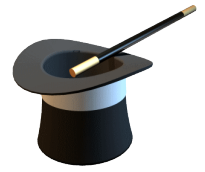


The Apparition



September is a Close-up Workshop

This month (September) we will be having a super kickoff event. It is our hands on close up workshop. There will be four tables set up in the corners of the room.

There will be a workshop on card magic led by Steve Friedberg. Steve is one of those card technicians who can do 8 faro shuffles while talking casually. However, don't worry, he will be teaching some things within everyone's grasp.

Our own Al Angelo will be teaching a workshop on rubber band magic. I will be teaching a workshop on coin magic and Jim Straub will be teaching a workshop on thumb tip magic. So bring a deck of cards, some coins, some rubber bands, a thumb tip, and be prepared to learn and have fun at the same time!

Our shirts are in so if you would like a polo or a t-shirt, please bring some money and we will be selling those. Also, our annual fund raiser is coming up in November so we need to hammer out in detail who will be performing and what specifically each one will be performing. If you already mentioned that you would like to help or if you would like to sign up, please be prepared to explain in detail what you will be doing. We want this year to be our best fund raiser yet.

We have a lot of talent in our Ring, so let's show it off at the public show again this year. Not only will we be raising funds for our organization, but we can truly bring a lot of joy to our audience. It is a great way to give back to the community in our own way.

So please think about what you would like to do for the November 3rd. show, whether it be on stage, back stage or in another capacity.

Web Site Chatter

The web site has undergone some changes. Due to the fact that I switched from Comcast to Verizon FIOS, I lost the ability to host the web site at my house. I have placed the site with a professional hosting company. That means that, at least for now, the member's only section is not available. I have put more information on the main site. I have included the agenda for the current meeting and it will be updated monthly. I have added a section for the current year's Newsletters. I have added an archive section for last years newsletters. There is a link to the International Brotherhood of Magicians site so visitors can learn how to join IBM. There is also a photo gallery and an area for visitors to go if they want to hire a magician. All are welcome to have their web sites linked to that area. So far we have three of our members on there.



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Meeting Times:

August 13, 2007

7:00 PM Doors open

7:30 PM Dealers

8:00 PM Business Meeting

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Last month was our annual restaurant get together. I wish I could tell you all about it, but I can't. My wife was due any day - any moment and I did not want to leave her at home with our two young children (they can be a handful at times). So I decided to pack the family up and take them to the restaurant. We were all hungry. We were all excited. We arrived around 7:00. I put my two children in the high chairs and sat down. A few of us were discussing good books we had read recently when my wife comes back from the restroom and very candidly says, "We need to go now." When one's wife is a few weeks past her due date, one doesn't ask questions when she says, "We need to go now." So it was an 80 mph ride home ... but for no reason. She had started labor. But labor would last until 7:00pm the next evening. We stayed up much of the night waiting for contractions to get more intense and closer together, but they didn't. They remained steady and let us know they were still there, but it was not yet "hard labor" (is that redundant?). After a very long 24 hour period, little Magdalena Naomi Chapman was born. She was 7lbs 10 oz and 19 inches long (I only throw that info out there for the ladies who are reading this and for the wives of you men who will ask. Guys say, "Boy or girl?" Women say, "Was it a boy or a girl? What is her name? What is her middle name? How much did she weigh? How long is she? What is the circumference of her head? Did she have hair? What is the color of her eyes? How long are her finger nails? How many toes does she have? What time was she born at? Etc.). So we are rejoic-

ing in the miracle of life and rejoicing in an enlarged family. We are five and growing.



Magic Announcements

Hi All,

I just got additional information on the New York Coin Seminar that will be taking place at our home on Saturday, October 27th, 2007. David Roth, Dr. Michael Rubinstein and Mike Gallo will be presenting an all new seminar. This time, the focus will be on Productions, Vanishes and Penetrations. They will be joined by returning seminar presenter Kainoa Harbottle, who will be giving a new lecture. But the big news, appearing for the first time in the US, the featured guest lecturer will be Giacomo Bertini. This seminar will be his only appearance. Giacomo comes from Florence, Italy and doesn't speak English. Fortunately, Dr. Rubinstein is fluent in Italian and will be providing simultaneous translation. If you have not seen Bertini's work, it is safe to say that he has rocked the coin magic world. He is incredible and features very innovative techniques and routines. He will

be presenting and teaching the material has cropped up all over the internet, plus new material that has not been seen anywhere.

If you register before October 1st, the price is only \$250.00 for the entire day. After that, the price goes up to \$300.00. So, what do you get for your money? Over eight hours of presentations, lectures, workshops and hands-on instructions from five of the finest coin men in the world. New routines for all performing situations, new moves, unpublished material, a gift package worth over \$100.00 and lunch. If you've been to one of the previous seminars, you know how great they are...if you have not, this is one not to be missed. Seats are limited and with this blockbuster lineup, seats are sure to sell quickly.

To register, you can send a check or money order made out to Coin Champions to:

Coin Champions
c/o Dr. Michael Rubinstein
3616 Henry Hudson Parkway, East Suite 3BN
Riverdale, NY 10463

Or you can pay via PayPal. You should make the payment to coinchampions@aol.com. Make sure to include your name, address and e-mail address

In other lecture news, there are a few seats still available for John Luka on September 18th and Bill Abbott on October 9th. The Fielding West lecture on October 18th is completely sold out. There are four seats left for both the John Carney lecture on September 25th and the Charles Gauci lecture on October 30th.

Marc DeSouza

Not Just Routine

World's Simplest Trick

Effect: You take out a deck of cards and ask the spectator to shuffle it thoroughly. You then ask him to name any two cards (just the name of the card, without the suit). After the spectator names two cards, you put your hand on the deck of cards, and concentrate hard on it. After a minute or so, you ask the spectator to turn over the deck of cards and fan through it. Astonishingly, the cards that he names are right next to each other.

You Need: A deck of cards .

Nothing! You really don't do anything! If I have to say, the only thing you have to do for this trick is to act like you are really concentrating very hard on the cards when you put your hand on them. That's all! This trick simply works! All by itself! This trick works by probability. When the spectator names two cards (remember to tell him not to name the suit), let's say Ace and Ten, he is really naming four cards of each kind since the suit is not specified. The theory is that out of those eight cards (Ace of Spades, Ace of Hearts, Ace of Clubs, Ace of Diamonds, Ten of Spades, Ten of Hearts, Ten of Clubs, Ten of Diamonds), at least one of the Aces in the deck will be next to one of the Tens. Don't believe this? Try it out! About 10% of the time, there may be a card between the Ace and the Ten. If that happens, simply tell the spectator that you are not concentrating hard enough. When you repeat the trick, it will work. You can never find a trick that's easier than this one!

Note: This trick can be done to the same spectator a few times, but if you do it too many times, they will eventually figure it out. So, don't overdo this one!

Swindled Coin trick

Effect: Excellent coin trick where the magician removes a hand full of coins from his left pants pocket. He then holds out the handful of coins and a black marker pen, in front of the spectator. He then tells the spectator to choose a coin and to mark it with an X and then return it to the magician's left palm.

The magician then appears to take the spectator's coin with his right hand and returns the rest of the change to his left pocket.

The coin is then placed against the leg directly below the pocket. The coin is then rubbed into the cloth, whereupon the coin vanishes. It is then found back inside the magician's pocket with the rest of the change.

Method: After the spectator marks the coin, the right hand "pretends" to take it. In reality the right hand is covering it up with another coin. Hold your hand in the air as if you have the coin.

Hesitate for a second with your left hand so that the spectator can see that the marked coin is not in your left hand anymore (this way the spectator mentally concludes that the marked coin must be in your right hand). Place the rest of the change back into your pocket.

Take the right hand and its supposed coin and place it against your leg, in the area of the left pocket.

Now rub the imaginary coin into your leg. Then slowly part your right fingers to show that the coin has vanished. Reach into your left pocket and pull out the coins, ask the person what kind of coin they chose. They might say a quarter.

Then go through the coins and find the marked coin, put it on top of the pile and show the spectators.

You can learn all about coin magic in Bobo's Modern Coin Magic which is highly recommended reading and is an excellent way to learn.



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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 :

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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.

The thumbnail image shows the cover of the 'The Apparition' newsletter for August 2007. The cover is titled 'The Apparition' and is part of the 'International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 6' series. The main headline is 'August Offers a Grand Slam of Magic!'. The cover features several articles and sections, including 'Denny's', 'Meeting Times', and 'Contents'. There are also small images of a top hat and a magic wand.