

The SPIRIT

Official Newsletter of I.B.M. Ring 1 - February 2025 Edition



Our Next Meeting, March 5, 2025

Magic 101

Starts Promptly at 6:15 PM

**I.B.M. RING 1
OPEN MIC NIGHT**

Showcasing Tonight's
Very Important Prestidigitators

TONIGHT'S EMCEE
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JOSH WEIDNER

STEVE ZUEHLKE

MARCH 5, 2025 **WWW.IBMRING1.COM**

Please join us on March 5th
Doors open at 6:00 pm
Magic 101 (led by Steve Finkelstein) begins at 6:15 pm
Magic Open Mic Night begins at 7pm

Dielmann Recreation Center
11400 Olde Cabin Road
Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Experience the wonder of LIVE magic as 15 of our member magicians showcase their incredible skills. This is an event you won't want to miss! A full slate of performers quickly volunteered to entertain after we announced the new event at our Feb. 5th meeting. If you are also interested, and time allows, please bring your own effect and we'll see if we can squeeze you in. We must end the event at 9pm, per our venue's rules, but if each scheduled performer takes less than their 8 minute allocation, we just might have time left to feature YOU too! If interested, you need to contact Mike McClure quickly, as these possible bonus performances will be awarded on a "first come" basis. There is no promise that there will be extra time, but we do want to make sure this possible opportunity is made available to all members that are interested.

Bring your friends and family for an evening of enchantment, laughter, and spectacular performances. Our Magic Open Mic Night promises to deliver a magical experience for everyone.

Admission for guests is free! Be sure to arrive early to secure the best seats in the house, as the event will begin promptly at 7pm. Come witness the extraordinary, the mysterious, and Ring 1's special brand of magic.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My information is as follows:

Michael W. McClure
watson7654321@gmail.com
618-826-5125 (please leave message)

We look forward to making our club the BEST I.B.M. Ring ... the only thing we need is YOU! Please consider joining us!

Be ready to have some FUN!

Magic 101

March 5, 2025

Starts Promptly at 6:15 PM

Steve Finkelstein - Instructor

Don't Miss This Exciting Magic 101 Session!

Join us for an unforgettable Magic 101 session where you'll learn two time-tested, amazing magic effects—both completely self-working yet absolutely astonishing. Although easy to learn, Steve will teach several presentations.

“The Magic doesn’t make the magician, the Magician makes the magic!”

✨ Effect #1 – A powerful mentalism routine that works in any setting—close-up, parlor, or stage. The reactions? Pure amazement—real mind reading! Can be repeated without set-up.

♠ Effect #2 – An interactive card effect that allows you to involve 1 to 8 people! You'll be able to force a single card, the four aces, a telephone number, a lottery number, and more! Easy to reset. Also, a little known, advanced version will be taught.

What to Bring: A deck of cards.

Bonus: Lecture handouts will be provided to attendees.



Special Start Time:

Magic 101 will start early (at 6:15 p.m.) in order to cover both effects!

*Looking forward to sharing these simple yet
incredibly powerful magical effects with you!*

Ring 1 Events - 2025

March 5	Ring 1 meeting: Open Mic Night &/or Fall Show Viewing
March 22	Vietnam Veterans Commemoration Event
March 23	St. Louis Kidney Walk Strolling Magic: Westport Plaza, Maryland Heights, MO 11:00-12:30p.m.
March 28	Ring 1 meeting: Greg Wilson In-Person Lecture
April 2	NO REGULAR MEETING - Lecture moved to March 28
April 3-5	Gateway Close-up Convention Collinsville, IL 62234 https://www.baskervilleproductions.com/gateway2024
May 7	Ring 1 meeting: Auditions for 2025 Florissant Show
June 4	Ring 1 meeting: Javi Benitez In-Person Lecture (tentative)
July	NO REGULAR MEETING
August 6	Ring 1 meeting: Flea Market
September 3	Ring 1 meeting: Magic Competition
October 1	Ring 1 meeting: Giacomo Bigliardi Lecture (tentative)
October TBD	President's Banquet - Location TBD
October 18	Ring 1 Fall Stage Show at Florissant Performing Arts Center
November 5	Ring 1 meeting: Tim Shegitz In-Person Lecture
December 3	Ring 1 meeting: Holiday Party & Gift Exchange Steve Barcelona mini-lecture, Installations and gift exchange.

May is the month designated, in our past, for the election of the next year's Ring 1 Officers and Board. We are fortunate to have so many dedicated members stepping forward that are willing to serve in leadership positions for the balance of 2025 and the full 2026 fiscal year.

The Nomination Committee has received the following requests:

President – Steve Queen (current Vice President)

Vice-Pres. – Tim Shegitz

Treasurer – Sandy Weis (current Treasurer)

Secretary – Scott Smith (current Director)

Paul Gregor (current Director)

Board Directors – Steve Finkelstein (current Director)

Mike Hindrichs

Jeff Lefton

Steve Bolland

Steve Buesking

James Hodge

Chad Jacobs

Steve Zuehlke

Michael W. McClure (current Director)

We also will automatically welcome our current President, Darryl Lenz, to the Board in the “Past President” position, as directed by our past Bylaws. If you are interested in stepping into a leadership position, contact the Nomination Committee members, Sandy Weis, Steve Queen or Michael McClure to be added to the members being considered.

Members of Ring 1, We Need Your Help!

Magicians and Entertainers Needed a Commemorative Vietnam Veterans Welcome back



- **Commemorative Vietnam Veterans Welcome Back Event**
Date: Saturday, March 22, 2025
Time: 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM
Place: City of Woodson Terrace, MO
4323 Woodson Road, 63134
- Help entertain at the heartfelt **celebration honoring Vietnam Veterans**, featuring lunch, special presentations by our Mayor, and more. About 100 adults. Need 2 -3 magicians.
- As part of **Ring One's** commitment to giving back, this is a fantastic opportunity to spread joy to children and families while making a meaningful impact on our community. Plus, it's a great chance to showcase **two or three of your favorite magic effects!**
- ✨ **All skill levels—beginner, intermediate, and advanced—are welcome.** ✨
- If you're interested in performing magic, teaching, juggling, or entertaining, please reach out to:
📞 **Steve Finkelstein** – Community Engagement Leader
✉ **Email:** sfinkelstein1@sbcglobal.net
📱 **Cell:** 314-409-6869
- Let's create some magic for a great cause! 🎩 ✨



Magicians and Entertainers Needed for the 2025 Kidney Walk!

- The **2025 Kidney Walk** is happening on **Sunday, March 23rd**, at **Westport Plaza** from **11:00 AM to 12:30 PM**. This marks our third year supporting this incredible cause! About 500+ adults and children of all ages. Need 3 to 5 magicians.
- As part of **Ring One's** commitment to giving back, this is a fantastic opportunity to bring joy to children and their families while making a meaningful impact in our community. Plus, it's a great chance to showcase **two or three of your favorite magic effects!** Beginners, intermediate and advance levels all welcome.
- If you're interested in performing magic, teaching, juggling, etc. please reach out to **Steve Finkelstein**, our Community Engagement Leader via:
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Ring 1 Report by Sandy Weis et al.

At the February meeting, the Ring relaunched its Magic 101 program after a five year hiatus. Approximately 25 members attended. The doors opened early so members could socialize. There were four separate stations set up for members to learn practical magic in the following disciplines—coins (Paul Gregor), Cards (Steve Zuehlke), Sponge Balls (Steve Finkelstein) and Okito Box (Quinton Robinson). The members were assigned a table for the evening and the instructors moved to another table every 30 minutes. Members learned a variety of effects and really seemed to enjoy the evening. The Ring really appreciates these four members for their leadership. Also, the Ring wants to thank Trudy Monti, Don Rataj and Steve Zuehlke for contributing historical items regarding magic in St. Louis. The next meeting will be an “Open Mic Night” where members can perform anything they like, in a casual and non-competition environment. The Ring plans to give members many more future opportunities to share their favorite effects with our members. The Ring always welcomes visitors to its meetings and activities. Please visit www.ibmring1.com for the latest information.

Dan Todd writes: I have performed magic at Children’s Hospital 64 times, Cardinal Glennon 8 times, and Shiner’s 60 times, Ranken Jordan 13 times. Other than Ranken Jordan, I am an official volunteer at the other three hospitals. I just got a second cochlear implant a couple of weeks ago. Back to normal or as normal as I can be. I miss the group meetings, but am keeping busy. I did go to the Auction and recently a Round Table meet.

Michael W. McClure has been very busy prepping his next table-top board game, *MASTERS TO MYTHICS: Behind the Magic*, for its May 6thth Kickstarter release. The deeply magic-themed game is a lightweight, pattern-creating adventure, where from one to six apprentice players use the actions provided by the MASTER Magicians (cards with illustrations of real, famous practitioners from the last 200 years) to arrange and transform their mystic runes (48 poker-sized chips covered in magic icons), and then unlock the Lore books held by the LEGENDS (cards showcasing centuries-old men and women that garnered larger-than-life magical reputations in worldwide cultures). Combining the MASTER actions and LEGENDS lore books collected, each player strives to ascend to the level of the MYTHICS (cards illustrated with ancient deities from historical cultures all over the globe) and be awarded the points needed to win the game. There is an incredible depth of research put into this project, which elevates it to an educational and enjoyable way to introduce and entice young and old players to pursue the Art of magic. Famous living magicians, and many Ring 1 members, have loaned their faces to supply inspiration for the artwork showcased on over 150 magical characters. The Masters, of course, are original works of art that reflect the famous magicians (with their own faces) performing some of their favorite effects. Each card is a never-before-seen glimpse into the lives and performances of these “Magic Greats” we always seek to emulate. The game is an extremely desirable collectible, even if only for the beautiful, detailed artwork and magic history jammed inside each box. The game contains the men and women who have inspired and elevated our Art into a world-class avocation and profession. Everyone interested in checking out the details should visit Michael’s website to learn more about his mission to introduce magic to the quickly expanding community of gamers (and hopefully get them bitten by the magic bug). Prototypes are already in the hands of popular game reviewers, and their resulting gameplay videos and evaluations will be included on the crowdfunding landing page. His continued goal is to provide diversified magic history, imagery, and exciting gameplay for the growing niche of tabletop enthusiasts, and help cultivate an interest in magic as a hobby or profession. We expect to see new performers enter our art as a result of this mission. While there, Michael needs everyone’s help in promoting his huge undertaking, and he asks fellow magicians to spread the word. For images and more information on this easy-to-learn, quick-to-play, fun game (and an email courtesy reminder link) please visit: <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/846261475/masters-to-mythics-behind-the-magic> Visitors can leave their email addresses there to receive a reminder when the Kickstarter campaign goes LIVE.

Sandy Weis

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374210993307299](https://www.facebook.com/groups/374210993307299)

Magic Conventions

<https://www.themagicwordpodcast.com/magic-convention-guide>