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The John Fedko Ring

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*Message from the **Fire-Eating** President*

Those of you who were fortunate to enjoy the lecture by Richard Turner had a blast. I purchased some specially printed decks of cards from Richard. Richard Turner worked with United States Playing Card Company to develop this specially made deck. Paper always has a “curl” to it that is formed during the paper making process. Naturally, paper is stored on huge rolls until cut to order. Playing card stock is the same, thus it has a curl. Turner requires that his special decks have the curl on the top side to make faro shuffling a natural way for the cards to move. The subtle curl makes the cards slide easier. He also requires that the

decks are cut from the back and not from the face. Of course, he is careful about specifying the quality of the paper so it has the proper weight and feel. In a casino, a deck of cards is retired after 20-30 minutes of use. Turner’s standards are higher than in a casino because he uses his playing cards longer. Turner’s cards are identified with a gold sticker reading “traditionally cut for the professional.” You can purchase your own supply from Turner at his website. Turner leaves nothing to chance. I keep one deck at work on my desk. I thought his skills would pass through to me by osmosis if the desk just sat there. To date, no luck, but I will keep you informed if anything happens. Oh, that’s right, Richard stressed that it is practice, practice, and more practice. At any rate, it was a pleasure to enjoy the years of effort Richard has put into the art of cheating at cards. WOW!

Ring 313 has many exciting events coming up, check the calendars below. Please continue to stay as active as you can for all events. I truly believe we have one of the best Rings!

Magically yours,

Chris Wynkoop, President, The John Fedko Ring

Honored to be your Pres

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

Please Note: Videotaping of lecturers is only allowed with the direct permission of the lecturer. Please observe this courtesy.

Coming Events at Ring 313

May 28, 2013 Card Workshop with members.
June 25, 2013 Member Performance Night with emphasis on IMPROMPTU MAGIC
July 13, 2013 Picnic at Taft Elementary School 11:30 to 4:00
July 30, 2013 Lecturer to be announced
August 27, 2013 AUCTION Night; bring out the good stuff and take home a treasure

Welcome NEW Members

Jeromy Chan has been practicing magic since 2000. He began using Henry Hay's Encyclopedia of Magic as his foundation. He is interested in learning more about the history of magic and he wants to contribute to the operations of the Ring. New Members to the Ring have a **red arrow** on their name badges. When you see that red arrow, please introduce yourself; that applies if you have a red arrow too! The name badges help to break the ice, please get to know the Ring members by name.

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Please consider donating tricks and equipment to our Raffle Coordinator (Michael van Horn**) or Junior's Program Coordinators (**Kent Kwan and Annie Young**) as is appropriate. Thank you!**

Special Announcements

Junior Member **Josh Serrano** was surfing the Internet and discovered a Short Student Film called "Misdirection." This film was considered for awards in 2010 and is now available for view on YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1YSWNtc4grE> This seventeen-minute film is a student production with some interesting magical elements. Josh enjoyed the film and he recommends it for your viewing pleasure.



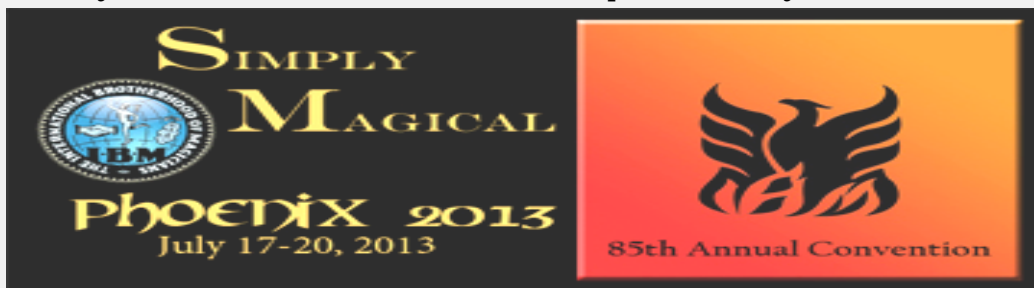
New member **Ray Karch, aka KARCH** is a triple threat. By day he practices law, by sunshine he is a master of creating award winning sandcastles, and by night he is a mentalist magician. Karch is preparing for the FISM competition in Rimini, Italy in 2015. Please ask how you can help him to win a major award as a representative from Ring 313. The FISM competition begins on July 6 and concludes on July 11, 2015. <http://fism.org/web/>

Check out the FISM website. Perhaps you can share a room with Karch as a co-contestant at this prestigious event held once every three years. For information about sandcastles, Karch is your man! <http://www.castlesbykarch.com/>

Are you a Member of International IBM?

Who among us has been a member of IBM continuously for fifty years? Such members are known as **Order of Merlin, Excaliber** in recognition of half a century of membership. One of our members joined IBM in 1964. Next year, he will be inducted as Excaliber. This is a rarity in IBM. **Such a member must be treasured and honored.** If you believe you know who this person is, please let him know that you hold him in high esteem. We have more than one dozen members of have achieved Order of Merlin recognition. **O of M** comes when you have enjoyed 25-years of continuous membership. How many of our Merlins can you identify? To get you started please place John Fedko at the top of your list. After 35 years of continuous membership one attains Order of Merlin, Shield; after 60 years one is denoted as Excelsior.

Members who have attained Merlin status are invited to an annual event held during the IBM Convention. Only Merlins can attend. If you are planning to join the Merlin's at the Convention July 17-20, 2013 in Phoenix, Arizona, please raise your hands. Thank you.



SPOTLIGHT on Vice-President Victor Cohn

How well do you know Victor Cohn, our Vice President at Ring 313?



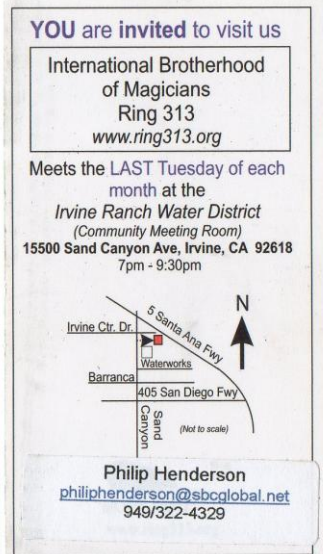
Three out of the four biographical remarks below are true, one is not. Can you find the fallacy?

1. Teaches iPad® applications to senior citizens.
2. Played minor league baseball (outfielder) for the Anaheim Angels.
3. Designs illusions out of wood.
4. Learned magic from magicians in St Louis, Missouri.

Answer next month.

Thanks for the Ring 313 Calling Card

Vice President Victor Cohn is largely responsible for the development of the IBM Ring 313 Calling Card. Cohn worked with several members to get the final version. Special thanks to member Dan McKerren who pioneered this idea at OCMC. You can hand these calling cards out to folks you meet who might be ready to join our magicians club. This handy tool gives the receiver a ready reminder of where and when we meet. You can personalize your Calling Card by adding a sticker that has your contact information so your friend will remember who gave her/him the Calling Card. **If you do not have your packet of eight cards please contact Secretary Philip Henderson for your set.** See the sample below.



Every Friday afternoon the **LUNCH BUNCH** meets at Carrows Restaurant in Huntington Beach. More than twenty local magicians break bread and share new ideas about magic. If you haven't been to the lunch bunch recently, put it on your calendar. You can practice a new effect or teach something to an eager audience. Come join us and have some fun with magic! The Friday Lunch Bunch of magic begins at 12 o'clock on the zenith.

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

Secretary's Notes . . . What's happening at the Ring?

On May 28, 2013, we will continue our tradition of hosting a pasteboards sleight of hand practice session. Members will demonstrate to each other favorite methods of manipulating playing cards to the amazement and delight of audiences young and old. Bring a couple of decks of cards, including at least one deck that you can destroy so you can practice some of the favorite handlings that separate real magicians from ordinary card cheats.

June 25, 2013 is a member performance night. Please bring a favorite illusion that always gets great response. We are particularly encouraging IMPROMPTU effects that you perform with whatever you find around you. Effects with straws, cocktail napkins, coins or currency, playing cards, metal or plastic cutlery, sugar packets, you get the idea, everyday objects.

July 13, 2013 Annual Magician's Picnic at Taft Elementary School, 500 W Keller, Santa Ana, CA 92707 Ring 313, OCMC and Ring 96 will picnic together. Fun begins at 11:30 am and clean up begins at 3:30 pm. See announcement on page 7.



July 30, 2013 Lecturer to be announced

August 27, 2013 Ring 313 Auctions. If you have an interesting magical effect that you want to sell for top-dollar, bring them to the Auction on August 27th. Ring 313 will retain 50 percent of the sale price to use for future lecturers, you will set the minimum price to assure you get full value for your treasure. For example, if you possess an item you purchased 20 years ago for \$500 dollars, you can set the minimum bid at \$400 thus assuring yourself \$200 or you get to keep the item.

September 24, 2013 Johnny Ace Palmer returns to Ring 313 with his award winning magical style. Johnny Ace Palmer is the first close up magician to win the **SAM** Gold Medal Award of Honor (1986), the **IBM** GOLD CUPS Award of Excellence (1983) and the **FISM** GRAND PRIX AWARD (1988). His magic is sublime and wonderful.



Richard Turner . . . a pasteboard Master!

Ring 313 President Chris Wynkoop introduced our evening's lecturer Mr. Richard Turner, known to many as "The Cheat." Richard invited members Diane Tamura and Jo Shafer to sit on either side of him at his table. We observed the Cheat at his favorite task, demonstrating to our members why one should never gamble with playing cards with a stranger. Turner suggested that Malcolm Gladwell's book, Outliers, has it right when Gladwell pronounced that it takes 10,000 hours of practice in a five or six-year period before one truly becomes a master of his trade. However, with playing cards, Turner used a minimum of fourteen hours of daily practice over a twenty-five year span to become the playing card manipulator we saw at Ring 313. Turner explained that he has an unfair advantage over us because his absence of vision permitted him to use his hands to discover subtle use of playing cards that would deceive sighted audiences, even audiences of magicians.

Turner invited Ring 313 member Ron Porter to take his seat at the table. Porter had volunteered to demonstrate his "second-deal" ability. Ron Porter is a talented performer and has used second dealing in his work for decades. Turner broke down Porter's method into the smallest fractions of a second. Turner showed Porter minute steps in Porter's second-dealing method that Porter himself was unaware he was doing. Next, Turner showed the problems with Porter's method that would serve as red flags to gamblers. The method Porter used would suffice in an audience watching a magician, however they would signal to professional gamblers that Porter was doing something fishy. Turner gave suggestions for practice to change Porter's method to one that would suffice in a game of chance.

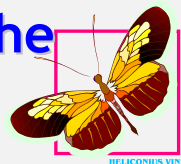
Turner was a delight to his audience. He kept us laughing and amazed. Some of his work was so stunning that the only response was respectful silence. There is nothing subtle about Turner's ability . . . he is prepared to entertain. Turner credited a great deal of his success to having a tough but fair mentor, Dai Vernon, aka **The Professor**. Turner was taunted by Vernon to produce effects that the Professor himself believed were impossible. However, Turner did not know that was what the Professor was thinking, so he discovered methods to accomplish feats suggested by Vernon. It is the old story, "*if I had known it was impossible, I never would have practiced so hard.*" Therefore, Richard Turner's work is typically beyond the ability of 99.999% of magicians because they already know it is impossible so they do not even try. Turner entertained us. Turner proved to us that we should never sit down to a game of chance with an unknown card player. Turner performed second-deals, bottom-deals, middle-deals, doing them deftly and with passion.

Give Turner a number between six and 46 and he will immediately cut the deck to that position. Hand him a standard deck with one card missing and he will beseech you to give him the missing card. Cut and shuffle a deck of cards. Then ask Turner to deal a winning hand of Seven Card Stud Poker to the fourth of six players. Watch him go to work. We were in the presence of a true master of his art. Turner's real magic was that he could perform dozens of miracles with pasteboards and still managed to make us feel grateful to see him play the cards. He is like a virtuoso pianist who coaxes music to flow from his fingers. You might play piano and still enjoy hearing a recording of Vladimir Horowitz, or the late Van Cliburn, without feeling jealous of the master's ability. Being with Richard Turner had the same effect on the members of Ring 313. We had just enough skill with playing cards to appreciate his mastery of this magician's tool.



A butterfly told me . . . get ready for the

IBM RING 313, Ring 96



And OCMC Picnic

Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 13, 2013

Festivities begin at 11:30 am Clean up begins at 3:45 pm

RSVP: Secretary, PhilipHenderson@sbcglobal.net or call (949) 322-4329

Same location as in 2011

Taft Elementary School, 500 W Keller, Santa Ana, CA 92707



Strolling magic by Ring 313 Junior Magicians

Performances by Ring Members

Potluck food (see schedule below)

Hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, and all the fixings'

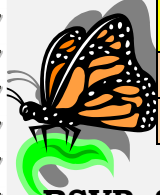


Magical friendships



Potluck schedule. Please bring food for ten people according to your last name as noted below. If you have a favorite dessert, bring that too, but still stick to your schedule.

| If your last name falls | Bring Pot luck dish |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| A-O | Salads or Snack foods |
| P-Z | Desserts |



RSVP: Secretary, PhilipHenderson@sbcglobal.net or call (949) 322-4329 Come early and help set up; stay later and help cleanup; come anytime and enjoy the food, the company of your fellow magicians, and lots of good-natured fun! Bring the whole family.

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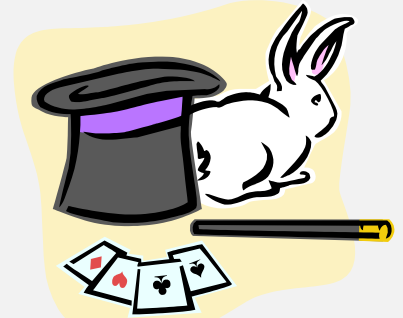
www.Ring313.org

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.

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| Tuesday, May 28, 2013 | 7 pm | Pasteboard Workshop. You have learned a lot from our lecturers, now it is time to practice what you learned. |
| Tuesday, June 25, 2013 | 7 pm | Member Performance Night. Bring your favorite IMPROMTU magical effects and share your methods |
| Saturday, July 13, 2013 | 11:30am until 4:00pm | Annual Picnic with OCMC and Ring 96 at Elementary School in Santa Ana |
| Tuesday, July 30, 2013 | 7pm | Lecturer To be Announced |
| Tuesday, August , 2013 | 7pm | AUCTION at IBM Ring 313, Bring your special items for a 50/50 split with the Ring |
| Tuesday, September , 2013 | 7pm | The one and only World Famous JOHNNY "ACE" PALMER |

PASTEBOARD MAGIC



Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 7 PM

**Community Meeting Room IRWD
15500 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine, California**

If your family and friends know you are a magician, then they expect you will be somewhat magical with a deck of cards. Trust me; it just goes with the territory. Few will attain the dexterity and imagination of Richard Turner; however, there are plenty of great magical effects that can be performed without using knuckle-busting sleights. IBM Ring 313 hosts a special evening of entertainment, practical magic effects, and hands on work while we teach each other favorite pasteboard effects that are self-working or require minimal handling, including using packet tricks and prepared decks. Therefore, bring a couple of decks, including one that may be destroyed in part, then get ready to show and tell how to perform some of your favorite playing card routines.



The JOHN FEDKO Ring

"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."



The School for Scoundrels

The Magic Castle has offered this course to only its magician members once a year since 1996. This unique four-week course teaches the history, theory, technique, and application to magic of the ancient street swindles the Shell Game, Three-Card Monte, and Fast and Loose. Pop Haydn and Chef Anton are the creators and teachers of this course, it is known as **The School for Scoundrels**. And now for the **first time** this must have tutelage of these fine arts will be offered here in Orange County. Featuring Pop Haydn and Chef Anton this will be a one day all out scam fest. This is not a reader's digest version. This is the full ticket with a two hour Q/A session afterwards. In this class you will get a fast and loose chain, a set of Pop Hayden Street shells with perfect peas, and a deck of "B" cards plus over seven hours of class time. All the tools you need to a First class Scoundrel. And what does this cost you ask? Hold on I say! Cost? What if I tell you how much your saving first? #1this is only one day not four #2 It's right here in your own town #3 this is a onetime event that only twenty people will be able claim they were part of.

Still worried about cost? With these skills under your belt you will earn the cost of this class back the first time you perform them.

Sept. 21, 2013

From 8:00 am till aprox.8:00 pm

At Sound Matrix Studios, Fountain Valley

Info (714) 318-2309