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The John Fedko Ring

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Message from the President

Dale Salwak, our May lecturer, was fabulous. He taught us some of the critically important elements of stage presence. Yes, I know, we have all performed a zillion times, but his teachings were useful reminders to adjust our thinking and remember what the audience sees. Thanks to you Dale!

Coming up this month is John Guastaferrero lecturing on June 24. See the Ring flyer that was e-mailed to you for additional information. It will be another great meeting. Remember we will be dark (that means no meeting) on July 29. Instead, we have two great events scheduled for July. First, is the annual Magicians Picnic at Taft Elementary school on Saturday, July 12, 2014. This is always a fun event and the club buys your meal! Please come and join in. This event combines the resources and members of Ring 96, and the OCMC. Please RSVP at once so we will have an accurate count of attendees when we purchase food.

In addition, July also has "A DAY of MAGIC at the Orange County Fair on Saturday, July 26. Contact Junior's leader Annie Young to sign up as a volunteer. You get free parking and free admission to the Fair if you sign up early. Come help with the Junior's contest and visit the Great Philip Henderson with his oxen Freckles and Patches. You won't forget it. If you are going to the IBM/SAM July 1-5 in St Louis, we want a report in our August meeting.

Have a great summer!

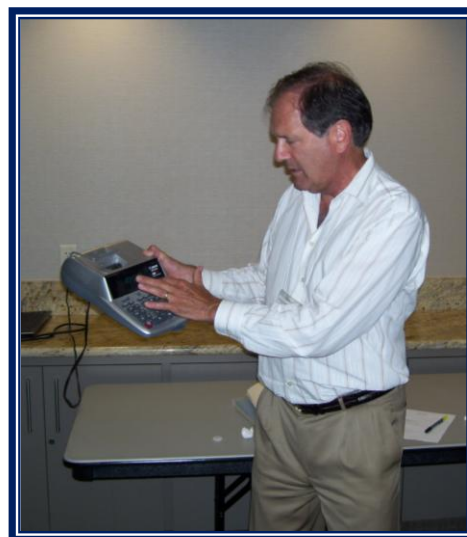
Magically yours,
Chris Wynkoop,

Proud to be the RING 313 President

MAGIC CASTLE ANYONE?

If you require a guest pass to visit the Magic Castle, please remember that I am a member of the Magic Castle. Any member desiring a guest pass, need only to give me a call or drop me an e-mail request and I will help you get your reservation to the Magic Castle.

Contact me at (949) 929-0829 or email at Chris@WynkoopCPA.com



5 Minutes with ... Kevin Brown!

Interviewed by Barry Matas

Kevin Brown was born in 1954 in North Hollywood, CA. This is his story and he is sticking to it. I was raised in Fullerton, Ca, were I attended the Troy High School and Fullerton College. I have remained very happily married for 37 years to the very understanding Jeanne Valentine and have one incredible 22-year old daughter Courtney. I currently live in San Juan Capistrano and work supervising a middle school campus in Mission Viejo.

After joining ring 313 around 2004, I served 3 years as President, 2 years as Vice President as well as 4 years as the chairman of Ring Lite and head of the juniors for 4 years. I continue to serve Ring 313 as a past president/ member at large.

Like most magicians, I got his start young at around 8 years old. My grandfather, when visiting, would load us kids into his Corvair, give us each a dollar then take us to the store. By chance, there was also an Adams magic display featuring practical jokes and magic tricks. But as grandpa didn't visit every week, it was a long time between tricks. So in desperation I did the only thing I could do, read. First, I read what few magic books they had in the elementary school library then set my sights on the public library. In no time, I was constructing various tricks at home using diagrams and drawings from old magic books. I was honing skills that I still call upon today when constructing magic, such as sewing, geometry and basic carpentry.

Soon I was performing at local birthday parties and making enough money to start buying some real tricks. I felt like I hit the big time when I placed an ad I the Penny Saver and my very encouraging parents would drive me from gig to gig. By

age ten, I was performing at school carnivals, church groups, parties and such under the stage name THE GREAT NIDOUH (Houdin spelled backwards, from Robert Houdin the Frenchman, not Erich Weiss who became Houdini.). Looking for ways to improve my stage presence, in middle school I began taking Drama classes. Through high school and college, acting and photography became my focus, holding my love of magic off to the side but always keeping it alive.



As a young thespian, I worked at The Pacific Academy of Performing Arts and later the Los Angeles Actors Theater. Performing alongside of some of the most respected and well-known actors of the day. Eventually reality set in and I went from broke actor to photographer marrying the lovely Jeanne Valentine along the way.

I enjoyed much success as a photographer working at a modeling school/agency eventually opening my own studio. Publishing 16 photographic books as well as commercial, and magazine work. I won "Professional Photographer of the Year" at the Orange County Fair in 1987.

While on vacation at Dinosaur National Park I was struck by the beauty of a Native American petro glyph (pictures and messages left by ancient people) while photographing it. I bought a small plaster reproduction of the petro glyph but was unhappy with the quality. I developed a much more realistic process that looked like natural stone at a fraction of the weight. This allowed me to carve huge "Rockart" pieces that began to sell quickly as southwestern style swept across the country.

It was around this time after walking my daughter to school I had a heart attack on the way home. At the time, I didn't recognize or didn't believe the symptoms. I waited hours before finally admitting I needed a hospital. I underwent triple bypass heart surgery in February 1999.

The recovery period was a dark time for me but it allowed me to rekindle my love of magic. My wife Jeanne bought me an Invisible Deck somewhere (hoping to shut me up no doubt) and I was off. It all came back and I realized how much I had missed

magic. I let go of the last of my photographic studio equipment and turned my attention to Art and my love of magic. Choosing a less stressful and happier path.

I began selling my "Rockart" traveling from art show to art show, and Pow Wow to Pow Wow. But as the southwest craze began to fade, so did sales. Around this time, I began working for Capistrano Unified School District to make ends meet and to my surprise, it turned out to be a match. I enjoyed working with young people and the freedom a school schedule provides.

Today I perform whenever possible and have found a "niche" locally performing at Assisted Living Centers, as well as restaurant, corporate, and school events. Last year I began marketing a Séance Show that I previewed in part of for Ring 313. Coin and close-up magic have always fascinated me but I have a special bent (as many of you know) for bizarre magic and mentalism. I love fabricating magic tricks. I have invented, manufactured, and sell magic and magic art pieces.

DEADLINES APPROACH FOR I.B.M.-S.A.M. COMBINED CONVENTION

Category: *News* Written by: C. DENNIS SCHICK

The Combined Convention is fast approaching. Have you reserved your hotel room? If not, don't procrastinate. The special room rate of \$115/night (single or double) plus applicable taxes will expire on June 9! After that date, if rooms are available, you will be charged the normal room rates.

Convention registration rates increase to \$595 on June 15. Register now to avoid the extra charge!

Thank you to those who have registered to compete in the I.B.M.-S.A.M. 2014 Combined Convention Contest of Magic. The Contests are now completely filled and applications are no longer being accepted. We look forward to seeing all competitors at the Contestant Briefing Session on Monday, June 30 at 6:00 p.m. Check your registration package for room assignment.

The Lance Burton Young Magicians' Seminar is now sold out.

If you haven't registered yet, why wait any longer? Register today and be a part of the most talked about magic convention of the year. See you in St. Louis, where It's All about the Magic!



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Dues Increase for 2014

For the first time since 1999, Ring 313 is increasing member dues to accommodate rising costs of operation of the Ring. Please note the following dues schedule.

You may pay your dues for 2014 now.

	<u>2014 Schedule</u>	<u>2013 Schedule</u>
Regular members	\$40.00	\$30
Members and spouse	\$60.00	\$50
Junior members	\$25.00	\$15
Junior and Parent	\$45.00	\$35



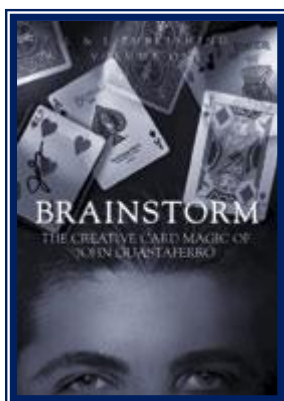


Tuesday, June 24, 2014
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John Guastaferro

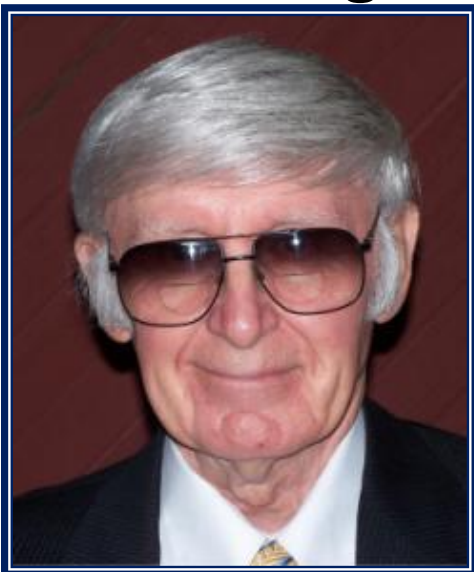


John Guastaferro is a dynamic performer, author, and creator. His published works are acclaimed by magicians worldwide, including his Brainstorm DVDs (2003) and book One Degree (2010). In this lecture, John will cover a broad range of effects, predominately with playing cards. The lecture will feature new material and old favorites. You can learn more about John Guastaferro at his website www.MagicJohnG.com. Come meet John at his first lecture for the John Fedko Ring. Please come early if you want a front row seat and you can help set up the room for the lecture.

Our meeting starts promptly at 7:00pm, doors open at 6:00 pm.

"IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT NEITHER SUPPORTS OR ENDORSES
THE CAUSE NOR ACTIVITIES OF ORGANIZATIONS WHICH USE THE DISTRICT'S
MEETING ROOMS THAT ARE MADE AVAILABLE AS A PUBLIC SERVICE."

Magical notes from May 27, 2014



We began the May 27th meeting with a sad and solemn celebration of the life of our founder Maestro John Theodore Fedko. John passed away on May 3, 2014. According to John's wishes, Secretary Philip Henderson performed the Broken Wand Ceremony. Members spoke warmly about their friendship with John Fedko. Many of our members started magic as his student. Fedko's students filed documents to earn the IBM charter of Ring 313. These students further chose to honor him by naming the Ring, The John Fedko Ring. John helped nourish the growth and development of the Ring bearing his name in many ways, including financially. We are grateful for John's creative leadership. His legacy will continue as the Ring continues to encourage the art of magic. John's remains will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. John served 20-years in the US Army, retiring in 1971 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Following the Broken Wand Ceremony, our work as magicians continued with a lecture by Maestro Dale Salwak. Before starting his lecture, Salwak told us that John Fedko was a friend he would contact with a question about an obscure fact in magic. Usually John knew the answer and would give Salwak a citation to back up his response. On the event that Fedko did not know the answer, he would get back to Salwak with a few days with a definitive response. Salwak told us that he too will miss our friend John Fedko.

Maestro Salwak proceeded with his prepared lecture. He outlined his lecture in three parts. Part one was a brief history of his life as a magician beginning more than sixty years ago as a boy only five years old. The second part of the lecture was a demonstration using a member of the Ring as a model student. The final part was an opportunity for members to ask questions. Salwak began learning how to perform magical effects starting at age five. He continues to learn and to teach magic through his work with the Chavez School of Magic. His relationship with Chavez extends more than forty years, including the last several decades as the director of the school.



Junior Member Christopher Tarr "volunteered" to be the model student. Salwak taught Christopher a one-minute routine with a billiard ball. Salwak broke the effect into six parts, teaching each part successively. Christopher practiced, and then rehearsed each part of the illusion. Next, Salwak and Tarr performed the illusion side-by-side to a pre-recorded musical accompaniment. Finally, Christopher Tarr performed the billiard ball illusion as a solo performer using the music Salwak provided. After thirty minutes with Salwak, he gave a convincing performance of this classic effect.

The third element of Maestro Salwak's performance was the question and answer period. Below are some of the jewels from his lecture.

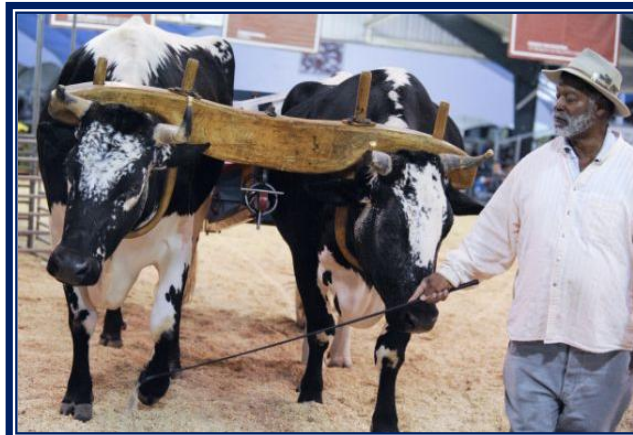
1. I am grateful to be on stage.
2. Less is more!
3. No two nights are the same; relax and have fun with the audience you have.

4. Show your passion and love for the art of performing magical effects.
5. Perform magic to entertain your audience, not to fool them.
6. The performance begins when you place your left (upstage) foot onto the stage.
When you enter the stage from stage right, if you lead your entrance with your left foot, your body will naturally turn so that you are facing the audience. If you lead with your right foot you will show the back of your head.
7. Practice is different from rehearsal. Make sure you do both.
8. Learn to see yourself through the eyes of your audience. Make an emotional connection with your audience. Howard Thurston would say aloud just before entering the stage, "I love you. I love you. I love you." This was how he felt about the audience.
9. I teach because I love to learn. I respect how little I know about magic.
10. Learn to master the inner world of your performance. What is the magician thinking about while performing his/her act? If you don't know why you are doing what you are doing, then your audience will be confused too. You should not be thinking:
double undercut, little pinkie break, complete the cut . . . etc.

We learned a great deal about what makes an outstanding performance from Dale Salwak. In addition to his lecture, he brought two of his students to join us. Mr. Diego Aguirre from Mexico City showed his dexterity and imagination with billiard balls. Mr. Chong Huang from Beijing demonstrated his stunning ability with coins in and fascinating ***Miser's Dream Act***. These young men are students at the Chavez School of Magic. It was great to see how the Chavez method can transform a magician into a top-level performer.

Ring Secretary Philip Henderson transforms into oxen teamster Philip at the **Orange County Fair**

Do you even know what an oxen teamster is? Do you know what he/she does? Oxen teamsters drive a team of oxen. A team can consist of as few as one ox or as many as four cattle. A teamster is someone who drives mules, draft horses, sled dogs, or oxen. Oxen are cows or bulls that have been trained to work. The oxen at the Orange County Fair are ten years old. These two, Mister Patches and his half-brother Freckles have enjoyed life at the Orange County Fairgrounds since June 2007.



When the Fair is not in session, these oxen exhibit themselves to schoolchildren on tours of the Fair. Since their arrival in 2007, they have greeted more than half a million schoolchildren. Philip Henderson is the lead oxen teamster at the Centennial Farm. He works with the oxen year round. This is his tenth year as the lead oxen dude. Philip will be at the Fair every day the Fair is open starting on Friday, July 11th and continuing through Sunday, August 10th. The Fair rests on Mondays and Wednesdays. When you visit the Fair this year, take a few moments to say hello to Philip, Mister Patches, and Freckles. I guarantee you will see something you will remember forever. These oxen are enormous and gentle critters. They stand about six feet at the withers. They are eleven feet from the tip of their nose to the base of their tail. Each ox weighs 3,000 pounds, one and one-half tons.

What does it take to become a Magician?

THE ANSWERS ARE BELOW! ARE YOU SURPRISED?

John Fedko Band leader, Army Colonel	Todd Reis Musician, computer programmer	Kevin Brown School counselor, jewelry designer
Jay Leslie Musician, bird trainer	SUDS Tax preparer for H&R Block, electronics technician	Victor Cohn Woodworker
Richard Zucker Mathematics professor	Jeff Abbit Marketing suit	James Hjorth Trader Joes dude
Philip Henderson Mattel toys, law office manager	Dick Barry Motorcycle Patrol Officer	Steven Fibel Pediatrician
Bill Pearce Electrical engineer, software CAD test engineer	Forrest Miller Navy Commander	Scott Boeger Bar owner, bookkeeper, beer truck driver
Sherry Newberg Toy store owner	Chris Wynkoop Sculptor, CPA	Kyle Merck Printer
Potsy Bookkeeper at Knudson	Steven Longacre School Principal, Driver's Ed teacher	Sammy Ruiz Art teacher
David Peltier Glazier	Cathy Fedko Nurse, professional magician's assistant	How many did you match correctly?

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Wizard's Calendar

Regular meetings are held at the **Irvine Ranch Water District Building, 15500 Sand Canyon Avenue in Irvine**. Coastal Fertility building in the Community Room.
Directions and map at www.Ring313.org.

<i>Tuesday, June 24, 2014</i>	<i>7pm</i>	<i>John Guastafarro</i>
<i>Saturday, July 12, 2014</i>	<i>11 am</i>	<i>Annual Magician's Picnic with Ring 96 and OCMC</i>
<i>Saturday, July 26, 2014</i>	<i>10 am</i>	<i>Day of Magic at the Orange County Fair—Junior Contest</i>
<i>Tuesday, August 26, 2014</i>	<i>7pm</i>	<i>Regular Meeting</i>

Are you Hungry for Some Magic?

Join us at The Lunch Bunch. We meet every Friday whether rain, snow, sleet, or sunshine. We are at Carrows Restaurant. Come have some fun with your favorite Orange County Magicians. You can practice a new effect or teach something to an eager audience. You love magic. Make this a regular Friday activity. This is a great opportunity to get to know some of the top magical performers residing in Orange County. The fun begins at 11:45 am and continues until at least 2:00 pm. Stay as long as you like.

**Carrows Restaurant, 16931 Magnolia St,
Huntington Beach, CA 92647 (714) 848-1995**

Cartoon of location of new meeting room for **IBM Ring 313**. We meet in the Community Room of the Coastal Fertility building at **15500 Sand Canyon Avenue**. Entrance is from the northbound side of Sand Canyon Avenue only. If you arrive from highway 5 and are headed south on Sand Canyon make a U-turn at Waterworks Way and turn into the parking lot serving both locations. New meeting room is about 50 yards from former meeting room. Cartoon is not to scale.

