

Legerdemain Digest

RING 313 - THE JOHN FEDKO RING

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

August 25

On Tuesday, August 25, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., the magicians of IBM Ring 313 will gather at the Irvine Ranch Water District for our regular meeting of the Ring. One of the special activities at this meeting will be the induction of Ring Members to the International Brotherhood of Magicians. We have not conducted an induction ceremony for many months. You will be among are many long-term members who have not enjoyed the privilege of participating in the Members Induction Ceremony.

The purpose of the Induction Ceremony is to give new members the opportunity to appreciate the value of IBM member-

ship and to understand the obligations required of members. This ceremony is also a reminder to those who have been inducted of our individual responsibilities.

I hope that you will be able to join us for this important event. I hope you will step forward to be officially inducted into the International Brotherhood of Magicians. Your formal induction is the final step for official membership in the Ring and the Brotherhood.

After the Induction Ceremony, we are in for some fun! Nothing to be nervous about and nothing to fear. The remainder of our meeting we will concentrate on close-up magic. It's inti-

mate, it's cozy, it's close-up.

Each member is encouraged to participate by performing one or more of their favorite close-up effects. Each member then has the opportunity to interact with the rest of our group by explaining the effect, discussing its finer points and helping each of us become better magicians. This meeting will be a very casual and will be more of a social event than most of our more structured meetings.

Please don't be put off by the thought of performing at this meeting we are all here to learn and help each other. The best way to practice anything is to start by practicing

PAST EVENTS: Swap Meet!!

Photos by: Jay Leslie



The swap meet was a blast. Yes, it was a cozy event and some went home with lots of goodies! From stage to close up items, from clowns to collectibles—there was quite a bit of variety.

Well, since pictures are worth a thousand words, I thought I'd splurge and give you four of them!





For The Birds: My Journey Into the Dove World

By Kevin A. Brown

A few months back as most of you will recall Fielding West lectured at 313 introducing us to what I thought was some fairly easy dove magic. I was impressed. Impressed enough that I thought I was ready to "stretch" my wings so to speak and branch out into this area of the magical world. So I began some online research to get started. The only previous experience I had with birds happened years ago when a friend who was no longer able to care for them gave me two adult Canaries. These birds spent their days pooping, screeching loudly and cowering in fear each and every time I came anywhere near their cage. Not the best introduction to the bird world.

I mentioned to other magicians about my new interest and before to long a friend of a friend was nice enough to offer me a pair of young doves. I found a cage of an appropriate size, picked up the necessary dove feed and grit and I thought I was ready. This is where my real bird education begins. Unlike my earlier experience with the resentful canaries, the young doves warmed up to me relatively quickly. With in a week or so, much to my surprise my new little friends were eating out of my hand! I next purchased some information on handling and the training of "magical doves". Soon we started work on return flight training. I felt it would be terribly embarrassing to produce a dove and have it instantly fly away forever. Fortunately within a couple of weeks I found that they learned their lessons well, and would easily return to me after being tossed away repeatedly. I was surprised at just how fast and easy it was to train the "kids" as I had begun to call them.

The next logical step in the "kids" training was to get them use to the various magical apparatus that they will be subjected to. Bags, harnesses, boxes and such. Unfortunately it was at this point that we hit our first snag. Somehow one of the birds injured a hind toe. I decided to stop our education and give the toe time to heal. This is were the first part of my "journey" ends for now. I will occasionally update as time goes on.

For now let me end by saying that having these wonderful little creatures in my magical life has been a delight so far. Although I still have to deal with the poop, the canaries screeching has been replaced by the pleasant cooing of the doves.

Congratulations Junior Magicians!!

You all rocked the OC Fair Future Magicians Contest! Calling you future magicians is a misnomer...you are magicians NOW. Kudos to: Kevin Fogg, 13, Mikaila Baumel, 9, Zack White, 13, David Ankenbauer, 16, and Riley Bock, 16.

*A very special thank you to those who donated prizes: Best Magic, Kevin Brown, Vaughn, Kent and Annie. And thank you to those who volunteered at the workshop: Kevin B, Steven, Joyce, Kent, Vaughn, Kevin F, and Zack.



Magic Word Scramble

Directions: Unscramble all the words and write it on the lines. Each word should spell out a tool a magician uses. After you unscramble all the words, the circled letters will spell out another magical word. Enjoy.

1	---	DEVO
2	---	SKILS
3	---	DSRCA
4	---	DAWN
5	---	SRRRMOI
6	---	NOSIC
7	---	BIRBAT
8	---	LSASOEPBNLG
9	---	PUTTHIMB
10	---	SIRGN

**answers will appear in next months newsletter*

**first reader to email me the answers will get a kudos in the next newsletter*



From www.basicjokes.com

Family

"What's your father's occupation?" asked the teacher on the first day of the new academic year.

"He's a magician, Ma'am," said the new boy.

"How interesting. What's his favorite trick?"

"He saws people in half."

"Gosh! Now, next question. Any brothers or sisters?"

"One half brother and two half sisters."

ATTN Juniors!!



SEPT 12 Ring 313 Junior Meeting: We have quite a treat! Special Workshop given by Mr. Fedko! This is a don't miss event. Juniors, bring a deck of cards, a notebook and a pen! Same bat time same bat channel. (Translation for all you young'uns: same time same place- Saturday, Sept 12, 2009 at 2pm)

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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.

Tuesday, August 25	7 PM	Ring 313 General Meeting—Member induction/participation
Tuesday, September 8	7 PM	Ring 313 Lite Gathering at Knowlwood's, Irvine
Saturday, September 12	2 PM	Ring 313 Juniors Meeting at Annie & Kent's, Santa Ana
Tuesday, September 29	7 PM	Ring 313 General Meeting—Irvine Water District
Saturday, October 10	2 PM	Ring 313 Juniors Meeting at Annie & Kent's, Santa Ana

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