



THE NORTHWEST RING OF FIRE

The Lynnwood Magic Club \ I.B.M. Local 339

THE PASTEBOARD

A Sad Farewell

Once again the Earth has reached the halfway point between the sun and it's orbits apex. Because of this planets peculiar tilt on its axis even though we draw closer to the sun the weather begins to grow cool. Leaves start to change colours and birds begin their migration to warmer climes. It is fall a season of change both ecologically and politically. Next month each and every one of us will be asked to do our part and fulfill our civic duties by voting for the next President.

Many of course will not take part in this process as they feel that their voice will not be heard, nor make a difference even if it was. Others will not cast their vote because they feel that it is an exercise in futility as there is only one "real" choice for the office of Preside

Yes it is true that Philemon Vanderbeck is running unopposed for the office of President it is still

important to let your voice be heard as we do have that all important Vice President run off. There could also be a surprise write in campaign that could take the club unawares. Who knows?

Any way next month we shall once again decide the direction of this organization and, at the end one lucky member will be able to place the byline of President I.B.M. Ring 339 at the bottom of his (or her) card.

The Candidates

President

Philemon
(Timmy) Vanderbeck

The real race of the
campaign

Vice Presidents

Joe (not the Meyers)
Rehaume

Dick Ptacek

Jeff Dial

Secretary

Dan Staple

Treasurer

Roger Needham

Elections will be held in the next few weeks and will be conducted by the ever vigilant and completely un-bribeable Phyllis Rucker.

September's Meeting

Attendance was a trifle light last meeting but a good time was generally had by all. It was held in the secondary fire station but Dick Ptacek said he had talked to the Mayor of Lynnwood about our continually shifting meeting location and said he would look into it.

Much else was discussed but since most of those things have already taken place there is little reason to discuss them further here. But for those who missed it here is a brief rundown.

Shawn Farquhar was going to give a lecture (got great reviews I hear). The Vancouver Day of Magic was discussed and many said they were going to go. I assume it went well but I really have no idea as I haven't talked to anyone who went. I couldn't go as I had a gig at Issaquah's Salmon Days.

A humorous news article from a B.C. paper was read about a magician and his rubber chicken's run in with a food inspector and a local paper brought forth a curious obituary for a death that hadn't occurred yet.

Don Bloomer gave his lecture report and said that Michael Close was coming in November which prompted a small discussion of the possibility of bringing in Gazzo as well in the same month. This idea was pretty much nixed.

Dan Staple told the club that his father, just out of pure goodness cause that's the type of guy he is wants to make everyone in the club name badges for free. These hopefully will be ready for our Holiday Party in January which looks as if it will be held in the same swell hall in Everett as it was last year.

The Smoke and Mirrors show was briefly discussed and Robert Young stepped forward to start the ball rolling on the project by looking into the possibility of securing another charity to back us.

The ever changing problems with the electronic delivery of the newsletter were discussed and it was revealed that we have a new page at

<http://www.nwringoffire.com>

The newsletter will be available there every month in a PDF format ready to download and read at your convenience.

Printed copies will still be sent to those who wish to receive them. This will save our club a great deal of time and money as the newsletter cost at least \$100.00 a month to produce and mail out not counting the several hours of time and effort that go into writing, editing (yeah right), printing, collating, folding, stapling, labeling, stamping and mailing.

This is after all the 21st century and we need to keep up with the times.

Eventually the newsletter will go away completely and be replaced with monthly or weekly updates on the webpage.

Showtime

With that the evening performances commenced.

Pete Burrows debuted a sinister Russian roulette effect using paper bags and a broken beer bottle. He had the audience on the edge of their seats, especially those in the front row who were ready to spring out of their seats at a moment's notice to get out of the way of streams of blood that they were sure were about to imminently eject out of Pete's severed arteries. Fortunately for all concerned everything went well and

Pete was able to successfully discern the empty sacks from the lethal one.

Pierre came up and showed us his traveling block routine as well as a clever jumbo card stand he was able to use to bring on of his favorite card tricks to the stage.

To finish off the performances Bryce Chambers amazed us all yet again with one of his remarkable mind reading effects.

Well done all!

The rest of the evening was devoted to a ever popular teach in.

Roger Needham instructed us all in a Miraskill routine.

Dick Ptacek taught us one of his pet card tricks.

From Bruce Meyers we learned a nifty ribbon spread card revelation.

A nice String trick was taught by Rich Waters which was followed by a unique mind reading effect using a strip of newspaper.

To finish off the evening Craig Columbel gave up the workings of a lie detector effect.

All in all another great teach in where we all learned several very workable effects that we will use.

Upcoming Events

July 19th 7:00 p.m.
Magic Monday
Third Place Books in
Lake Forest Park

Our next meeting will be

October 14th

And as usual we will meet at the

Blue Ridge Fire Dept #14
18800 68 Ave. W,
Lynnwood

Or if no one is there it is at

Lynnwood Fire Department
44th AVE and 188th. ST
Lynnwood.

Business meeting 7:00 Magic at 7:30ish

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