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The International Brotherhood of Magicians RING 21 Hollywood, California Newsletter

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## PERFORMANCE NIGHT YOUR FAVORITE NEW TRICK OF 2021

Perform or watch as everyone is invited to participate as our theme night is what did you get for Christmas or holidays or just perform your favorite effect from the previous year, 2021.

So on January 6th 7PM Click here to join us on Zoom!

See last page for another meeting happening!

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from the desk of the President ...

Happy 2022 to all!

Can you believe that we are already 20% through the 20s! Wow! I am super excited about 2022 and the ring. We already have some great events lined up for 2022 that we will be announcing soon... Including two incredible lectures!

Unfortunately our first meeting of the year, this Thursday, will be via Zoom and not in person. This is for two reasons. The first is that Omicron is on the rise and new cases are hitting all time highs after the Holiday Season. The CDC and WHO has asked to limit gatherings during this time so we can get past the holiday season. So limiting our meeting I think is a wise choice for the Ring. The second reason is that we are also still on the hunt for a consistent meeting spot. If any of our membership has ideas on where we could possibly do in person meeting in the coming months, please let us know as we have already exhausted a lot of options. Ideally we would like to trade a once a month magic show for the meeting venue instead of paying a cash rent to keep our membership dues affordable. Our board and myself are continuing to search for a location. So our members know, we have tried multiple venues but they just do not fit from a schedule, price or environment perspective. I am sure we will find a location soon and we will be sure to announce it just as soon as we do.

The first meeting of the year's theme is: What I got for Christmas or Favorite Trick of 2021!

Looking forward to hearing about everyone's Holiday Season and catching up on Thursday!

Best Regards,

Erin Kabbash

IBM Ring 21 President



## Upcoming Scheduled\* Events

**February**- Lecturer **SILLY BILLY**

**March**-Performance Night, romantic magic

**April**- Performance Night, our very own president Erin and our secretary Gerry put on their thinking caps and play as Penn & Teller as we all play that TV show P.T. FOOL US


**May**-Lecturer **DAN HARLAN**

**June**-Picnic TBA

**July**-National Convention TBA

**Silly Billy &  
Dan Harlan**

2/3 & 5/5 respectively  
Click [here](#) 7 pm on those dates  
Restrictions may apply, be there!



## NOV. LINKING RINGS REPORT - BY GERRY SCHILLER

With the exciting performance by Ben Seidman (at our October Banquet) still a vivid memory, and an offer by Ben to do a lecture as well, Ring 21's Board grabbed the opportunity. And when the Magic Castle informed us that their Peller Theater was available to us, we definitely couldn't resist.

So our members, as well as some potential new members, met on November 4 for a lecture by a very popular performer who (in his own words) admitted he "doesn't often do lectures."

Ben opened his lecture with the sudden appearance of a one-dollar silver coin from his apparently empty hands. His explanation was clear—and a bit surprising. He was merely using a series of hand palms (all quite well known) but several of them rarely used. Then he proceeded to vanish the coin using (basically) all the same sleights!

He then moved to his "Change 08." This is a most ingenious "coins across" using eight coins—two lines of four. He uses no shells or gaffed coins so they can be borrowed from the audience. As the coins travel across the table (one by one), he stacks the piles, and the beauty of the stacking is that audience members cannot (even from a short distance) determine what the exact number in each pile is, and this makes each step easier for the magician.

For a card trick that's a real stunner, he chose an untitled effect in which a "thought-of" card vanishes from the deck as the cards are fanned in front of your volunteer. Then he asks if anyone in the room has a deck of cards. His audience—mostly magicians—of course had several. When two or three removed their decks, and examined them, they found the spectator's card as an extra card in their own pocketed cards! Is this possible? Any magician reading this must realize that there is only one way this can be done. Yes, your guess is right, and it might make you angry. But in performance it is stunning to watch (and definitely hard to believe).

Ben finished with a favorite of his called the Oracle System. It involves two sets of Tarot Cards that eventually match. But the nucleus of the trick is the "personality reading" the magician does with his volunteer. The cards he has made to his specifications and they are

nicely designed and have a mystical quality to them. The instructions provide lots of ideas on how to do a “reading.” However, since “fortune telling” leaves me personally cold, this is not the kind of magic I would ever do. I even found it necessary to voice my own negativity (which I did at the lecture). Ben accepted my criticism but assured me that it can be very effective in performance.

Even audiences of highly enlightened, “scientific” people are charmed as they watch it. I suppose that a well-done piece of magic can appeal to audiences of all kinds.

## AND NOW THE DECEMBER LINKING RING REPORT, BY GERRY SCHILLER

Currently on the lookout for a new place to settle down for our “live” monthly meetings again, Ring 21 decided to try a convenient (to most members) local restaurant. After some searching, we chose the popular No-Ho Diner in North Hollywood.

And to make the location even more attractive for members to have dinner there, the board agreed to make a \$10 donation to each member for their meal. So with that as an inducement, we gathered at the diner for our holiday dinner—and of course added lots of conversation and even (of course) some magic.

With the restaurant closing at nine, there was mostly eating and conversation. The magic was generally one-on-one instead of stand-up or strolling.

Wendy Sobel showed several of us her version of Gemini Money in which four dollar bills are used to find the four aces in a deck, an effect she gave credit to several performers including Allan Ackerman and Eugene Burger. She also showed us a clever change bag in the guise of a Christmas stocking made for her by long-time member Lois Harmeyer.

Elroy Coddington, noted for his creative paper folding demonstrated how to turn a dollar bill into “Santa’s Boot,” and had several members learn to be proficient doing this skill.

Gerry Schiller had recently acquired Andy Nyman’s trick “The Moment.” It’s a charming packet trick with several different uses. In it two groups of cards contain identical sketches of performers from a circus or carnival (clowns, acrobats, jugglers). Even though one group (with red backs) is mixed and mixed, they totally match the order of another group (with blue backs).

We were pleased to have joining us Marta de la Guerra, whose husband, Robert, a valued ring member and officer, had recently passed away. Robert had left to the club a large collection of his magic effects. The effects went to raffle winners (something for each and every member) and we all got grab bags from Robert’s magic as well.

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And we also continued Robert's tradition of a holiday toy collection to go to his local firehouse that would be distributed to local needy kids.

Meeting at the diner was fun, but there were both some positives and some negatives. Ring 21 will continue to look for the perfect meeting spot as the new year begins. Stay tuned to find out what the future holds.

## The Greats of Magic

A Series of Capsule Biographies of Famous Magicians

by *Gerald Schiller*

**This Month  
featuring...**

**Dell O'Dell**



For some reason, magic has mainly been a career for men. Even today—compared to the number of men—only a small number of female performers appear regularly, and it seems a shame that a huge pool of feminine talent remains unseen.

Over the years, however, there have been several exceptions and undoubtedly one of the best was born October 20, 1902 in Wisconsin. Her name was Dell Newton but that name changed when her career in magic became widely recognized. Her performing name was Dell O'Dell.

Dell's family owned a Wild West tent show that toured with carnivals and her father was an amateur magician. Many magicians were hired to do specialty acts with the show and Dell persuaded several to share their secrets. When one performer told her "magic was not for girls," she became even more determined to become a magician.

She worked up an act, and, without telling her family, auditioned and was hired for thirty weeks of work!

Her act was a bit unusual since she used witty rhyming patter to accompany her tricks, and soon added lots of livestock: doves, rabbits, goldfish, dogs—and even chickens.

Her popularity quickly grew and she was soon traveling and doing as many as 47 shows in a week!

In New York, Dell set up her own little theater in the toy department at Macy's Department Store and she did regular kids' shows on a daily basis. (Interestingly, I first saw her perform at a department store in Philadelphia when I was about 12 years old).

Dell was noted for giving out all kinds of promotional material: booklets about her life, pamphlets with simple magic tricks and puzzles, and souvenirs—all promoting her and her act.

In 1936 she married juggler Charles Carrer whom she had met when they both were playing New York's Palace Theater. They bought a home in Woodside, Long Island and had it custom designed. They were noted for entertaining other performers and Dell was a skilled cook.

In addition to being a member of all the major magic societies, she formed her own group, the Dell O'Dell Friends of Magic Club, and it rapidly grew to 10,000 junior members and 7000 adult members all over the country.

In 1951 she and Charles moved to Santa Monica, California, and she was soon appearing in her own television shows with a live audience of children.

Dell maintained a busy schedule of performances for many years, even though in her fifties she had been diagnosed with cancer, but even during her visits to the hospital for examinations, she would entertain other patients.

She died on February 5, 1962 at the age of 59—just 48 hours after she had performed at a county fair.

Dell O'Dell was one of a kind. But most of all she paved the way for other women performers who would soon follow in her footsteps. Today we are seeing more and more women performing as magicians, and venues like the Magic Castle seem to be making major strides in hiring and training (through their magic classes) more and more skilled female talent.

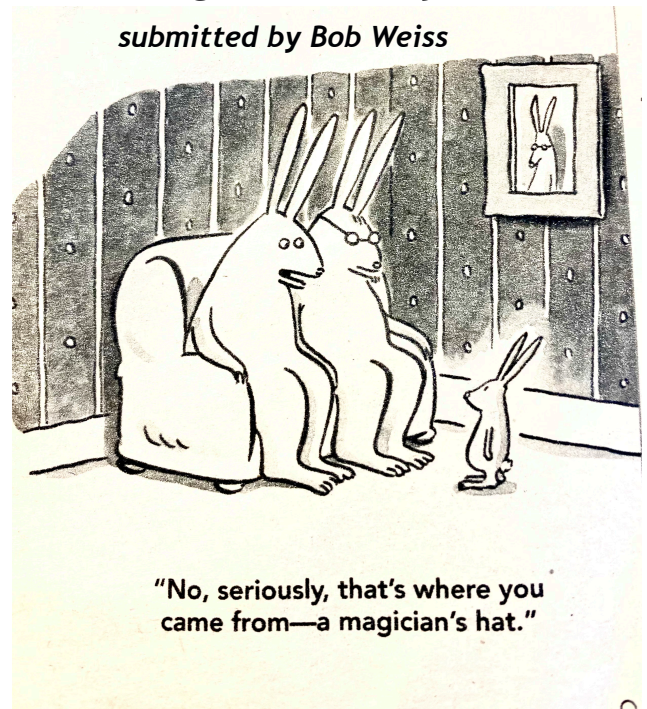


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*submitted by Bob Weiss*



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11759 Missouri Ave, Los Angeles, CA

### Mark Wilson IBM Ring 280

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Santa Monica Playhouse

[www.santamonicaplayhouse.com](http://www.santamonicaplayhouse.com)

1211 4th Street Santa Monica, CA, 90401

### Magic and Wine – David Minkin

Bardot

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### The Magic Castle

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2021-07-30: Lex The Illusionist performs an excellent Anniversary Waltz:  
<https://youtu.be/PuAwD2PukIE>

27/2020: Bob Thomas: FUNNY book test with Lex participating:  
<https://youtu.be/FQ-w0bOXSS4>

4/22/2020: Michael Larkin: A ninja ring and a great coin routine by Daryl.

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

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

4/21/2020: Karl Johnson: He and his 8 year old daughter give a fun performance for her school talent show:

[https://youtu.be/mkKwufGLB\\_Q](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 the longest card trick:

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

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