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April 2025 Edition

Admission to professional lectures is free for Ring 1 members, and we will be collecting dues for non-members at the door. Guests are allowed one free lecture and are asked to join as a member to attend additional professional lectures.



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7pm Lecture

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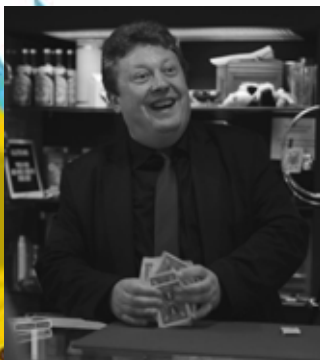
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Upcoming Events

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

Date	Event (all events are in person)
March 22	Vietnam Veterans Commemoration Event
March 23	St. Louis Kidney Walk Strolling Magic
March 28	Gregory Wilson Lecture
April 2	No Meeting
April 3-5	2025 Gateway Close-up Convention Collinsville, IL 62234 https://www.baskervilleproductions.com/gateway2024
April 9	Henry Evans & Daniel Mormina Lecture
May 7	Auditions for 2025 Florissant Show
June 4	Magic 101 Magic Open Mic Night – Ring 1 members
June 25	Giacomo Bigliardi Lecture
July	No Meeting
August 6	Magic 101 Magic Open Mic Night – Ring 1 members
September 3	Ring 1 Magic Competition (Tim Shegitz – host)
October 1	Javi Benitez Lecture
October 12	President's Banquet
October 18	Ring 1 Florissant Fall Show
November 5	Tim Shegitz Lecture
December 3	Holiday Party Steve Barcelona Mini-lecture Installations Gift Exchange

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>

If you will be attending FISIM 2025 in Italy July 14-19, please e-mail ring1newsletter@finderstellers.com . I (Gary) will then let all attendees know who else is attending.



Members of Ring 1, We Need Your Help!

Magicians and Entertainers Needed

A Commemorative Vietnam Veteran's 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.
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Gregory Wilson hasn't been on the lecture tour circuit since 2018. During that time, he continued to refine, hone, and perfect some of the most commercial magic that magicians can carry. He calls this new tour, "Things I Carry And Use 2.0". Some of the material may seem familiar, but he has some new twists that are worth your time and attention.

Here is a rundown of what will be in his lecture:

- Point Blank 2.0 — If Greg could do one single card trick for the rest of his life, this multi-phased blank deck performance piece would be it!
- MasterCon — A two-card transposition with very realistic credit cards for you to commit the perfect crime.
- High Roller — A realistically motivated Sach's dice routine with the dice changing over and over to crush any casino Craps game.
- Inner Circle — This normal-looking finger ring is an engineering masterpiece that allows you to perform transpositions, translocations, penetrations and mid-air finger stabs.
- Pointless 2.0 — Just like Greg's apparently impromptu classic, there are now two added phases with a grand finale that happens in a spectator's hand.
- Kiss Up — This is the perfect opener and giveaway where a sugar packet cleanly changes into a Hershey's chocolate Kiss.

With an emphasis on non-cards, there is a little something for everybody from close-up to stand-up, beginner to expert — and plenty of impromptu miracles throughout.

Admission for members is free, and we will be collecting dues for non-members at the door. Guests are allowed one free lecture and are asked to join as a member in order to attend additional professional lectures.

Arrive early to secure the best seats in the house. Come witness the extraordinary talent that IS Gregory Wilson!

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact:

Michael W. McClure, Lecture Chairman

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!



Ring 1 Report

edited by Sandy Weis

Ring 1's Board decided that our club should begin offering Magic 101 again. For the March 5 meeting, Steve Finkelstein volunteered to lead the group. This special teach-in event was offered before the regular meeting. Approximately 10 members arrived an hour early to take advantage of the opportunity. Steve taught them two very easy, but amazing, effects. All attendees were able to perform the effects when they left. Steve even created a handout for each attendee explaining the effect in case they forget or need to review. He received many compliments regarding the effects he taught. The Ring intends to offer Magic 101 in the future when time permits.

Members are always happy to perform for the Ring. However, the club has been SO busy sponsoring lectures and hosting special activities that there is usually a very limited opportunity. Michael McClure decided to create an Open Mic Night to be held in the place of one of our regular meetings. We were delighted when 15 members offered to perform an effect (and there was a waiting list). Sandy Weis was asked to emcee the event. It was just like the Oscars or the Academy Awards—she even had an official script to read although she was told that she could alter/modify the script if she wanted. The room was filled -- the largest crowd the Ring has seen in a long time -- and there were attendees that the Ring has not seen in “years.” It was obvious that all the performers had practiced their routines, because everyone appeared as if they were seasoned, professional magicians. The following members performed: Steve Queen, Paul Gregor, Columbus Smith, Gary S. Chan, Zai Shi, Josh Weidner, D. Jay, Zi Teng Wang, Jeff Lefton, Matthew Horowitz, Steve Finkelstein, Steven Buesking, and Christian Misner. No act was alike; all performances were unique. Several of the presenters were professional magicians; however, newer members were also asked to perform. Special thanks to Michael W. McClure for organizing a very classy event. Even though he did not perform that night, his organizational skills helped to make this event a huge success. He prefers to serve as more of a “behind the scenes” member, to allow others’ talents to shine, even though he knows so much about magic theory and effects. He and his wife, Susan, brought their own backdrops, lighting, and provided video, audio, a close-up camera with projector and more, which made the performance area appear as if it were a stage production. He even made a cardstock program featuring photos of all the night’s entertainers, which he passed out to all in attendance. Mike also created a special commemorative pin which was awarded to each Very Important Prestidigitator in appreciation of their participation. Thank you, thank you, Mike, for all you have done for the Ring. Since the evening was so successful, the Ring has already planned to host more Open Mic Nights this year.

Our Ring is proud to have recently reorganized ourselves as a 501(c)(3) non-profit, public charity incorporated in the State of Missouri. This brand-new designation, an exciting and uncharted chapter in Ring 1 history, will allow us to expand our reach in so many new ways, and provide vast opportunities for the growth of all our members, from active or amateur performers to hobbyists. The Magic of Giving Back program, created and coordinated by Michael McClure, is being designed to spread the joy and wonder of magic to the underserved across the St. Louis region. We will be actively offering generous sponsors the privilege of partnering with us in our mission’s outreach and support.



Ring 1 plans to host several professional lectures this year, including Gregory Wilson, Henry Evans, Daniel Mormina, Javi Benitez and Giacomo Bigliardi.

In fact, an exciting calendar for the entire year is already set. The Ring believes that pre-planning various activities for its meetings is very important. Members can set their calendars well in advance as a reminder of the incredible programs yet to come. (I know I have entered all the dates on my calendar, so I won't miss anything.)

Audition for the Florissant Show

Interested in being a star? Want to be featured in our Florissant Show on Oct 18th at 2pm? Well, you're in luck!

The Florissant Show will have a Halloween theme, and all Ring 1 Members are welcome to audition. We had a great event last year, and let's make this year an even better year!

Prepare your finest effect that has a Halloween theme and which is less than 8 minutes in duration. Film it and send a copy of the video to Mike McClure (contact info below). He will collect all of the submissions and share them at our May Ring 1 meeting. Our fellow Ring 1 members who are present will vote to help determine who will be in the show!

Mike McClure
watson7654321@gmail.com
618-826-5125

New Officers and Board Members


As part of our new 501(c)(3) structure, Officers and Board Members will serve 1-year terms that align with the calendar year. The only exception is the first year, where Officers and Board Members will serve from election night (tentatively May 21, 2025) through Dec 31, 2025. Our next set of Officers and Board Members is as follows:

Officers:

- President - Steve Queen
- Vice-President - Tim Shegitz
- Treasurer - Sandy Weis
- Secretary - Paul Gregor

Board of Directors:

- Chad Jacobs
- Darryl Lenz (automatic position as Immediate Past President)
- James Hodge
- Jeff Lefton
 - Michael W. McClure
 - Mike Hindrichs

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- Steve Bolland
 - Steve Buesking
 - Steve Zuehlke
 - Steve Finkelstein

The deadline for nominations has passed.

Support our Members

Harry Monti is currently residing at Barathaven Memory Care Center in Dardenne Prairie (near O'Fallon). Harry physically needs more care than Trudy could provide at home. She is able to visit him every day and have dinner with him. Harry loves visitors and would also appreciate greeting cards. Harry has had several visitors and Trudy would appreciate it if some of you could fit it in your schedule to visit him every few weeks.

Barathaven Memory Care

1030 Barathaven Blvd.

Dardenne Prairie, MO 63368

Harry's cell phone: 636-399-5391

John Davit would welcome receiving cards, calls, and letters. Visits would also be nice, but please call first because he is in and out of the nursing home for radiation treatments.

Delmar Gardens On The Green

Room # 309

15197 Clayton Rd.

Chesterfield, MO 63017

John's cell phone: 314-706-9474

If you know of anyone else who should be on this page, please e-mail the details to

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In Memory of Jack K. Greenberg

Jack K. Greenberg
Past International President 2000-2001
International Brotherhood of Magicians

Jack K. Greenberg, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, passed away on March 6, 2025, three weeks shy of his 95th birthday. Mr. Greenberg was born and raised in Pittsburgh. He was the valedictorian of his of Taylor Allderdice High School graduating class in 1948, and he received Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Pittsburgh. Mr. Greenberg served on the faculty of the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Business during five decades, beginning in 1958. His classes and areas of expertise included Personnel Administration, Employee Selection, and Employee Relations. After working for American Institutes for Research, he founded and ran Measurement Services Incorporated, a firm focused on human behavior measurement and evaluation, occupational testing, hiring processes, labor relations, and training development.

Jack and his wife were consistent attendees of the Midwest Magic Jubilee in St Louis. It was one of his favorite conventions. When he was a very young boy, he became interested in magic. His mother, Anne Greenberg, was in charge of starting a school for the arts at Beth Shalom Synagogue in Squirrel Hill when she hired a pair of brothers to start the synagogue's dancing school. One of the brothers, Fred Kelly, had taught the other, older brother, Gene, to dance. (Yes, that Gene Kelly.) The two were excellent dancers and teachers, but Fred was also a working magician who performed throughout Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia. Young Jack Greenberg was already interested in magic when, after a dancing class, Fred showed him some magic... and the little boy went from interested to obsessed. Fred and Gene Kelly remained close friends with the Greenberg family through the rest of their lives.

By the time he was fourteen, he was a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians (I.B.M.), the world's largest organization of magicians. Local chapters of the I.B.M. are called "Rings," and Pittsburgh's Ring was known as "Tampa Ring 13," after a world-renowned Pittsburgh magician whose stage-name was Tampa. Jack quickly became one of the most active and integral members of the Ring, and he ran the Junior events when the annual convention was held in Pittsburgh in 1947.

During college at the University of Pittsburgh, Jack played trumpet in the marching band, and stayed on the band's staff during graduate school as the "Drill Master," the person who created and taught the marching formations for the halftime shows. He worked in the same capacity with the Mount Lebanon High School Band, taking them to twice to the Tournament of Roses Parade. His love of march music kept him active in the Pitt Alumni Band into his later years.

But Jack's involvement in magic never stopped. As a young man, he performed as a recurring character, a "Magical Milkman," with Fred Rogers and Josie Carey on WQED's The Children's Corner. He remained in contact with Mr. Rogers, who called him occasionally with questions about magic and magicians.

Jack was a member of the I.B.M. for eighty magical years, and was elected to be the I.B.M. International President from 2000 to 2001. At the I.B.M. Annual Convention in 2023, the Ring 13 membership announced the renaming of the Ring to Tampa-Greenberg Ring 13, in his honor.

Jack will be missed by many in the St Louis area and around the world. The impact he had on people's lives will never be forgotten.

Jack's beloved wife of 61 years, Carole, passed away in 2021. He is survived by his son Don, Sharon daughter-in-law, his daughter Diana, and his granddaughter Anna. He will be missed by family, friends, and magicians around the globe.

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