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## The SPIRIT | Official Newsletter of I.B.M. Ring 1

September 2025 Edition

### Annual Magic Contest

September 3, 2025

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Dielmann Recreation Center

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Creve Coeur, MO 63141

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by September 1



## Upcoming Events

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

Date	Event (all events are in person)
September 3	Ring 1 Magic Competition (Tim Shegitz – host)
October 1	Gustavo Raley In-Person Lecture
October 12	President's Banquet
October 18	Ring 1 Florissant Fall Show
October 22	Giacomo Bigiardi In-Person Lecture (Cancelled)
November 5	Tim Shegitz Lecture
December 3	Holiday Party Officer/Board Installations Gift Exchange
2026	
March 26-28	2026 Gateway Close Up Convention <a href="https://www.baskervilleproductions.com/gateway2024">https://www.baskervilleproductions.com/gateway2024</a>
July 21-25	I.B.M. Convention, St. Louis

The I.B.M. Convention will be coming to St. Louis on July 21-25, 2026!



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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There will be one category of contestants with no age or experience restrictions.

Close-up and parlor magic are allowed. Stage magic will not be allowed. Determination as to whether a routine and/or prop will be allowed is at the sole discretion of the Contest Chair.

Official rules are at the link below. If there is a conflict between the official rules and the above text, the official rules take precedence. If you would like to confirm if your routine meets the rules, please contact Timothy Shegitz, Contest Chair.

Contest Rules:

[https://www.ibmringone.com/\\_files/ugd/5b0e03\\_5dfeba9ee32340af8048c58eb16f41c0.pdf](https://www.ibmringone.com/_files/ugd/5b0e03_5dfeba9ee32340af8048c58eb16f41c0.pdf)

## Ring 1 Report

edited by Sandy Weis

The August meeting was another Magic Open Mic Night. This is the third one the Ring has held this year. Members enjoy seeing their fellow magicians perform and learn from watching one another. It wasn't difficult to find members to fill the slate. The night was advertised on Facebook and also on our website. It was amazing to see how many new faces were in the audience. The Ring is continually growing, and four new members joined that evening, one being the 2024 Miss Missouri for America Strong, Rebecca McClain.

Sandy Weis was asked to Emcee the event. The evening began with our President, Steve Queen, blowing bubbles. Amazingly, he was able to catch some of these bubbles. He also performed a card trick where he knew the cards being selected by his volunteers. Bob Danner performed for the first time this evening. He used a colored deck and had a prediction in an envelope which matched. He also had a jumbo card deck which he performed an effect with. One of the Ring's newest members and also the youngest, Alexander Damman, performed for the first time. It was a colored chip effect themed as the Wizard of Oz. It's obvious that Alex will become a top magician. Steve Finkelstein is excellent with reading people's minds. He handed out cards to twenty members and had them count off. When they said their number, he knew what card they had picked. The audience was amazed! Matthew Horowitz sure has energy and knows how to get the audience involved. He is an excellent card manipulator. Matthew has also grown magic-wise since he joined the Ring. The Ring is encouraging the younger generation to become involved, and we are always looking for new ways to recruit them. The older members become mentors to the younger members, since a lot of the members have decades of experience. D. Jay Lenz, the Ring's immediate previous president, performed a card trick. He had two volunteers choose cards, and it looked like he wouldn't be able to tell them what card they picked. However, at the end, he did know the cards but in an interesting way. Laurence "Nothing Up My Sleeve" Levy is an excellent performer. The audience wasn't so sure about his "Bad Jokes" though, but they laughed. He used a colored mouth coil which got lots of laughs, especially from the new audience members. He also performed an ESP effect and also Hindu tongue weaving. It is obvious he practices a lot and is always looking for new jokes. Another member even brought him two new joke books so he can add new jokes to his ever-evolving performances. Columbus Smith is the Ring's paranormal investigator. He actually investigates supernatural occurrences, but he also performs magic. He used cards with words on them and somehow shared his magical powers to enable one volunteer to know what card another volunteer had chosen. Silly Jilly, actually Jill Schmidt, shared a new effect she is using in her performances. The Ring members had to pretend they were children, since she is a children's performer. It wasn't difficult for most of us to pretend we were children, though. She used a little whoopee cushion which got a lot of laughs. Steve Steer performed a classic linking rings routine using eight shiny circles. This takes a lot of practice, and it is obvious that Steve has practiced this flawless routine for "years." The final presenter for the evening was Timothy Shegitz. He is such a wonderful "storyteller"; he sure knows how to captivate the audience. He had a magic paper bag which mysteriously was able to change bottles and even make them disappear. Finally, the bag produced a glass of liquor. When the members thought the night was over, Jeff Lefton talked a little about his trip to London. He shared the process of becoming a member of the

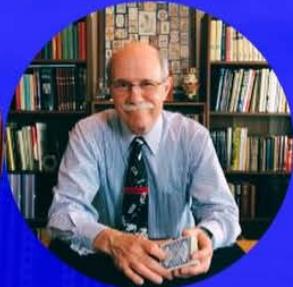
Magic Circle. He also was in Italy for six days to attend FISM and met up with two other members of Ring 1. It sounds like he had an amazing trip.

Thanks to Michael W. McClure and his wife for organizing, planning, bringing the equipment, setting up the room, bringing treats, etc. etc. The Ring really appreciates everything they do for the members.

The Ring always welcomes visitors to its meetings and activities. Check the website for additional information regarding upcoming events. <https://www.ibmringone.com/>

# 2026 GATEWAY *Close up* CONVENTION

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Randy Wakeman & Kevin Kelly

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