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Gregory Wilson Lecture

Thursday, April 2nd 7 p.m. at

Holy Virgin Mary Orthodox Cathedral
AUDITORIUM

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

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Widely considered one of the most high-energy and practical lecturers in the magic world, winner of two F.I.S.M. Awards, a recipient of the coveted "FU" trophy, known for his "on-the-spot" philosophy, he focuses on organic magic using everyday objects like pens, coins, coffee cups, and wallets. Not only will we learn from this lecture but we will also see a great performance.

PLUS RAFFLE PRIZES

RING 21 Hollywood presents another

SUPERSTAR[★]LECTURER

Gregory Wilson is highly decorated in the competitive world of magic, holding some of the industry's most prestigious honors:



Two FISM Awards (The "Olympics of Magic"): **2nd Place** in Close-up Card Magic (2003) & **3rd Place** in Close-up Card Magic (2000), International Brotherhood of Magicians (IBM): Named Most Creative Magician of the Year, Winner of Penn & Teller's "Fool Us" award and frequent performer and nominee at the world-famous **Magic Castle** here in Hollywood.

His lecture is also a show so be prepared to learn, be amazed and entertained!

Gregory also will have several products available to purchase.

Some of his effects: Hundy 500 Exact Change Recap (and Recapped) Revolution On the Spot Pointless and literally hundreds more!

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GREGORY WILSON'S LECTURE TOUR

"THINGS I CARRY AND USE"

FROM CLOSE-UP TO STAND-UP, THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.

Just like the title reveals, this lecture uses things that fit in his pockets and are found around him, ever-ready for spur-of-the-moment astonishments.

Continuing on his impromptu work from *Off the Cuff* and *On the Spot*, Greg teaches how to convert everyday objects into devastating weapons of deception.

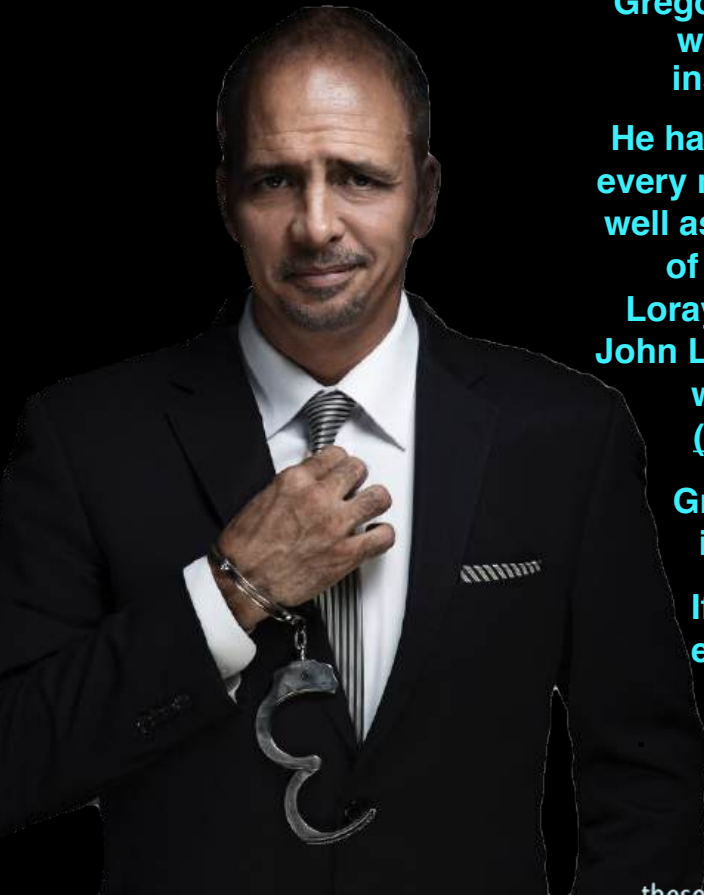
The emphasis here is on ENTERTAINMENT. Just because it's called a lecture doesn't mean it has to be dry and academic. You'll experience a rip-roaring, laugh-out-loud, audience-involving show!

Gregory Wilson is a two-time FISM award-winner with dozens of best-selling instructional videos on the market.

He has contributed his original routines to every major magic magazine in the world as well as a full chapter in Paul Harris' *The Art of Astonishment*, a chapter in Harry Lorayne's *Best of Friends 3*, a chapter in John Lovick's *Switch* and a chapter in the wildly popular *Magic For Dummies*. (Just don't hold that one against him).

Greg is also consistently on the top ten inventors list at Penguin Magic.

If you've never seen him lecture, he emphasizes the lue of entertainment with his course of instruction by delivering a rip-roaring, fast-paced, high-energy, laugh-out-loud, audience-involving SHOW.



Penn & Teller to Become "Penn, Teller & Weiss": The Era of the Trio Begins

LAS VEGAS — In a move that has sent shockwaves through the magic community and the Las Vegas Strip, legendary duo **Penn & Teller** announced this morning that they are officially expanding. Starting this month, the iconic pair will become a permanent trio, welcoming longtime collaborator and local figure **Bob Weiss** as a full partner in the act.

The new show, tentatively titled *Penn, Teller & Weiss: Three's Company, Two's Silent*, marks the first time in over 40 years that the group has permanently altered its lineup.

"We realized that after four decades, we were simply running out of hands," Penn Jillette explained in a press release. "Teller doesn't talk, I don't stop talking, and we needed Bob to provide the crucial third pillar of... whatever it is he's going to do. Mostly, he's there to hold the heavier deck of cards."

The New Dynamic

According to backstage sources, the transition was seamless. While Penn will continue his role as the vocal frontman and Teller will remain the master of silent illusions, Weiss is expected to fill the "Middle-Man" niche. Early rehearsals suggest his primary duties will include:

- Refereeing arguments about physics.
- Providing a second person for Teller to ignore.
- Ensuring the "Magic Bullet" trick doesn't actually hit anyone this time.

Local Reactions

The news has left fans both baffled and delighted. "I've seen the show sixty times," said one local enthusiast. "I always felt like there was a Bob-shaped hole on that stage. Now, finally, the geometry of the Rio Hotel and Casino makes sense."

The trio is expected to debut their new three-man card trick, which reportedly requires **156 cards** and a very sturdy table, later this week.



From the Desk of the Editor: A New Era (and a New Name)

It isn't every day that we get to announce a change of this magnitude. As many of you know, our very own **Bob Weiss** has been a cornerstone of this club for years. However, destiny — and a very specific set of sleight-of-hand skills — has called him to a much larger stage.

Effective immediately, we are officially losing Bob to the bright lights of the Las Vegas Strip. While we are saddened to see him go, we couldn't be prouder to see the world-famous duo become a trio. It's a transition that makes perfect sense: Penn brings the noise, Teller brings the silence, and Bob brings the balance.

Please join us in wishing Bob the best of luck as he joins **Penn & Teller** permanently. We look forward to seeing "The Trio" in action during their upcoming world tour.

NEW RELEASE: MAGIOPOLY – The World's First Self-Vanishing Board Game!

Are you tired of the same old property disputes? Ready to make your opponent's hotel disappear into thin air? **Bob Weiss** is proud to announce the exclusive pre-release of **Magiopoly**, the board game where the rules are as fluid as a French Drop! Developed in collaboration with the newest member of the world's most famous magic trio, this isn't just a game—it's an illusion.

What's in the Box?

The "Invisible" Board: Features iconic locations like *The Magic Castle*, *The Rio Vegas*, and *Houdini's Water Tank*.

Custom Tokens: Choose from a **Top Hat**, a **Rabbit**, a **Sponge Ball**, or a **Thumb Tip**.

"Misdirection" & "The Reveal" Cards: These replace Chance and Community Chest. (Warning: Some cards are marked; use at your own risk).

Currency: \$10,000 in "Phantom Bucks"—they look real until they're subjected to a blacklight.



Game Features

The Metamorphosis Rule: Why go to Jail when you can switch places with the player in first?

Sleight of Hand Clause: If you can swap your property deed without anyone noticing, it is legally yours until the end of the round.

The Grand Finale: The game officially ends when the entire board vanishes—usually right after someone rolls a double six.

Pricing & Tiers

Standard Edition: \$39.99

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The card rises to the top every time. So does the rent.	

How to Order

This offer is strictly limited and expected to vanish faster than a coin in a thumb tip.

Secure yours at: www.PennTellerAndWeissMagic.com/shop/magicopoly

Or see **Bob Weiss** at the next club meeting for a live demonstration. Please bring your own wallet, but do not expect to leave with it.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: LIMITED EDITION SHIPMENT

Please read the following carefully before finalizing your purchase.

The "Invisible Edition" Disclaimer: Due to the high-level craftsmanship involved in the "Invisible Edition," please be advised that the physical contents (board, tokens, and currency) have been treated with a proprietary refractive coating. If your box arrives appearing empty, **do not panic**. This indicates the illusion is working at peak performance. Under no circumstances will refunds be issued for "missing components" that are simply too well-hidden for the untrained eye to see.

"The most honest game in Vegas. We tell you we're going to cheat you, and then we do!" — **Penn Jillette**



HAPPY EASTER



April Fools' Day has been celebrated for centuries, but its exact origin remains a mystery. One theory suggests it dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, moving the start of the new year from April 1 to January 1. As a result, people who continued to celebrate the new year on April 1 were mocked as "April fools." So don't believe pages 3 & 4.



Free Magic Show

Every Wednesday at

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Go to <https://openmicmagic.com/> and get your free tickets. You can even perform or just watch. It's magicians from all over the world and quite entertaining!

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.

This is your chance to shine and share your magic with the world. Join in and let the magic happen!

Did you know that the clapboard (pictured above was invented by a RING 21 member? Leon Leon, son of the Great Leon, was a cameraman for many movies like Gone With The Wind and it was he who invented the clapboard by wrapping tape to two sticks. This is still used in every movie or TV production although many have gone digital.



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FEBRUARY & MARCH

LINKING RING REPORTS

BY MANNY D'MAGO

Our February and March meetings was excitingly fresh full and full of unbelievable lectures, lots of unbelievable strolling magic performances from our members and great raffle prizes. Any less and we wouldn't be Hollywood's best magic club, Ring 21!

As usual, our President Bob Weiss, announced on our February meeting that our strolling performance night for March will consist of a contest between our members, where they'll be going head to head, in a make believe restaurant/bar environment! Members will compete for an award to be presented at our annual banquet for 2026. It was definitely a bewildering evening in the making done in the style that only a Ring 21 can create, truly worthy of the red velvet ropes and Oscars. Lots of originality so read on!


In keeping the tradition of star studded evenings, for our February meeting, legendary student of the great Slydini and Penn & Teller Fooler Tony Clark came to our club to give a lecture that was nothing short of unconceivable!

Our February lecture started off with a mind-bending demonstration of some the best effects Tony Clark had to offer from his unique lecture notes. Some very slick sleight of hand that demonstrated how easily one can learn to fool the eyes of your spectators with total ease!

A choice routine he demonstrated began with a little history of his developed love affair with magic. He told his us how went from body builder to meeting the legend, Tony Slydini. As the story continued, so did the routine, with coin magic only a legend and his protégé can bring. Coins appeared and vanished and they materialized again, leaving me and the rest of us watching in total awe! There's also the little subtle touch of psychology mixed with misdirection to complete the package into a beautiful effect!

Honestly, there were so many excellent effects that trying to name them all to you all reading this would melt my brain just thinking about it, so I'll name a few more so I can preserve my brain cells from deteriorating! Tony had a raising card effect that could only be described as baffling and way too clean and practical. He walk us through the effect and we were all stuck in amazement that was nothing that clean could ever be that fooling...but it is!

Tony Clark also showed us the inner workings of his "Fool Us" effect he used to fool Penn & Teller! Needless to say, we were like kids at story time hanging at his every word to pick apart his act...Truly an act for the ages!



Tony also showed us a knife swallowing effect for any close-up situation. It's technically fooling because of its simplicity and how impossible it looks. An awesome effect that makes you cringe and is magically delicious at the same time...YIKES! After revealing to us the how, it's totally understandable how one can instantly want to perform it and begin using it at a close up situation. A great effect!

As the night went on, there was another effect that involved some wads of paper towels and a total masterclass in misdirection. Tony appeared to have taken a bunch of paper towels from a roll and made them vanish, literally in front of my face. (Yes, in front of my face because I was volunteered to participate in the effect.) The trick, however, also involved the audience to be in on it so it became a fun effect that came with lots of laughs.

Coming to the tail end of Tony's effects, he went over a couple of other effects that are available in his lecture notes and busted out a few more instruments of mind-bending manipulation. Some of these effects involved some rope magic, some mentalism using a box of crayons and also, of course, smooth, classical sleight of hand. Tony brought a pack o' matches that seemed to defy the laws of physics by going thru solid matter, such as your hands. Displaying, once again, why he is a legend!

After he concluded his lecture, everyone was rushing to buy his effects and take pictures with Tony and his very prestigious "Fool Us" trophy, (myself included). Tony literally came out of lecture retirement as a favor to me personally because he is such a good friend of mine and is also my mentor. The man is one of the best magic has to offer and I couldn't be more proud and grateful to call him my friend and mentor! Thank you Tony!

Wasn't that fun?! Well, brace yourselves because we are now going to dive into our March meeting where the strolling magic competition went ahead full steam! Our Participating members consisted of myself, Manny D'Mago (Secretary of Ring 21), David Martinez (Vice president of Ring 21), Wendy Sobel (immediate past president), AJ Bernah, Mark Anthony Petrucelli (Treasurer), Ellen Stein (Sgt. Of Arms), and two other new members, Brandove Occultist and one other named Alex whos last name I was unable to catch! (my sincerest apologies.)

March's competition meeting made for a truly spectacular evening of illusions as our members went table to table, busting out the very best close up in their repertoire! Smoke, screams, gasps and amazements were all around every table with our members practically making jaws drop at the amazement happening right before their eyes.

Each contestant had 5 minutes to per table to make a great impression and leave a lasting impression with their effect. All in all, it was great fun and

had the makings of a Hollywood restaurant scene with some of the best entertainment this side of Hollywood. Never mind the Oscars, this was something that was truly magical!

A remarkable experience as usual. Stay tuned for next month's meeting, where I'll catching you up on the latest and greatest Ring 21 in Hollywood has to offer! Truly a delicacy you cannot miss! Until next time, this is Manny D'Mago, Luxury Magician extraordinaire and Secretary of Hollywood's Ring 21 signing off!



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"And this is where the magic happens."

An Exclusive Invitation to the Workshop of John Gaughan

We are honored to announce a landmark event for the members of I.B.M. Ring 21. On May 23 at 1:00 PM, we are opening the doors to a location rarely seen by the public: the private workshop of the legendary John Gaughan.

You'll see legendary props up close, hear stories by John Gaughan, the master craftsman of modern magic. His engineering genius has powered the careers of icons like David Copperfield, Siegfried & Roy, Ricky Jay and Doug Henning. Beyond the magic world, his artistry has been sought after by legends such as Michael Jackson, Cher, Alice Cooper, and Barbra Streisand and The Doors. Whether he is restoring 19th-century masterpieces like Robert-Houdin's Blossoming Orange Tree or inventing the next generation of stage illusions, John's workshop is where "the impossible" is built.

Event Details:

- Date: May 23
- Time: 1:00 PM
- Location: Atwater Village (Address provided to RSVP'd members)

Strict Attendance Policy: Due to the private nature of the workshop, this event is strictly limited to current Ring 21

regular members. No guests or walk-ins will be permitted as limited space. This is a rare, intimate look into the creative heart of magic innovation—don't miss your chance to be where magic history is made.



[RSVP here](#)

THE PLAYBILL OF UPCOMING SCHEDULED* -EVENTS-

April 2-Gregory Wilson Lecture

May 7-Bizarre Award Performance Night

23-Special Closed Event for regular RING 21 members only, at 1 pm an exclusive invitation to the workshop of John Gaughan, must [RSVP](#)-limited space.

June 4-Children's Award Performance Night

July 2-Picnic with either a theme (yet to be named) Performance Night or a Guest Lecturer

August 13-Initiation Night and Schiller & D'Mago Fool Us! Performance Night

September 3-Elections and Four Corners Night

October 1-The 89th Annual Awards & Installation Banquet

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*subject to change

Optical Illusions



Try to flip between the two different facing orientations of the chair.



Remember no venue fees!
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bShYQju5Zgk>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wyUg-UGhGIw>

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>

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