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Regular meetings are on the 1st

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Thursdays' of each month at

7:00 pm.usually via this

Zoom Link when not in person:

RING 21 ZOOM Meetings



HAPPY NEW YEAR



Your Favorite Trick of 2022 Performance Night

LIVE in person 7pm at The Coral Cafe

3321 W Burbank Blvd, Burbank, CA 91505

We'll be having the Don Kenney raffle prizes too so perform what you will for this night of magic! We'll be in the back room for tonight's meeting as we continue to look for a more permanent place starting in February. Hope to see all you there! **Thursday, Jan. 5 at 7pm.**

Wendy will also be doing a pre-meeting workshop on rope magic. Others may want to do cards, etc. before Charles calls our meeting to order. Food, drinks, desserts and more to order!

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THE GREATS OF
MAGIC

by member
GERRY SCHILLER

Learn more about a
famous magician

Comic Strips, Links,
Banquet Photo & More
Inside too!



MOST OF THE YEAR, MAGIC REINDEER AREN'T THAT MUCH FUN

I know you're busy but just pick a card, any card.

You would say this is one piece of rope, wouldn't you? Wouldn't you?

Behold ... an ordinary unbroken ring!



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Upcoming Scheduled* Events

January- Your favorite trick of 2021, Performance Night

February- Valentine's Day Magic-Performance Night

March-Lecturer TBA

April- I.B.M. Jam-at the [Burbank Elks Lodge](https://www.burbankelkslodge.org/)

May-[Los Magicos](https://www.losmagicos.com/) Night-Performance Night

June-Lecturer TBA

July-I.B.M. Convention-Pittsburg [ibmconvention.com](https://www.ibmconvention.com/)

August-Initiation Night and ???

September-Elections and 1930's Theme Night-Performance Night

October-Annual Banquet

www.ibmring21.org



These steps are listed on our Membership Charter,
representing our Goals and Accomplishments.

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- Linking Ring Magazine
- Monthly Meetings
- Conventions
- Lectures
- Contests
- Workshops

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*May this year bring you good health, happiness and prosperity filled
with lots of magic and good times!*

Ring in the new year with RING 21 this Thursday live in person!

The Greats of Magic

A Series of Capsule Biographies of Famous Magicians
by Gerald Schiller

**This Month
featuring...**

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.

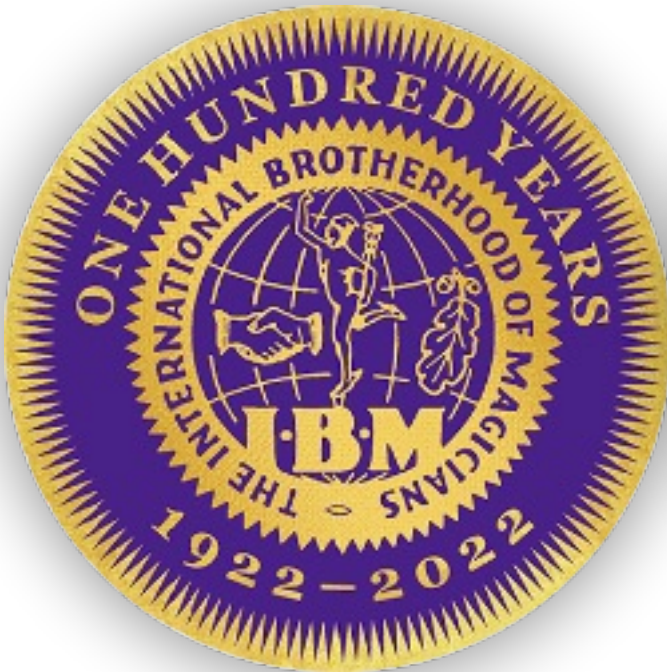
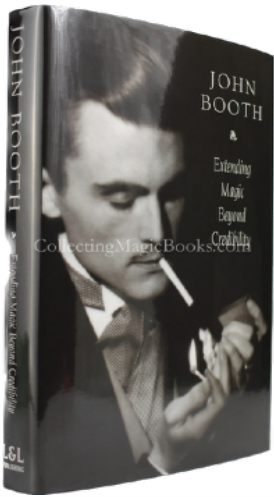
Booth’s magic entertained nomads in Timbuktu and Tribesmen in New Guinea. In India he advertised and sought (in vain) to find a magician who could perform the legendary Indian Rope Trick.

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 Conjurers' Discoveries.

In his introduction to Booth's Conjurers' 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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RING 313 ORANGE COUNTY
ring313.org

RING 96 LONG BEACH
<https://www.ring96.com/>

OTHER LOCAL MAGIC MEETINGS

SAM 291 WEST LA
www.westsidewizards.org

SAM ASSEMBLY 22. DUARTE
<https://sites.google.com/view/magicsam22/home>

Orange County Magic Club
theocmc.com

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THE MAGIC APPLE-magic shop
11390 Ventura Blvd
Studio City, CA 91604
Also order online:
www.themagicapple.com

MAGIC ON THE GO
Magic instruction by Steve Valentine
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PERFORMANCES ONLINE

Lex The Illusionist performs an excellent Anniversary Waltz: <https://youtu.be/PuAwD2PukLE>

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

Michael Larkin: Ninja ring Daryl coin routine
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bShYQju5Zqk>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wyUg-UGhGlw>

Karl Johnson and daughter give a fun performance:
https://youtu.be/mkKwufGLB_Q

Don Kinney: Short hilarious interview at Kingsley Manor.
<https://fpkingsleymanor.oneday.com/Video/E3B7436B42>