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JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2020: Your favorite trick for 2019.

Come prepared to share your favorite trick for 2019, perhaps a gift you received over the holidays, or just one of your favorite tricks.

## SPECIAL FOR THIS EDITION

Check out the explanation for one of the best "One-Ahead" Routines.

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First Thursday of the month

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7:15 PM

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## DECEMBER MEETING AND HOLIDAY PARTY

Hardly averse to tradition—Ring 21 had its “Holiday Party” on December 5, and included the usual food and festivities. There was lots and lots of food for all and a very large group of members, family, and friends got together at our usual meeting spot to eat, celebrate, and do some “seasonal” magic.

We also have a toy drive and this year (after a good deal of cajoling and reminding the attendees), we were able to assemble a huge table of toys (and a few magic sets) for needy kids, and a local fire department will see that they are given out.

Then, of course, it was time for some “magic of the season.” Wendy Sobel opened the show with a lovely version of the floating ball. With appropriate music (and of course wearing a Santa hat) she had the whole room captivated as the ball floated gracefully behind—and over—the cloth. As she finished, there was a huge ovation from everyone.

Brandee June (who may soon become a new member) had a card selected and gave her volunteer a Christmas card in an envelope. But it was more than a greeting card—there was the chosen card in the envelope as well!

Don Kenney, who has worked in the movie business always seems to find magic effects that tie in with classic movies. This time he was able to predict which holiday themed film each of several different volunteers had selected, and he seemed to know the plot of every chosen movie as well.

Gerry Schiller’s 21st Century Silks had Xmas colors and then his Blendo produced a huge Santa Claus silk.

Brad Erickson cooked up some Christmas candy in his Dove Pan—with the help of an assistant from the group—and it all came with a good deal of humor.

And Bob Thomas closed the show with an amazing prediction pad.

So now the year will come to a close, and January will bring with it (we hope) lots of new magic for all. Our theme for the New Year is “My Favorite Trick of 2019.” We’ll see what each of the members selects—or maybe they’ll really be showing off a magical holiday present or two they discovered in their stocking.

Gerry Schiller

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## **Father Cyprian**

While numerous members of the clergy have also been avid practitioners of magic (and used magic in their ministries), several have distinguished themselves as performers, creators of magic, and writers on magical subjects.

One of these (who did all of these) was known to the magic community as Father Cyprian.

He was born December 13, 1938, in New Rochelle, New York as John Harvey Murray. His interest in magic began at the tender age of seven when he saw a western movie in which an actor (cowboy star Max Terhune) did ventriloquism and several magic tricks. While his interest in conjuring continued, he decided to pursue a career as a Catholic priest. He entered the Capuchin Franciscan Friars Novitiate in Milton, Massachusetts and adopted the religious name of Cyprian.

When he attended graduate school in Washington, D.C., he joined IBM Ring 50. He also became an active member of the S.A.M. Over the years he would serve as SAM chaplain and as national president from 1989-1990.

Father Cyprian was an avid card performer and experimented with card sleights throughout his career. He contributed many card effects to Karl Fulves' Pallbearers Review and to Epilogue, as well as Apocalypse and M-U-M In 1978, well known cardician Frank Garcia published "Bullseye" based on one of Fr. Cyprian's effects and in 1980 Garcia published The Elegant Card Magic of Father Cyprian.

Father Cyprian was a frequent performer and lecturer at magic conventions. As a contest chairman at a SAM convention he developed a model for judging stage contests—which was subsequently adopted by other magic organizations around the world. The SAM Stage Magic Competition is named for him and Assembly #1 honored him as "Magician of the year" in 1990.

Father Cyprian was an expert on magic as depicted in the movies and gave presentations on this subject. The many accolades that appeared after his death attest to his popularity. In the SAM News and Press release, Bruce Kalver wrote: "He was

dedicated to supporting young magicians and taught and mentored many. He was a joy to be with..." And in the obituary that appeared in Magic Magazine, Eric DeCamps wrote: "He was a great supporter and mentor to me. He was one of the few people I always relied on, whatever my concern may have been. Rest in Peace my dearest friend."

Father Cyprian died on April 8, 2015.

## MY FAVORITE ONE AHEAD

### **EFFECT**

Three index cards are shown, blank on both sides. You write the number one on the first and turn it over. You ask a participant to think of anything and you write it on the back of card number one. You then do the same with cards two and three.

### **WHY THIS ROUTINE?**

One ahead routines can be great, but... I always think about those people in an audience who are critical thinkers. They may not know exactly how you did it, but any time someone is revealing their thought of item before you reveal what you thought of, a little red flag goes up. One of the best ways to handle that is to “debunk” the problem in their mind. In this routine, you debunk this problem by writing the number on one side of the card and then apparently writing or drawing what they are thinking on the other side.

If you are interested in how this routine is done, come to one of our monthly meetings.

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