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I.B.M. TO CHANGE NAME

The International Brotherhood of Magicians a.k.a. I.B.M. is no more! That's right as the word *Brotherhood* is not considered P.C. in the twenty first century. So what's the new name? We will now be I.A.M. which stands for the International Association of Magicians. S.A.M. had no comment.

DAN HARLAN REPLACEMENT

We had to bump Dan Harlan to make way for a most unusual request we probably have ever had. David Copperfield contacted us and asked if he could lecture for us, mainly a question and answer session and we couldn't let him or us down. Look for Dan sometime soon!

MAGIC CASTLE SOLD TO MARRIOTT

The offer was just too good. Marriott has to keep the castle as is, as it's a historical landmark, but the parking lot we know will be no more. Construction has actually begun for a huge new hotel there as well as parking. When the Larsens' were questioned about this the reply was they didn't even know it was for sale. And seriously, all these stories are April Fool's Day news, although the *real* late breaking Magic Castle news and more is inside...

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PERFORMANCE NIGHT

Have you seen Penn & Teller's Fool Us! the TV show on The CW(Fridays' 8 PM in L.A., or stream it free on the CW app) and if you haven't, *what?!?*

Well we are going to have our very own President and Secretary, Erin and Gerry respectively play those roles of PT. So c'mon and try to stump them for the coveted F U Award!

and it's all **LIVE!**
In person this Thursday April 7th!!
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[11430 Chandler Blvd, North Hollywood, CA 91601](#)

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By Gerald Schiller

Sayings, adages, maxims—the world is full of them. From the Bible, Shakespeare, Aesop, and even from that neighbor across the street.

Some are profound, some are witty, and some even contradict others. I have noticed that there are some that, with a bit of creativity, can have some special resonance for magicians.

So, herewith I provide some words of wisdom, especially designed for our magic community.

A friend in need is a friend who has a thumb tip when you forgot yours.

A person is known by the friends he keeps, so keep your magician friends to a minimum.

Cleanliness is next to godliness so avoid the dirty jokes at the church picnic show.

Who steals my purse steals trash—but who steals my act steals my cash.

Give a guy enough rope and he'll start doing the Professor's Nightmare.

A fool and his money are soon parted and should definitely avoid the Dealers' Room at the magic convention.

Age before beauty, but in your show always bring out the pretty assistant before you start doing those old linking rings.

The devil finds work for idle hands; that's why sleight of hand performers rarely become car thieves, burglars, or even used car salesmen.

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder but for an assistant it also helps if she fits in your Zig Zag illusion.

Fools rush in where angels fear to tread, which must be why I've never seen an angel show up in my kid show audiences.

All you need is love—but a few well paying shows can also help.

A bird in the hand is perfect—if you do dove productions.

He gives twice who gives quickly—and thrice if he adds a good tip.

The pen is mightier than the sword, but for a mentalist a good nail writer can be even better.

See Gerrys' Part II next month in [The Fleming Flashpaper](#)

The Greats of Magic

A Series of Capsule Biographies of Famous Magicians

by Gerald Schiller

**This Month
featuring...**

Isaac Fawkes



Although he was active more than 300 years ago and is hardly known today, Isaac Fawkes was a highly important figure in magic history. Harry Houdini referred to him in a book debunking many tricks Robert-Houdin claimed to have originated, and, more recently, magician Ricky Jay included Fawkes in the 1995 edition of his quarterly publication, Jay's Journal of Anomalies.

Fawkes was born in England probably around 1675, but little is known about his early life. The first printed reference to him is in a newspaper article in 1711 and it describes him doing the cups and balls and finishing by turning the balls into living birds. It also mentions him doing an egg bag routine and producing from the bag "hundreds of eggs and at last a living hen."

Ricky Jay also discovered a doggerel poem at the Huntington Library in San Marino that mentions Fawkes pulling many colored ribbons from his mouth, producing eggs from a bag, then gold and silver coins, and finally a wild fowl!

In 1722 Fawkes was described as having a booth at the famous Bartholomew Fair, exhibiting his many effects which included the egg bag, flinging cards into the air and having them become birds, and changing the spots and pictures on playing cards before the eyes of amazed spectators.

By 1723 his reputation had grown rapidly. He was doing three (or more) shows a day and he had added a young boy (probably his son) doing acrobatics and performing an act on the slack wire.

Fawkes was apparently earning large sums of money and had become very well known all over London. He had added an early projection device (no doubt projecting lantern slides) and was in demand performing for royalty as well as ordinary folk.

Soon he had included in his repertoire an amazing effect where he threw cards to the ceiling where they stuck and only dropped when "he calls them down by their names one by one."

In 1732 the Daily Post announced that Fawkes would be performing an effect where a tree would grow in a flower pot and produce fruit in a matter of a few minutes. When Houdini discovered this in his research, he realized that Robert-Houdin's claim to have originated the "Orange Tree Illusion" was not true since Fawkes's version had existed over a hundred years earlier.

Interestingly, in a newspaper comment on Fawkes' magic, the common expression: "the hand is quicker than the eye" is probably first used. In 1726 an anonymous journalist wrote, "when you first saw the famous Fawkes perform his Dexterity of Hand, I doubt not but it appear'd wonderful that a Man's Actions should be quicker than your Eyes and yet. .. you will soon become Master of these seeming Mysteries."

Isaac Fawkes died on May 25, 1731. He had amassed a fortune of over 10,000 pounds—a vast sum of money in those days. His son took over his act but little can be found about his career.

It is truly amazing, however, that so many effects of Isaac Fawkes' magic remain as staples of magicians to this very day.

And now ladies and gentlemen...our new LIVE meeting place the
North Hollywood Recreation Center

Covid Rules for City Park Meeting Place for April 7th's meeting:

1. Masks On. 2. Proof of Vaccine. 3. Social Distance of 3 feet.

Using the 170 FWY exit Magnolia Blvd. by the SW corner of Tujunga Ave. and Chandler Blvd. in North Hollywood (10 mins. N of The Magic Castle)



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Upcoming Scheduled* Events

April 7- Performance Night, ERIN & SCHILLER, FOOL US!

April 9th-Masters of Illusion returns on the CW

April 23rd-Magic Castle Swap Meet

May 5-Lecturer **DAN HARLAN**

June 2-Picnic TBD

July 13-16-National Convention Updated See page 9

Don't be smitten by a magician/
comedian named Chris who
will's it to rock the news because
no publicity is bad publicity as
long as they spell your name
right.



MARCH LINKING RING REPORT - BY GERRY SCHILLER

RING 21 members (for hopefully one of the final Zoom Meetings) once again tuned in via computer for our March meeting. Since we will shortly go to Daylight Saving, and since we seem to have located a new venue, it looks like we may all be getting together soon in the “flesh.”

So, with fingers crossed, we discussed the new location—North Hollywood Recreation Center.

And since the March meeting fell just between Valentine’s Day and St. Patrick’s, we gave performing members the choice of a red motif that symbolized hearts and the green for the Irish. But apparently no one got the message.

But first there were raffle giveaways that included a pack of gaffed cards (with needed instructions), a red rose that morphed into a red silk, and the always popular “mental” baby picture that stood for “almost” any image of a famous person.

Wendy Sobel did provide some romance with a really large Botanica of red roses that made a dramatic appearance. Bob Thomas had discovered a very good feature of a drawer box: a button on the back that locked the load and gave him more flexibility when he did it. Gerry Schiller had recently acquired Spidey’s A-B-See cards and performed several mental effects with it that are quite exciting (See photo below). He tried to keep with the holiday theme by sketching the chosen cards on green St. Patrick’s Day napkins.

Our future calendar will include a lecture by Dan Harland in May (though due to his home it will again be via Zoom). But April should be fascinating since it will be done in person. In April President Erin Kabbash and Secretary Gerry Schiller will play the roles of Penn and Teller and members will be challenged to do a trick that will “Fool Them.” It may work out to be a lot of fun, and certainly will provide some surprises, but—speaking as one who will be on the spot—Erin and I may prove to end up as two magicians with lots of egg on our faces.

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See Dan Harlan

5/5/22

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7 pm P.T. start
Restrictions may
apply, be there!

This really is late breaking news regarding The Magic Castle. Actually big news as the property has been purchased from the Glover family by Randy Pitchford, the nephew of Cardini and current owner of Genii Magazine. He also purchased The Magic Castle trademark name. Milt Larsen and his niece Erika Larsen are to jointly form a new business entity to run the castle and the existing board and officers would continue. Great news!!!!

← **WOW NEWS**
the castle's lease disappears!

*above refers to Glover lease
due to this late breaking news
please check other sources for accuracy*



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Ken Scott, International President

And as a member *wherever* you travel you can attend these RING meetings!

ALSO

WE WILL BE HAVING

EXTRA GIVEAWAYS

AND GIFT BAGS FOR

ANYONE WHO ATTENDS

AND



but wait there's more news...

Many years we met at the Bob Baker Marionette Theater in Silver Lake. They closed and relocated and have been putting on a festival that's free for everyone as they give their appreciation back to the community. This year's event is at the L.A. State Park, for it's the

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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

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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