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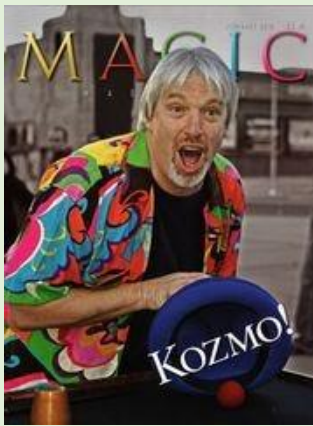
JUNE 2020

CARYL FLEMING IBM RING 21 NORTH HOLLYWOOD CALIFORNIA

Celebrating the enjoyment and camaraderie of magic since 1938!

DON'T MISS OUT: WHAT'S COMING UP!

Join us for our June Zoom meeting! We have a special lecture by the one and only KOZMO!



Kozmo is a world class street magic performer. He also runs one of the most cost effective online magic magazine websites:

www.reelmagicmagazine.com

NEW! SEE LINKS A COUPLE PAGES BELOW TO PRIVATE YOUTUBE VIDEOS FROM YOUR FRIENDS AND MEMBERS OF RING 21!

Also, an adaptation of Dr Daley's Last Trick by Karl Johnson in this issue!

DO YOU EVER SHOP ON AMAZON?

If so, then add our website link to your favorites and use the Amazon link at the bottom of our web page. Our club will get a referral bonus!

RING 21 CLUB MEETING:

First Thursday of the month

NEXT MEETING:

JUNE 4TH

7:00 PM

ZOOM

Look for email from Wendy Sobel for instructions. You can sign in to Zoom as early as 6:00 PM

We are on twitter!

@ibmring21

And the internet!

www.ibmring21.org



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

"Hello to all! Once again, I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and spirits. I wanted to say thanks to everyone who joined us for our May meeting. It was pretty loose and informal. We had a chance to catch up with each other, do a few tricks and generally just had a good time. (Much like regular meetings!)

As I'm sure you are aware, the country is slowly starting to open back up. Unfortunately, this does not include the church space we use for our June picnic. Also, St. Elizabeth's, our usual meeting spot, will be unavailable for the foreseeable future.

Therefore, our June meeting will be held online using the Zoom platform. Please join us as we have arranged a lecture with well-known magician Kozmo!

Our meeting will begin at 7:00pm, but the link will be live at 6:00pm. I strongly recommend (especially if you've never used Zoom) to sign in early and get settled before 7:00.

I hope you will join us for our first ever online lecture!

President

Bob Thomas

LINKS TO PRIVATE IBM 21 MEMBER VIDEOS

In light of Coronavirus shelter-in-place, we have asked members to upload some of their performances as private youtube videos. Below are some links:

4/27/2020: Bob Thomas: FUNNY book test with Lex participating:

<https://youtu.be/FQ-w0bOXSS4>

4/22/2020: Michael Larkin: A ninja ring routine I put together myself, and a great coin routine by Daryl.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bShYQju5Zqk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wyUg-UGhGIw>

4/21/2020: Karl Johnson: Fun and Funny performance that my 8 year old daughter and I did for her school talent show:

https://youtu.be/mkKwufGLB_Q

4/16/2020: Don Kinney: Short but hilarious interview at Kingsley Manor.

<https://fpkingsleymanor.oneday.com/Video/E3B7436B42>

4/18/2020: Jim Richardson: A fun card trick, and one of the longest card tricks:

<https://youtu.be/TptMf-XKe30>

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MAGIC RESOURCES

<p>MAGIC APPLE The best magic shop and one of the few Remaining “brick and mortars” around! 11390 Ventura Blvd Studio City, CA 91604 Also online: www.themagicapple.com</p>	<p>MAGIC ON THE GO Great magic instruction brought to you by our very own Steve Valentine: https://magiconthego.vhx.tv/</p>
<p>Westside Wizards Sam 291 Note: See www.westsidewizards.org for calendar of events Stoner Park OPICA Adult Day Care 11759 Missouri Ave, Los Angeles, CA</p>	<p>Mark Wilson IBM Ring 280 Note: See www.ibmring280.com for info and calendar The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clarita Valley 24909 Newhall Ave. Newhall, CA 91321</p>
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FIRST ZOOM MEETING

Like (probably) most rings, Ring 21 made the decision to meet via Zoom for its May meeting (the April meeting had been cancelled). And so members opened their computers or tablets or iPhones to join a “virtual” get together and navigate (for many of us) the strange world of communication via technology where you can never get a spectator to actually “take” a card!

Though it took a while to get everyone online and those who had not yet done a Zoom meeting to understand the technicalities, eventually most soon felt comfortable negotiating the new ritual.

One surprise was some of our members showing up on the screen—some of whom had not attended a meeting for many months! Among them were Gary Frieden, John Engman, and our Territorial VP Bob Weiss.

The start of the meeting was also delayed by lots of conversation, “catching up on news,” and gossip. We had decided there would not be a genuine “theme” so the magic consisted of a “free for all” series of tricks, with the emphasis on magic that could work if you were doing it without a live audience.

Erin Kabbash had discovered an old Juan Tamariz book that was written to include magic tricks that could be done for a radio audience and proceeded to do one called “The Impossible in Your Hand.” Soon everyone had their cards out and were

following his instructions to do a routine where a spectator was able to separate from a mixed packet of cards, the red from the black ones.

Elroy Coddling did a clever effect of a coin sealed (apparently) in a plastic bag that found its way out.

Lex Schwartz did two effects: penetrating a sharpie through a chosen (and marked) card and leaving no hole; as well as producing a deck of cards from nothing. All the members insisted he show us the method so he obliged and showed us the clever gimmick he had created using the black art principle in front of his dark shirt.

Gerry Schiller did a card trick—with multiple climaxes called “Further than Ever” which had come from Giobbi’s *Card College Lightest*.

Before the meeting closed, there was some sad news from Wendy Sobel: One of our long time members Ted Sudbrack (we all knew as “Suds”) had recently passed away. We will observe a “broken wand” ceremony at the next meeting.

So it looks like Ring 21 will be doing (for who knows how long) Virtual Meetings and perhaps some very creative magic.

Gerry Schiller

DR DAILY REVISITED

By Karl Johnson

EFFECT

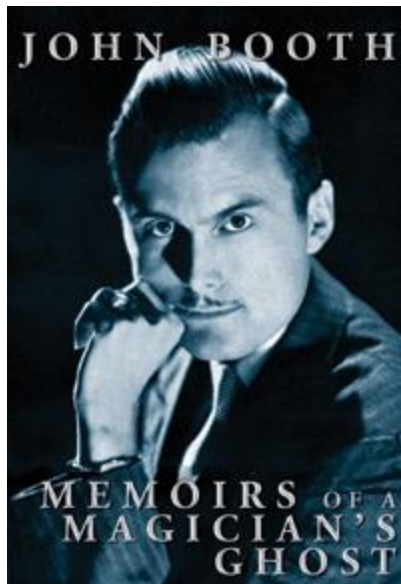
In the classic Dr Daily's Last Trick, four aces are shown, the performer appears to place the two red aces face down on a participant's hand and they are left with the two black aces. The pairs magically change places.

In this effect, a black King and black Queen, and a red King and red Queen are shown. The performer apparently places the black King and black Queen in the participants hand. They can see that the performer apparently has the red King and Queen in their hand. The two trade places.

What is different about this routine is that after you have apparently placed the black King and Queen in their hand, they apparently see the red King and Queen in your hand before they switch places.

If you would like to learn this effect, become a member of Ring 21 and ask for this newsletter with the explanation to be sent to you.

The Greats of Magic
A Series of Capsule Biographies of Famous Magicians
Compiled by Gerald Schiller



John Booth

On August 7, 1912, in Meadville, Pennsylvania, John Nicholls Booth first saw the light of day. He got his first magic set at the age of ten and by the time he was fifteen, was performing semi-professionally. In 1928, at the age of sixteen he joined the International Brotherhood of Magicians and would remain a member until his death in 2009—his eighty-one years as an IBM member setting a record (at the time) as quite possibly the longest running membership of anyone.

Early in his IBM tenure he started a column in *The Linking Ring* about magic history called “Memoirs of a Magician’s Ghost” and it would become a popular monthly article for many years.

Booth’s performance career moved from high school shows to nightclubs and hotels. At the same time he wrote the first two of his books, *Forging Ahead in Magic* (1939) and *Marvels of Mystery* (1941).

In the early 1940’s Booth decided to transition from a magical career to that of a Minister and after he finished a performing engagement, he enrolled in the Meadville Theological School—the seminary his father had attended thirty years before.

Yet John Booth did not totally give up magic. He continued to use his performing skills as part of his lectures and wrote articles and books on magic, as well as debunking psychic phenomena in his 1986 book, *Psychic Paradoxes*.

Booth was a frequent world traveler and met and befriended many of the luminaries of conjuring like Thurston and Cardini, as well as Lance Burton, Siegfried and Roy, and Harry Blackstone, Jr.

He met Japanese Emperor Akihito (at the time he was Crown Prince) and had him put his hands on Booth's Vanishing Birdcage just before the cage disappeared.

Booth's magic entertained nomads in Timbuktu and Tribesmen in New Guinea. In India he advertised and sought (in vain) to find a magician who could perform the legendary Indian Rope Trick.

Booth's continuing writing about magic and the careers of both the famous and the lesser known magicians earned him numerous awards including the John Nevil Maskelyne prize for literature from the Magic Circle in London, a Literary Fellowship from the Academy of Magical Arts (the Magic Castle), as well as a Lifetime Achievement Award in 1990. In 1983 the Society of American Magicians honored him by electing him to their Hall of Fame.

His most recent memoirs and works about magic include *Wonders of Magic*, *Dramatic Magic*, and *Conjurians' Discoveries*.

In his introduction to Booth's *Conjurians' Discoveries*, Norm Nielsen wrote, "I hope this book will instill in each of us the desire to make Magic an Art. . . by being inspired by others and developing our own individuality. We can make this profession even greater than it is already, by contributing the uniqueness that makes each of us special. This book can show us the way, Thank you, John Booth."

The popular and most prolific John Booth died on November 11, 2009, having reached his ninety-seventh year.

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