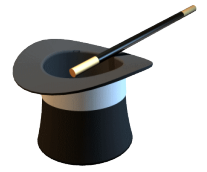


# The Apparition



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Variety night will showcase entertainment that is not magical in nature. The purpose of this night is to broaden the horizon's of our fellow magi as to the endless possibilities of entertainment. The goal is to inspire the members to be creative in their entertainment and expand their performance repertoire.

On the bill for this month is Silly Reba the Clown doing balloon sculptures, Al Angelo doing juggling, Dave Carr doing ventriloquism, and direct from America's Got Talent, Dave Smith, the - one-man-sideshow (you have to see this guy - he's unbelievable!).

Also, our friend Fred Mitchell will be talking

about his passion for books and Hunter Gaul will be presenting the teach-a-trick. You don't want to miss this!



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8:00 PM Business Meeting

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### How do you Spell Love?

Last month having been February, I thought it may be appropriate to capture the imaginations of the readers of our newsletters with this title. I will never forget a man named Larry Clayton who posed this question when I was in college. He asked, "How do you spell love?" His answer was "T-I-M-E." In other words, if you love God, you are going to spend time with God. If you love your family, you are going to make time for them. If you love golfing, you are going to make time for and spend time golfing. If you love the NBA, you will watch the playoffs, check the box scores in the paper, follow your favorite team, etc.

Here's the point. If you love magic, you will spend time reading magic books. You will become more knowledgeable in the history, theory, and technique of magic. You will spend time watching performances. You will notice what makes a good performer good and what makes a mediocre performer mediocre. You will spend time practicing. You will spend time in rehearsal. Here is where the vast majority of magicians drop the ball. They love to watch lectures. They love to read books. They love to watch DVDs. But they rarely practice. The most common reply to this is, "But I don't have time." Everyone has the same amount of time in a day. God created each day to be 24 hours long. How we manage that time and how we spend our opportunities will determine how much we can accomplish in a 24 hour period. Here are some ideas to make time for technique. While you are driving to work each day, spend time memorizing the Aaronson stack. Perhaps invent a

new routine in your mind. If you watch television, never watch television without practicing your coin roll, ball roll, pen spin, classic pass, false shuffle, sybil cut, coin rollout, etc. While you read, prop the book open and practice your one-handed top palm, your ring flourish, your silk vanish, or your thumb-fan. Always carry a coin with you. This is the way to become proficient at the classic palm, the Downs' palm, the thumb palm, the Motube palm, and the back palm.

Hopefully this will be a starting point to help you make the most out of every moment of the day. Don't forget to block out time in your schedule to rehearse in front of a mirror. Memorize your script and movements. May love for the craft make us all better magicians.

Next issue ...

March Madness



### SAM 4 Relocates

Assembly 4 of the Society of American Magicians, based in Philadelphia has moved to a new location. This writer realizes that many of the members of Ring 6 are also members of SAM Assembly 4. The old location at the Polish American Home is no longer the meeting place. Due to a drastic increase in their rent, it was no longer prudent to meet there. The new location is listed below.

Bustleton Memorial Post 810  
American Legion  
9151 Old Newtown Road  
Philadelphia, PA 19115

Directions

Academy Rd. Exit of Interstate  
Route 95.

- (1 mile) Bear Left at 2nd light  
Willis Rd which turns into Welsh Rd  
(2.3 Miles)
- Turn Left onto Old Newtown Rd  
To post 810 (0.2 Miles)

**Don't forget that  
it is time again to  
pay your local  
dues to the Ring.  
If you have  
already paid,  
thank you.**

# February Ring Report by Dave Kelly

Ring #6 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - Delaware Valley Conjurers' Club Meets 2nd Monday, each month, 7:30 pm Hancock United Methodist Church, Rte 320, Springfield, PA Dave Kelly, Recording Secretary, 90 Worrell Drive Springfield, PA 19064

## February 2007

President Forrest Chapman introduced our visiting lecturer, Garrett Thomas, with a great overview of the magic that we would be enjoying tonight. Garrett opened with several eye-catching bits of magic. He scrambled a Rubic's Cube, then instantly solved the puzzle. He had a finger ring that vanished from one hand and constantly reappeared on his other hand. Then, he did an amazing coin routine where the coins multiplied, vanished, went from one hand to the other, and then vanished into a purse top. Just as suddenly, the coins transformed into larger coins, and finished up with a jumbo 6" coin. He had our attention after that.

As Garrett tipped and taught the effects, he was more concerned with sharing his theory of magic, performance, and entertainment. A key part of this theory of magic is that you need an audience for a trick to become magic. The magic takes place in the spectator's mind. In close-up magic he works to create the gift of astonishment.

Throughout the night, Garrett said that each magician needs to choose the magic and moves that fit him or her. He noted that in his work with David Blaine, the famous TV magician, picks tricks that work for him.

Another technique of Garrett is to tell your audience a little bit about the real you. This helps connect with the audience, and they remember you, not just your magic. There must also be a string of logic throughout an effect. He also talked about simplicity in magic and routines. Perhaps the simplest, best bit of his philosophy was his Big New Rule of Magic: "Don't move when you're talking, and don't talk when you are moving." WOW!

Dave Kelly

## Member Information

Our Ring is in need of current information on all our members. This information is necessary to ensure that all are receiving the benefits of membership in the Ring. One of the benefits is this newsletter. It is mailed monthly via email and even a few of our members receive a printed copy if no email is available. Another benefit is the "Members Only" area of the Ring's website. The address of the web site is

<http://www.phillyibmring6.com>.

There are public and member only sections to the web site. As members pay their 2007 Ring dues, our treasurer will notify our web master, David Hale and he will create a unique user id and password to each member of the ring.

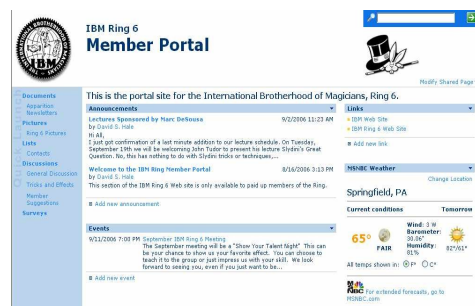
Each member will receive a form to complete at the March meeting and this will allow us to refresh this needed information. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. The form will also request permission to post your name, address, phone num-

ber and email address on the members only portal. This can facilitate easier communication among the Ring 6 members. The goal of the web site and member portal is to increase membership in the Ring and also allow increased sharing of information between our members.

Please fill out the forms as completely as possible.

Thank you.

David S. Hale



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## Submit Articles to "The Apparition"

The Apparition is your newsletter as much as it is any other member's of Ring 6. We encourage you to submit your ideas, articles, tricks and anything else that you may think of to make it better for all. It is a big job to create the entire newsletter all alone every month. I am happy to do it, but all of your voices will make it more enjoyable to the membership. Feel free to bring your articles to any Ring 6 meeting and I will include them in the next issue. You can also email your content to me at :

dshale@ccn1.com or fax them to  
(610) 692-0275

The newsletters are going to be published two weeks prior to each meeting. This will allow time for the post

office to deliver them to the recipients that receive them through the mail. That means that the deadline for any contributions from the members is the last Monday of the month. Articles that are submitted after that date will be placed in the following issue.

It may take a village to raise a child, but it takes an entire Ring to produce a great newsletter.

David S. Hale—Newsletter.

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On the bill for this month is Billy Babs the Clown doing balloon sculptures. All Angeles doing juggling. Dave Carr doing ventriloquism and clowning. America's Got Talent. Dave Smith, the independent dancer. (Go by to see if he got his vertebrae). Mike and Arnold Freed. Marshall will be talking about the present, past and future of the magic-trick. You don't want to miss that!

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