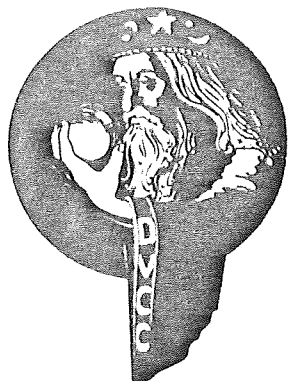
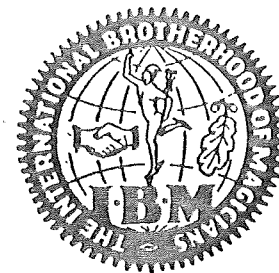


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Notice is hereby given that the next stated meeting of the Delaware Valley Conjurers Club will be held on Monday, July 8, 1991 at 8:00 post meridiem (we're back to our experimental new time). This month's activities will be a continuation of what went on in May - free and/or cheap magic. As you may recall from last month's newsletter, Louis Andress, a retired dealer, has bequeathed to IBM Ring 6 a lot of his old inventory. Under the direction of Prez Mark, the stuff will be either given away or auctioned off, with the proceeds going to the club's treasury.

IBM Ring 6 will be well represented at the national convention in Baltimore by the law firm of Cheeseman, DeSouza, Pontarelli, & Spence (now, there's a scary thought - a bunch of attorney-magicians. "Your honor, I can prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that my client did not tip that double-lift!!"). I'm sure that we will be able to fill some time Monday night with stories of our exploits.

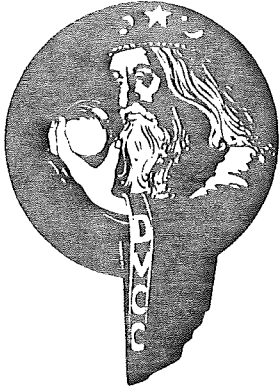
Speaking of conventions, the MAES one is in September. This will be their 49th, in Carlisle, PA, September 12 - 14. Some of the talent booked so far are: David Ginn, Harry Allen, and Rich Cowley (doing a convention?). For more info, contact Bob Remaly at 215.432.3612.

From Philadelphia Magic comes word of a lecture on July 31st by Richard Osterlind, an internationally recognized magician, mentalist, and hypnotist. He has numerous effect to his credit, and has written for many of the magic magazines. Call Marty or Danny at 215.627.5128.

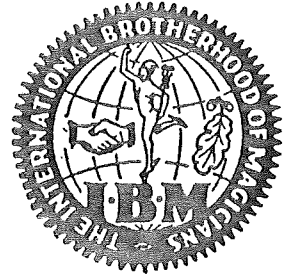
As you most certainly have noticed, this newsletter is a little early this month. DON'T GET USED TO IT! I'm leaving for Baltimore Friday, June 28, and won't be back until Wednesday, July 3. That's not nearly enough lead time for me to get this out, hence its prematurity. Next month's newsletter will be its usual, close-to-the-deadline self.

Jack Steck was in the paper (again!) the other day (this man gets more press than my 100% cotton shirts). I forget the exact wording (I neglected to cut it out - if the quote is wrong, Jack can deliver it correctly Monday), but Jack was asked to define "virtue." His response: "Virtue I learned at my mother's knee - I learned the vices at the other joints."

Next month: August.



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BROKEN WAND CEREMONY IN MEMORY OF
JOHN WADE
MAGICIAN AND FRIEND
JULY 20, 1991

Although we have gathered together in the shadow of a great loss, we have also moved out into the sunlight of a precious memory.

John Wade was drawn into our fraternal circle by his interest in the mysteries of Magic, and Art nourished by a fellowship that extends around the globe. But now, he has learned a still deeper secret, one that is withheld from even the greatest of magicians until the day of separation from this life.

Some persons so lift the environment in which they live that all people walk on higher ground. Through the Art of Magic, our friend John was able to bring liveliness to the hour, joy to the spirit, and stimulation to the mind.

Since time immemorial, the wand has symbolized the power through which the miracles of Magic are consummated. As long as our friend wielded this wand, it gave amazing life to the feats of wizardry he performed. His knowledge of the secrets of this timeless craft developed under the shield of this instrument. Without its master to control it, the wand is devoid of its vital force. It becomes but a stick of wood which others would sully were they to employ it.

Friends, the breaking of the wand symbolizes the turning over of our brother's spirit and Earth-bound mysteries, of which he was the master, into the keeping of the ages.

John's life has taken a new form in our own inner perception. The good that he has done lives on; memories of him left within us do not die. We now entrust his spirit and his legacy to the ages. The seal is set upon all that was noble, uplifting, and eternal in him.

May we render a worthy tribute to our friend, John, by picking up the burden he has laid down, perpetuating the best for which he stood, and enhancing the Art which brought him such pleasures. May the sense of wonder that makes life worth living, the act of sharing that creates a warmer fellowship, and the creative process that lifts all persons together grow stronger as we leave this service of memory.

Amen.