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Meetings held 1st Thursdays' of each month & Board meetings on the 3rd Thursdays' via the link below all starting at 7 pm

[RING 21 Teams/Microsoft Board Meeting link](#)
All welcome



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Catered Free Holiday Dinner & Magic Performances

Thursday, Dec 4th 7 p.m. at

Holy Virgin Mary Orthodox Cathedral
AUDITORIUM

[650 Micheltorena St, Los Angeles, CA 90026](#)

Click above for driving directions

Free parking in their lot but a \$5 venue fee to help offset the rental fee

This year we will be providing ALL the food & beverages & desserts!!

Of course you're welcome to bring any of your favorite beverages as well family & friends

And try to bring an unwrapped toy or sports equipment for we're collecting to give to a local fire department for Spark of Love, a tradition we've been doing for many years (started by Robert DeLaGuerra) as an outreach program helping those at this time of year.

And speaking of this time of year...
Holiday Performance Night is the theme, but you can do whatever lifts your spirits!

It's RING 21's Annual...

Catered ~~Free~~ Holiday Dinner

followed by

Holiday Magic or your choosing

Ring 21 will be serving up
generous portions of fire grilled
chicken, meat, beans & rice along
with macaroni, potato salad &
more from Pop's Chicken.

(Please note no need to bring food this year!)

And we'll be supplying drinks and desserts too,
**THIS IS OPEN TO EVERYONE AND THERE WILL
BE NO CHARGE (EXCEPT THE VENUE FEE)** ➤

**PLUS RAFFLE PRIZES,
Camaraderie and good
cheer!**



Try to bring an unwrapped toy or sports equipment (\$10 value) for underserved children and teens that we'll be giving to a local fire department for Spark of Love, a yearly tradition Robert DeLaGuerra started and we continue.

*Help the LACoFD
spark joy
this holiday season!*



Over the years, the Spark of Love Toy Drive has successfully collected and distributed nearly 11 million toys. Let's make this year's holiday season even brighter by delivering joy to those who need it most!

Check out our very own

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Flickr Account & YouTube Channel



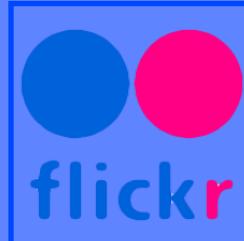
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Hard to believe it's been almost four years ago that Randy Pitchford purchased the Magic Castle, along with the intellectual property rights to the castle name and the 33 room Magic Hotel next door and the parking lot and an adjacent apartment building- all for only 50 million dollars. Randy Pitchford has said he wants to bring the spirit of the Magic Castle to other cities like Las Vegas, New York even internationally and to open the doors a bit more so that not every venue needs to be members only so to give magic a wider audience. He also announced that he plans to spend \$10 million more into the Magic Castle in Hollywood.

In Chicago there's a new \$50 million gigantic magic venue coming in the spring of 2026 called The Hand & The Eye. It's planned at 36,000 square feet making it the world's largest magic venue with seven theaters including bars, dining rooms, secret passages and other hidden surprises.

Unconfirmed but I hear Michael Ammar is head of bookings.



Since 1938



Upcoming Scheduled* Events

December-Catered Dinner FREE* for all so invite friends, family, neighbors, etc. This year no need to bring food or beverages although you can bring your favorite beverage for our holiday party!

Holiday Magic Performances-open to all to perform.

Plus Spark of Love donations of an unwrapped toy or sports equipment collected *\$5 venue fee

January-Performance Night-Your favorite trick from 2025 or what was a new holiday magic gift trick

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*subject to change

This year the Board announces three brand NEW award categories to be awarded at the banquet in October 2026 and they are:

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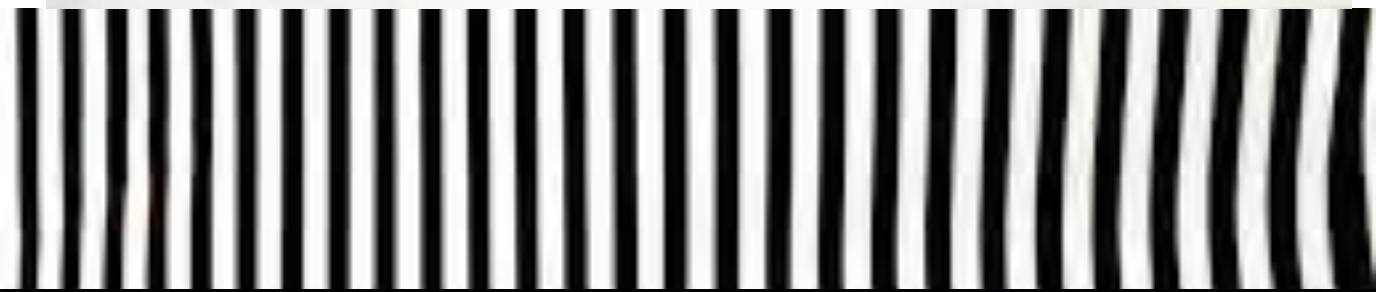
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STROLLING

Dates and further details forthcoming.

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NOVEMBER

LINKING RING REPORT

BY BOB WEISS

President Bob Weiss began the meeting talking about last month's banquet with everyone agreeing it was great food, a great room, great raffle prizes (some donated by the magic store The Magic Apple in Studio City), great entertainment by Jay Scott Berry and a big possibility that the club will return to El Mariachi Grill again next year. Bob introduced a couple new members as well as other news and information and then he introduced the visiting International president of I. B. M. Stephen Levine. He talked about the upcoming summer convention next year in St. Louis as well as the new updated website coming soon and other benefit offerings that the international provides for our members besides The Linking Ring Magazine.

Then it was onto our main presentation for the night. And it was to be Jay Scott Berry's last lecture ever. He began with his 18 minute Magic Castle close-up performance that he did at the castle and then he went and showed us step by step how it worked. It was filled with so much magic from silk appearances and disappearances combined with balls, rings and his magic wand. And so smooth it seemed effortlessly, real magic! He showed using a special topit that he created on both the right and left sides of the jacket with a zipper to make it a sure fire catch. Jay Scott also showed us a special gimmick that was invisible in the hand for vanishes and appearances that he created and later sold. The lecture lasted for about two hours and seemed to go very quickly. Because he had some items for sale there were no raffle prices held this night. Everyone seemed to have a great time and it was very well attended. Next month will be our holiday party with holiday magic and feast.



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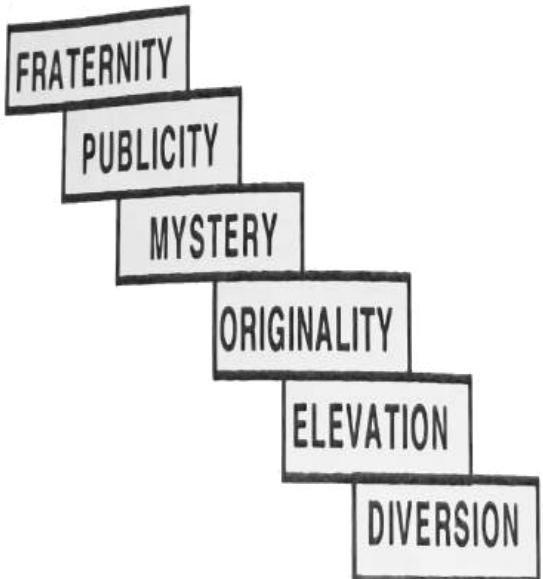
President-Bob Weiss

Member At Large- John Kowalczyk

Member At Large-Louis Lave

As of 11/28

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

**Starting in 2026
we will try with
no venue fees!

Instead perhaps
buy a raffle
ticket or donate
a prize!**

ATTENTION

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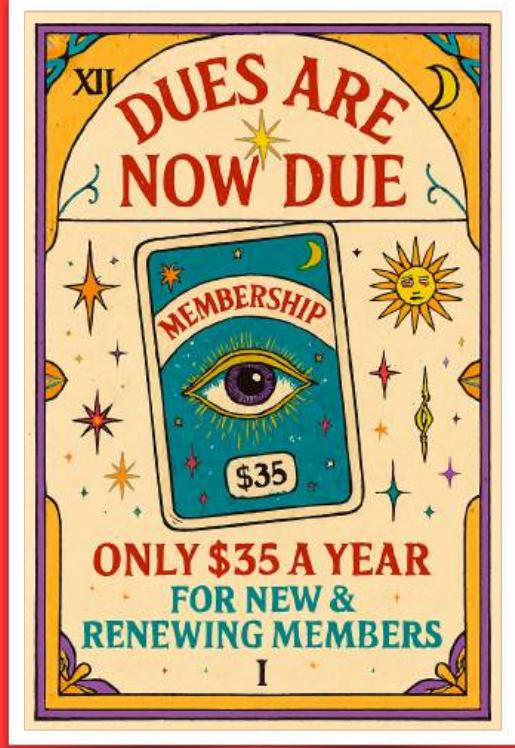
Showcase Your Skills After The Meeting!

Calling all magicians!



After our meetings, Manny will be ready to record anyone who wants to perform a quick, 30-second or so magic effect/trick or illusion for a fun Instagram Reels video project.

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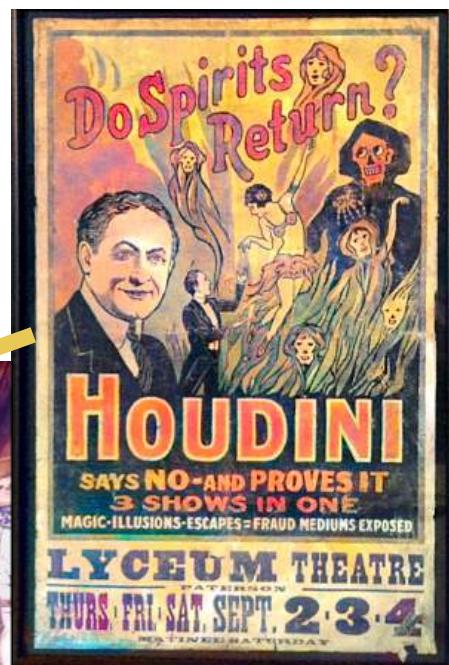
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In the movie The Wizard of Oz version that is playing at Las Vegas's Sphere, Houdini makes a cameo appearance, well in the form of the poster shown below. It's in Professor's Marvel's caravan where Dorothy gets "read" to go home to Aunt Em right before the big twister scene. To make that scene more immersive, they like in other scenes add footage that replicates the original smaller movie that was shot at standard aspect ratio of 1.37:1 (close to 4:3). Although the original was not widescreen, modern releases included digitally re-mastered versions in higher resolutions, such as 4K Ultra HD, by scanning the original negatives. For its 75th anniversary, a 3D IMAX version was also created through a digital conversion process. To adapt it for the Sphere's unique 160,000 square-foot screen-about four football fields big and at a 16K resolution display, they used generative AI techniques like "outpainting" to create new visual information beyond the original frame. And that's how Houdini makes his appearance in one of the most magical movies ever made.



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Community OUTREACH



A Magical Mission of Healing and Joy

Last month, our very own Dr. John Kowalczyk, proud Member-at-Large of RING 21, brought his unique blend of medicine and magic to the children's department at the MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center. Accompanied by his dedicated *magical medical team*, Dr. Kowalczyk transformed the hospital into a stage of wonder, performing illusions and sleight-of-hand that lifted spirits and sparked laughter.

For children facing difficult treatments and long recoveries, the visit was more than entertainment—it was a reminder of hope and joy. Young patients' eyes lit up with amazement as the children got a much-needed escape from the challenges of hospital life.

Dr. Kowalczyk's visit exemplifies the heart of RING 21: using the art of magic not only to astonish audiences but also to heal, inspire, and bring comfort where it's needed most. His compassionate outreach reminds us that sometimes the greatest trick of all is turning worry into wonder, and tears into laughter.

Happy New Year! 2026



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Club Speaker

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Bluetooth 5.3, 80 W,
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20 hours playtime

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PERFORMANCES ONLINE

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

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>

Jim Richardson: A fun card trick & longest card trick:<https://youtu.be/TptMf-XKe30>
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