

December

## International Brotherhood of Magicians



### The SPIRIT | Official Newsletter of I.B.M. Ring One December 2025 Edition

**FEATURING A SPECIAL HOLIDAY COMPETITION**

*Ring One Riddle Royale*

hosted by our Past President  
**STEVE BARCELLONA**  
DEC. 3, 2025

**I.B.M. RING ONE ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**  
**DECEMBER 3RD 6 TO 9 PM**

**NO COST TO JOIN MAGIC GIFT SWAP**  
1ST 65 PARTICIPANTS WILL TAKE HOME FREE MAGIC WORTH AT LEAST \$25  
ALL gifts provided by a generous donor

**FREE FOOD, FUN, and FELLOWSHIP**

Firehouse Sub Sandwiches Chips Snacks Soft Drinks and Water Cookies  
Passive Games Share Magic! Candy Win Prizes


**RSVP TO WATSON7654321@GMAIL.COM**  
ALL DETAILS AT [WWW.IBMRINGONE.COM](http://WWW.IBMRINGONE.COM) FAMILY & FRIENDS ARE WELCOME

Holiday Party  
December 3, 2025  
6pm - 9pm  
Dielmann Recreation Center  
11400 Olde Cabin Rd  
Creve Coeur, MO 63141

RSVP to [watson7654321@gmail.com](mailto:watson7654321@gmail.com)  
If possible, bring a dish to share or donate \$5 on site.

# Upcoming Events

I.B.M. Ring 1, and other events nearby St. Louis (US Central time)

Date	Event (all events are in person)
2025	
December 3	Holiday Party Officer/Board Installations Gift Exchange
2026	
January 12	Mark Strivings In-Person Lecture
January 28 (tentative)	Alain Nu In-Person Lecture
February 15	Meet the IBM Leadership
February 24 (tentative)	Javi Benitez Lecture
March 4	Ring 1 Magic Open Mic Night
March 26-28	2026 Gateway Close Up Convention <a href="https://www.baskervilleproductions.com/gateway2024">https://www.baskervilleproductions.com/gateway2024</a>
April 1	Speed Lectures: 8 Quick Basic Effects Taught
May 6	Up Close and Magical Competition
June 3	Ring 1 Magic Open Mic Night
July 22-25	I.B.M. Convention, St. Louis  <a href="https://ibmconvention.com/">https://ibmconvention.com/</a>
August 5	The Grand Conjuring Competition (parlor magic) with Bob Danner as host
September 2	Ring 1 Auction and Flea Market
October 7 (tentative)	In-person Lecture
October 17	Ring 1 Florissant Fall Show "Magic of America: 250th Anniversary of our U.S.A."
November 4	In-Person Lecture (tentative)
December 2	Holiday Party Officer/Board Installations

The St. Louis Magic Roundtable meets every Saturday at 1:30pm at Dierbergs, 1080 Lindemann Rd, Des Peres, MO 63131. Check the following website for the latest information before attending each week:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/374210993307299>

Magic Conventions

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





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Free food, fun, fellowship, gifts, and magic!

If you are amongst the first to RSVP, you do not need to bring a gift this year. An extremely generous donor is supplying up to 65 gifts (\$25 minimum value each)! They are already wrapped and waiting to go home with you. Please register your attendance (plus any guests) using the contact information below so that we can ensure enough gifts are available for all to enjoy.

Steve Barcellona will host a game-show style competition.

If you're able, we'd love for each family to bring a side dish or make a \$5 donation to help us have plenty of refreshments to share. If not, please still join us. We'd love to have you either way!

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## Ring 1 Report

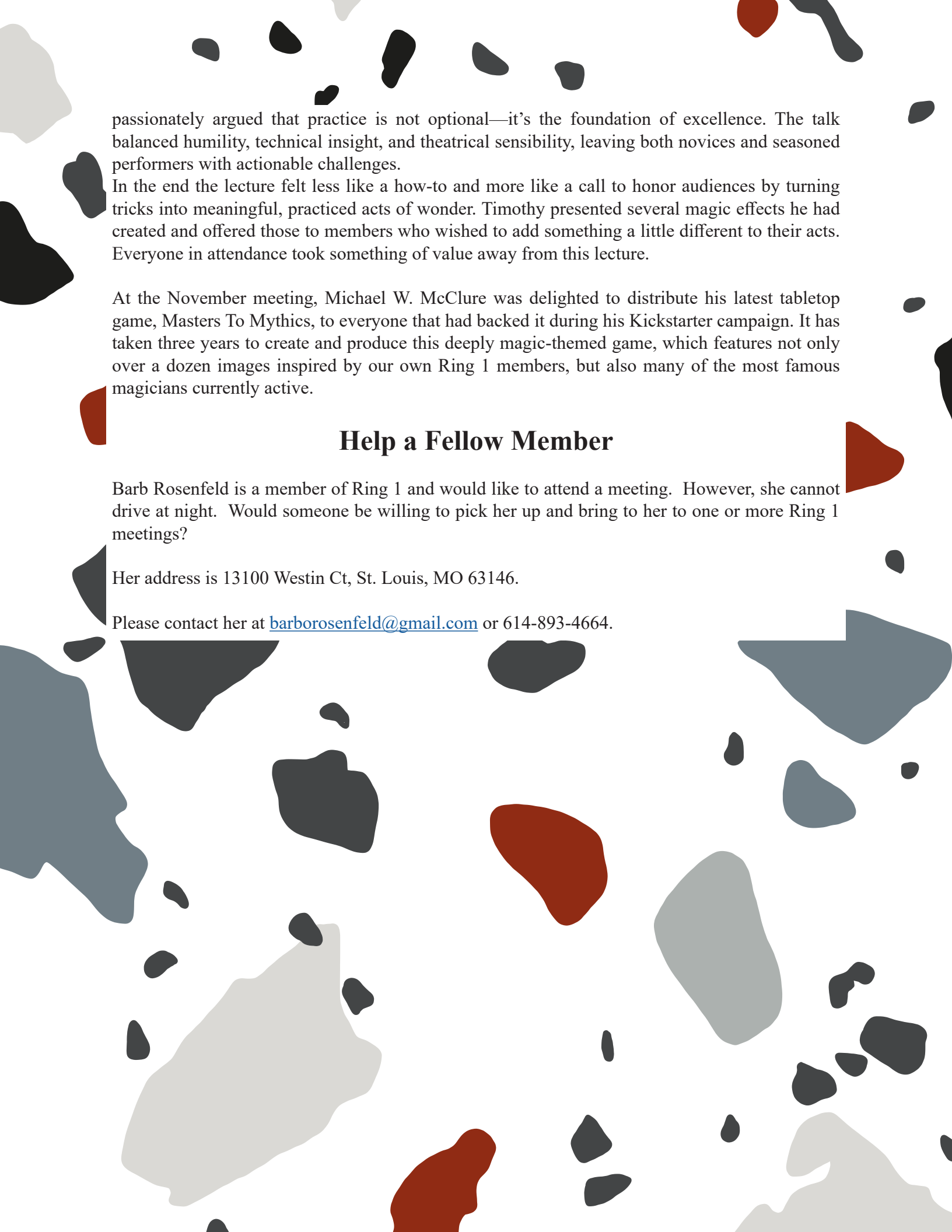
edited by Sandy Weis

The Ring's Annual Fall Show was held on October 18th at the Florissant Performing Arts Center located in Florissant, Mo. This year's theme was Magic of Halloween. All the performances centered around the classic monsters and spirits of the season. Tim Shegitz once again served as our Emcee and opened and closed the production with some impactful magic. The following members performed on stage: Steve Queen as the Phantom of Florissant, Christian the Magician, Jeff Lefton, Steve Zuehlke, Mike Hindrichs, Steve Finkelstein, Marty Kopp, Columbus Smith, Alexander Damman and Reginald Dunn. Alexander Damman, Chuck Levy, D. Jay, and Mathew Horowitz performed close-up magic in the lobby before the show. Michael W. McClure was the Producer/Director and creator of full-screen stage audio and animations that provided the continuity for each separate act to blend seamlessly. This fantastic show could not have happened without his contributions. The Production Team included Steve Queen, Steve Finkelstein, Steve Zuehlke, Mike Hindrichs, and Michael W. McClure. This year our profits were significantly higher than in previous years. The audience seemed to thoroughly enjoy the show, as laughter and astonishment was evidenced throughout the performances. The Ring is already planning next year's show with a theme of Magic of America, to continue our nation's celebration of its 250th anniversary.

Earlier this month, Mentalist Gary S. Chan performed a hybrid in-person and virtual show from a client's New York City studio. To keep everyone engaged, he alternated between routines for in-person volunteers and effects designed for online participants. To his surprise, the two worlds blended easily. Moments of amazement rippled through the room and in the online chat as if everyone were sharing the same space.

The Ring is steadily growing its membership, and therefore have outgrown our regular meeting venue. It is difficult to find a space which will meet our needs, and one that is centrally located. Libraries offer free space; however, the ones in St. Louis County close at 8:00 PM, so they are not feasible. Many local government centers close early, and professional meeting rooms remain outside our budget. A new location was quickly discovered that is centrally located, within our budget, and also offers enough space to accommodate the growing Ring. After an on-site tour, the Board approved Parkway UCC as our new home. The Ring will begin meeting there in January 2026. Further details will be provided in next month's Ring Report.

Timothy Shegitz provided an excellent magic lecture for the members at the November meeting. The title of his lecture was "MAGIC . . . It's Not What You Think!" ... a compelling exploration of the difference between performing tricks and creating true magic. The lecture highlighted the stark contrast between a "trickster" and a "magician." While both may use sleight of hand, the trickster merely executes a trick, whereas the magician elevates it into an art form. He emphasized that true magic lies in presentation, storytelling, and the ability to captivate an audience. A magician's performance should be seamless and far beyond a simple "pick a card" routine. The lecture also delved into the importance of separating mechanics from performance, stressing that mastery of both is essential. A poignant anecdote about clowns who believed they were "funnier without practice" served as a cautionary tale about the dangers of complacency and ego. Timothy



passionately argued that practice is not optional—it's the foundation of excellence. The talk balanced humility, technical insight, and theatrical sensibility, leaving both novices and seasoned performers with actionable challenges.

In the end the lecture felt less like a how-to and more like a call to honor audiences by turning tricks into meaningful, practiced acts of wonder. Timothy presented several magic effects he had created and offered those to members who wished to add something a little different to their acts. Everyone in attendance took something of value away from this lecture.

At the November meeting, Michael W. McClure was delighted to distribute his latest tabletop game, Masters To Mythics, to everyone that had backed it during his Kickstarter campaign. It has taken three years to create and produce this deeply magic-themed game, which features not only over a dozen images inspired by our own Ring 1 members, but also many of the most famous magicians currently active.

## Help a Fellow Member

Barb Rosenfeld is a member of Ring 1 and would like to attend a meeting. However, she cannot drive at night. Would someone be willing to pick her up and bring to her to one or more Ring 1 meetings?

Her address is 13100 Westin Ct, St. Louis, MO 63146.

Please contact her at [barborosenfeld@gmail.com](mailto:barborosenfeld@gmail.com) or 614-893-4664.

## Pay Ring 1 Dues for Calendar Year 2026

Annual membership is \$20 and is a bargain, considering our lineup of performers, lecturers, and activities! If any of your contact information has changed, please e-mail [ibmringone@gmail.com](mailto:ibmringone@gmail.com).

To pay online: <https://www.ibmringone.com/about-4>

To pay by mail: Write a check payable to “IBM, Ring 1” for \$20. Write “2026 Dues” on the memo line. Mail the check to

Sandy Weis  
1755 Elkins Dr  
St. Louis, MO 63136



You can pay with loose change!

# 2026 GATEWAY

LECTURES, CLOSE UP  
SHOWS, WORKSHOPS,  
DEALERS ROOM

*close up*

## CONVENTION



*featuring:* A two hour special lecture by  
Randy Wakeman & Kevin Kelly

**Forty Years Later: A Tribute to Ed Marlo**

**MARCH 26-28**



**MARK TAMS**



**LUKE DANCY**



**CHAD LONG**



**JASON BANEY & STEFFI KAY**



**DANNY CHENG**



**STEVE MYERS**



**JIMMY ICHIHANA**



**STEVE FRIEDBERG**

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618 345-2800 CODE: 910**

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