originally anticipated and it only struck me, as I was sitting here in Shari's waiting for my order of onion rings, that I hadn't written the newsletter yet.

Fortunately the service here is really lousy which has given me the time to scrawl out, by hand, this month's newsletter.

It has been a long night

I've been helping this year's PCAM President and Chair for the convention Brian Cook construct a full scale replica of Paul Manship's famous sculpture "Prometheus" completely out of playing cards.

It has taken the two of us countless hours over the last few weeks to complete this fabulous creation and, barring a major catastrophe like a tiny gust of wind or an unplanned jostle this nearly perfect

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replication will be the centerpiece of a once in a lifetime event. All that is left to do is to figure out how to move the mammoth sculpture from Brian's garage to the Marriott Hotel across from Sea-Tac. Actually we have to first figure out how to get it on the truck to take it to the hotel without it collapsing but Brain says he's got that all figured out. Myself, I can't see how we're even going to be able to open the garage door without our handiwork collapsing like the house of cards it is.

Fear not it will all work out in the end.

And now on to

The Last Meeting

Once again our meeting place was moved at the last minute from the fire station to the other fire station. This causes our esteemed president no end of consternation so he is considering moving the clubs meeting date from its traditional second Thursday to a as of yet undisclosed and undecided other day of the week,

E-mails among the top echelons of this club have been flying fast and furious discussing this most heated topic and much has been discussed both pro and con to the subject of moving our meeting night. Of course at this point in time no decision has been made and this matter will be thrown before the membership at next months meeting, for further discussion. Fittingly enough next months meeting will be held in the other fire station so just go there first instead of going to our regular meeting place. Unless of course you find the gun safety classes more entertaining and informative than our typical magic meeting.

If you can't make the next meeting but still wish to put your two cents in on this topic then by all means call, write or e-mail Bruce Meyers and voice your concerns or suggestions. He really has nothing to do to fill his time these days and would like to hear from you or anybody for that matter.

Further Topics

It was announced that the board would be convened soon to select the candidates for this years election.

The office of President is once again open as are both vice President slots and the Secretary.

Elections will take place in the fall unless of course there is a major disturbance of some sort then they will be postponed until a further, as yet undisclosed date and time.

Bruce Meyers is also looking for volunteers for this years award nominations and selection. Committee. These individuals will select the recipients of the various awards that are bestowed at our yearly Holiday party.

The committee may also be responsible for finding a person to announce the winners of these awards who won't ball like a little baby when presenting them. All those interested in helping find worthy award candidates and stiff upper lipped presenters should contact Bruce "Overly Emotional" Meyers.

Shawn Farquar Lecture

The esteemed Magician Shawn Farquar will be giving a lecture on the afternoon of September 12th. Further details will be in next month newsletter and or posted on the web.

The Club Picnic Report

Our Club had it's picnic earlier this month. I haven't a calendar handy so I can't tell you what day it was. I think it was a Saturday.

I was busy doing my new Calamity Payne Show so I couldn't make it and no one has presented me with a report of what happened but as I didn't see any live TV helicopter footage of a major disturbance or read about a series of mysterious

fatalities north of Seattle on the day in question I assume it all went off OK.

I did hear through the grapevine that many, if not everyone had a good time.

Well that is about all that I remember having to go into this month newsletter, I'm sure I'm forgetting something but I need to wrap this up as my onion rings have arrived.

Wait, what this? Why my waiter appears to be none other than our esteemed president Bruce Meyers himself!

After a short and pleasant conversation it appears that Bruce has been working here at the Lynnwood Shari's for years and years. Says it keeps him grounded and attached to his roots. He says that he has seen too many magicians succumb to the dark side of our craft. They become self absorbed and aloof. They soon forget who they are and where they came from..

Bruce feels that it is necessary, given his unparalleled success in the entertainment industry to stay grounded so that the common man can relate to him. Hence his working what many of us feel would be a menial position to accomplish this task.

Frankly , myself I think he's working here cause he need the money.

Anyway he saw me penning this newsletter so he wanted to write a report of what is going on in his world, so here's our President, Bruce Meyers.

My Monthly Report

The Ring's Picnic at our house (Club President HM Bruce Meyers) was a remarkable event.

As per instructions on the invitation most everyone who attended brought Guinness Beer in the can and handed it over to me. The rest were turned away. Other than that the event was free.

We had somewhere around 70 people including magicians, their families and special guests in attendance. All who were present enjoyed the sun, magic, boating, magic,

fishing, swimming, eating and drinking, magic and swap meet. We also celebrated Dick Ptacek's 39th birthday as well as Keith VanKirk's 39th birthday.

There were a couple of unfortunate snafus, however. There was a drowning just off the pier of a performer who persistently flashed his double lift during The Ambitious Card. Even though several of the magicians were shouting encouragement for him to swim back to the dock the cement blocks attached to his ankles proved to be too much.

The other snafu had to do with a minor salmonella poisoning of only about a 1/3 of the crowd. Really though, it was a wonderful opportunity for the magicians to get to know one another a bit better and we had a blast.

Jennifer and I look forward to hosting this event, or something similar to it, again next year.

ELECTIONS

Election preparations have begun for the officers of Ring 339. Presently the Ring's Board is involved with their recommendations for next year's officers. As stated by the By Laws the Board must recommend two candidates for each position. If you wish to run and are not recommended by the board you can still get on the ballot if you are a Ring Member and endorsed by one other Ring member in good standing. Because of term limits this is my last year as President. I will still be on the Board as there is the position there for the immediate past President. As Past President Brian Cook holds that position this year I can't say enough about how truly great, in the true sense of the word, it is to be an officer for this particular vibrant and dynamic Ring. We are a Ring gifted with an enormously talented and imaginative membership who love to participate. If that doesn't convince you think of this as is your chance to get your unreasonable ideas and selfish wishes into play in the Ring.

HM Bruce Meyers
President

Upcoming Events

August 4th - 7th
PCAM

Sea-Tac Marriott
<http://www.seattlepcam2004.com/>

August 16th 7:00 p.m.
Magic Monday
Third Place Books in
Lake Forest Park

September 12th
Shawn Farquar Lecture

Our next meeting
will be
August 12th

And as usual we will meet at
the other

Blue Ridge Fire Dept
#14
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Lynnwood

Or so I've been told.
Business meeting 7:00 Magic
at 7:30ish
Or thereabouts

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