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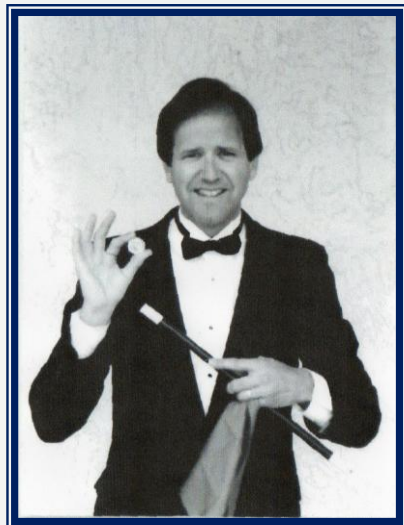
IBM Ring 313

The John Fedko Ring

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Message from the *Fire-Eating* President



Those who attended the May regular meeting had a fabulous card learning sessions from fellow members. We had four tables, each with a "professor" or two who not only showed technique, but watched the students and offered corrective advice. Everyone there was extremely involved and the evening was a success! June we will have the one and only Jay Scott Berry, so be sure to attend. July proves very busy with our picnic on the 13th, followed by IBM's annual Conference, then our regular meeting on July 30. The July meeting is a member performance night. The feature for this meeting is Impromptu magic. What do you do when you did not bring a deck of cards? Well there are tools for magicians everywhere, especially if you pop a Thumb tip in your pocket and wrap invisible thread around your wrist.

Have a great summer and happy magic. See You at the picnic.

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

June 25, 2013

Jay Scott Berry to lecture

July 13, 2013

Picnic at Taft Elementary School 11:30 to 4:00

July 30, 2013

Member Performance Evening . . . Impromptu Magic

August 27, 2013

AUCTION Night; bring out the good stuff and take home a treasure

Welcome NEW Members

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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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.

As promised last month the Answer highlighted above.

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?

June 25, 2013 Jay Scott Berry makes his third visit to Ring 313.

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 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.



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.



Modern Magicians often use traditional playing cards

We become so used to handling these cards that we do not always pay attention to the details. Recently we were honored to host card magician Richard Turner. Turner demonstrated how his subtle handling of the pasteboards created a virtual symphony. At our May meeting we traded knowledge of various methods to produce powerful magican effects with a common deck of cards.

Have you ever wondered if the Court cards featuring likenesses of Kings, Queens, and Knights actually had a name? If you visit Wikipedia's page on playing cards you will find names associated with each card. In some cases you will see the likely origin of the name. Some cards are linked to men or women from history, mythology, or Bible history. Do you have a favorite Court Card? I am a fan of the King of Hearts.

Modern Paris court card name

Traditional Paris court card name

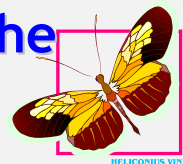
King of Spades	David
King of Hearts	Charles (possibly Charlemagne , or Charles VII , in which case Rachel (see below) would be the pseudonym of his mistress, Agnès Sorel)
King of Diamonds	Julius Caesar
King of Clubs	Alexander the Great
Queen of Spades	Pallas
Queen of Hearts	Judith
Queen of Diamonds	Rachel (either biblical, historical (see Charles above), or mythical as a corruption of the Celtic Ragnel , relating to Lancelot below)
Queen of Clubs	Argine (possibly an anagram of <i>regina</i> , which is Latin for queen, or perhaps Argea , wife of Polybus and mother of Argus)
Knave of Spades	Ogier the Dane/Holger Danske (a knight of Charlemagne)
Knave of Hearts	La Hire (comrade-in-arms to Joan of Arc, and member of Charles VII's court)
Knave of Diamonds	Hector
Knave of Clubs	Judas Maccabeus , or Lancelot





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'

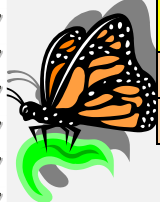


Magical friendships



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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Next year our member SUDS will join the rare rank of **Order of Merlin, Excalibur**. Congratulations, SUDS!

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.

Tuesday, June 25, 2013	7 pm	Jay Scott Berry Guest Lecturer
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	Member Performance Night. Bring your favorite IMPROMTU magical effects and share your methods
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

JAY SCOTT BERRY

Jay Scott Berry



Jay Scott Berry

IBM Ring 313 Hosts an evening with Jay Scott Berry Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at 7:00 PM

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

Jay Scott Berry is a modern day Merlin and Renaissance man, widely recognized as one of the world's finest magicians. He has travelled the globe for over 25 years delighting audiences with an elegant, sophisticated style that can best be described as "Pure Magic". What sets him apart from almost every other magician is that he performs original illusions that actually "look like real magic". From empty hands, objects appear and disappear, transform and multiply. JSB has lectured at our Ring in June 2004 and again in September 2010. He always has something new and useful.



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 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 you are saving?

- #1 This is only one day not four
- #2 It's right here in your own town
- #3 This is a onetime event that 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.

September 21, 2013

School starts at 8 am until approximately 8 pm
At Sound Matrix Studios, Fountain Valley
Additional information contact **Jim Greene** at (714) 318-2309

May 2013 Ring Report for IBM Ring 313

The John Fedko Ring meets at 7:00 pm on the final Tuesday of each month at the Community Meeting Room of the Irvine Ranch Water District located at 15500 Sand Canyon Drive in Irvine, California. For additional information contact Philip Henderson, Ring Secretary, (949) 322-4329, or send an email message to PhilipHenderson@sbcglobal.net.

Chris Wynkoop, Ring President, welcomed more than 40 members and guests to our May meeting. This meeting started at 6:00 pm when the first members arrived to our meeting place. The evening featured members sharing pasteboard sleights and effects. Four tables were set up led by members demonstrating and teaching favorite ways to make magic effects with a deck of playing cards. Todd Reis, Michael van Horn, Ron Porter, and Bill Pearce got everything started demonstrating and teaching the secrets of a variety of common sleights. We practiced the Elmsley Count, Second-dealing, the Mercury card fold, and many other methods. We enjoyed a boisterous, fun-filled evening sharing sleights and effects that entertain and delight friends, family, and audiences. Whenever someone discovers you are a magician, they expect you to perform a magic trick. It is easy enough to carry a deck of playing cards or a packet trick to produce a quick magic show. For the magicians of Ring 313, this was a delightful evening filled with good friendship in the practice of magic.

The June 25, 2013 meeting of Ring 313 will feature a lecture by a club favorite, Mr. Jay Scott Berry. This will be his third visit to show us his brand of entertainment. We are eager to see what he brings new this time. Ring 313 is joining with the Orange County Magic Club and IBM Ring 96 to host a July 13, 2013 Magician's Picnic Party on the grounds of a local elementary school. We expect 80 or more to attend this annual event. In addition to great food prepared by the members, we will have live entertainment on the stage. Invited guests will include a dozen or more elementary school children and their parents from the local school for deaf children. The Junior Magicians will perform a special show just for these honored guests. Member Todd Reis will grill the burgers, dogs, and chicken to supplement the wonderful desserts, salads and side dishes brought by my magician's families. Larry Campbell, aka Zeezo, will entertain guests making magical balloon animals for children of every age. On July 20, 2013, the Orange County California annual Fair will host a Day of Magic at the Fair. Ring 313 and the Orange County Magic Club will co-host a magic contest for Junior Magicians in the Fair's Fun Zone, a large tent set up to entertain the youngest visitors to the Fair. The contestants and audience members will be invited to participate in hands on learning of easy magic tricks. We will teach popular tricks with playing cards, money, ropes, and rings.

At our July 30, 2013 meeting, Ring members will again take center stage. We are asking members to perform some of their favorite Impromptu magic effects. We are eager to see how members take advantage of common items found in restaurants, offices, and homes. Suppose you left home without a deck of playing cards. You might find yourself surrounded with items that can be used to create a magical miracle. Many impromptu effects only require everyday items such as a packet of sugar, a paper clip, rubber bands, drinking glasses, straws, cups and balls, spoons, marbles, number 2 pencils, napkins, handkerchiefs, etc. Of course, the impromptu effect can be enhanced if the magician brings along a few inconspicuous props such as a thumb tip and invisible thread.