

# Legerdemain Digest

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**IBM Ring 313, The John Fedko Ring**  
Presents  
The Magic of  
**Lee Alex**



Discover how Lee Alex magically changes costumes right before your eyes.

**Tuesday, February 23, 2010**

**7:00 pm at the Irvine Ranch Water District**  
15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine, California

Admission free to Ring 313 members who have paid their 2010 dues.  
*Guests must pay \$10.00 guest fee.*

For additional information, visit our website: [www.ring313.org](http://www.ring313.org)

## PAST EVENTS

By: Philip Henderson

Abridged version. Full article in the Linking Ring



Our meeting began with a solemn ceremony to honor Bob Alston, who passed away on December 21, 2009. Kevin Brown performed the Broken Wand ceremony in Bob's memory. Bob was a long-time active member in the Ring, we will miss his kindness and gentle way.

After a moment of silence, President Brown invited Ring Founder, John Fedko, to swear in the officers for the Ring for 2010. Taking the oath of office were: Kevin Brown, President; Kent Kwan, Vice-President; Gary Meier, Treasurer; Philip Henderson, Secretary; Annie Young, Sergeant At Arms, Newsletter Editor and Junior's Program Leader; Dave Peltier, Raffle Coordinator; Cathy Fedko, Librarian, and Todd Reis, Immediate Past President, and Member of the Board of Directors.

President Kevin Brown told the members that our invited guest lecturer, Paul Green, was unable to join us this evening due to a bout with the flu. However, on short notice, Brown was able to find a replacement, comedy magician Tom Ogden. Ogden studied with our founder, John Fedko, forty years ago in Pennsylvania and one of our members was a student of Tom Ogden twenty years ago—that is the wonderful fellowship we enjoy in the International Brotherhood.



Ogden demonstrated some of his classic routines and taught members a great little bit he called "the Seven Penny Trick." Ogden does the Zarrow effortlessly, a result of years of good use of this move.



Ogden's lecture was as much about how to please and work with your audience as it was about how to perform some of the illusions he uses. Ogden stressed the importance of knowing when to pause to help the audience understand the trick and to gain you the applause that you merited. One of Ogden's favorite pieces is Cards Across. He showed us how this simple trick can be turned into a ten minute show. Ogden selects audience members who he believes will be lively on stage.

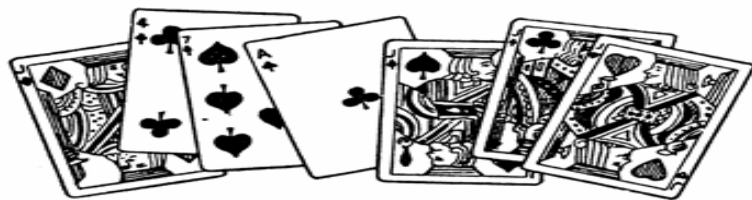


Ogden closed the lecture by giving us practical tips to sell our services as magicians when we receive a telephone call from a referral. The most difficult question to deal with is when the caller asks, "How much do you charge?" As you begin to learn more about the details of the event, you can get a better idea what to charge this caller. You will want to know how many people you are to entertain, for how long a time, the precise location (your transportation time to the event and back home), the age range of the audience, what kind of consumable supplies you will need, etc., that will help you set your price. For example, for a simple event for two-hour walk around cocktail party, your fee will be different than for a four-hour Bar Mitzvah party on a cruise ship. If you have two separate prices, you must have two separate shows and are distinctive and not interchangeable.



# Fedko's School of Magic

**EXPERT MAGIC FOR ADULTS WORKSHOPS.** This will be John Fedko's last teaching class for adults. He will be retiring. There will be 3 Saturday morning workshops ( 6, 13 and 20 March) beginning a 10 A.M. Workshops will be held at Santiago Canyon College located on Chapman in Orange. The total fee is \$39. All students will be able to perform the magic taught prior to leaving each workshop. Students will learn a variety of professional close-up and stage magic with ordinary objects such as a deck of cards, ropes, coins, dollar bills, etc. These routines can be performed at private parties, banquets, trade shows and in large theaters. Everything you will learn is original and has been performed by John Fedko at the Magic Castle and at magic conventions throughout the world. All attendees will receive, free, a \$5 professional magazine. Since this will be John Fedko's last adult class, John will have a large variety of professional magic available for sale after each workshop at 30 to 40 % discounts. Call Santiago Canyon College at (714) 628-4960 to register.



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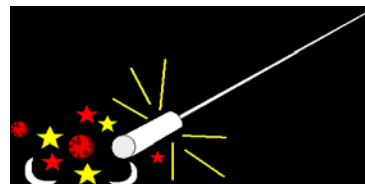
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where our juniors can safely  
upload videos of their magic to  
share with everyone.

Managed by our very own jun-  
iors and organized by Ryan  
Porter.

*A magical thank you goes to  
Gwen Alston, the widow of  
Bob Alston, for her generous  
donation of a deck of cards  
and four books to our Ring.*



*Our thoughts and prayers go out to  
the Garza and Shepard families who  
are going through a difficult time right  
now.*



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## Magic Calendar

Regular meetings are held at the Irvine Ranch Water District building, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine.  
Directions and a map are available at [www.Ring313.org](http://www.Ring313.org).

Tuesday, <b>February 23</b>	7 PM	Ring 313 <b>Gen Mtg</b> —Lee Alex Lecture
Tuesday, <b>March 9</b>	7 PM	Ring 313 <b>Lite Gathering</b> at Knowlwood's, Irvine
Saturday, <b>March 13</b>	2 PM	Ring 313 <b>Junior's Mtg</b> —Annie & Kent's in Santa Ana
Tuesday, <b>March 30</b>	7 PM	Ring 313 <b>Gen Mtg</b> —TBD Irvine Water District

***Ring 313 Picnic Coming Soon***

***This newsletter is dedicated to the memory of member Bob Alston***

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