

greeting both members and friends and welcomed all to the semi-annual “FWMC Swap Meet.”

Geoff Grimes announced three upcoming events: (1) The October meeting of the Mid-Cities Magic Circle will focus on “Destruction and Restoration” effects. The interest group meets on the second Tuesday each month at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Arlington, Texas. (2) The “Mark Wilson” Magic Club at Dallas College will host its annual free family magic shows on Saturday, November 4 at 1:00 p.m. and again at 6:00 p.m. (3) The London’s Magic Circle “Close-up Magician of the Year,” Matthew Garrett will lecture on Sunday, October 8. On a national tour, Garrett will teach the magic square and his internationally acclaimed “GIR” linking rings.

Bill Irwin reviewed the club’s Cook Children’s Medical Center show Sunday, October 1 in Fort Worth. Performances at the Fort Worth Children’s Medical Center is an annual service project of the club. Mike Smith, Bill Irwin, and Geoff Grimes performed for young patients and their families with a show that featured effects around the theme of “National Animal Week” Bill Irwin balanced the show with his variety magic that engaged both kids and parents in the fun of “Ring and Rope” and the production of a bowling ball. Bill explained to the club the options for performing room to room at the Medical Center beginning in 2024. Gavin Griggs, club member and high school performer, is also a regular entertainer at the Medical Center.

George Ferrin reported his visit with Ryan Plunkett at the Chicago Magic Lounge. He also had the opportunity to visit the oldest active magic store in Barcelona, a shop that first opened in 1895.

Michael Stein made a surprise presentation recognizing Michael Smith’s fifty years as a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. Michael presented “Doctor” Mike with his certificate for membership in the “Order of Excalibur.”

Don Lampe took his granddaughter to Magic etc. and Fort Worth Costume in Fort Worth, her first visit to a magic store. You can never be too young to make your first excursion to a brick-and-mortar magic store!

President Michael then turned the meeting over to Aaron Stone who officially opened the “Swap Meet.” And the haggling began! What fun!
Geoff Grimes

RING 17, TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA – The Sid Lorraine Hat and Rabbit Club

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Dai Vernon recommended doing one thing well. Ryan Murray heeded that advice and has spent over a decade mastering all aspects of the Faro Shuffle. Recently, Ring 17 was treated to a demonstration of his skills.

A card was named, and the two red queens were placed on the top and bottom of the deck. With a wave of his hand, they vanished and appeared a few cards in on each side as though they were going in search of the named card. The deck was gathered and spread again, and the queens were now on either side of the named card. Part of the method is a new version of the Pass which is original to Ryan (we believe). The only word I can think of to describe Ryan’s pass is invisible. Also, it is one that can be done comfortably while seated.

There was a card location involving Faro work wherein cards are telescoped into each other, and one half is placed into the card box. As the cards coalesce into the box, only the selection remains standing. The biggest laugh of the night came after he had just finished doing some clearly complicated Faro stuff to get the cards into position for the revelation and then, as he placed the cards into the box, he said, “And now the trick is self-working.” He then showed us something that he came up with while practicing his shuffling skills. It was an ace production where each ace shot out of the deck and landed face up or face down as the cards were bridged after a riffle shuffle. This looked really slick.

What really illustrated his mastery of the Tabled Faro Shuffle was when he demonstrated his ability to shuffle the cards and end up with them not just alternating one by one, but could also shuffle the cards into groups of twos, threes, fours, or every third card, etc. Next time you see Ryan ask him to show you. He freaked a lot of people out with this at Magic Live this year.

He also showed us his work on the Truffle Shuffle, shared his thoughts on both the push through and strip out shuffles, and finished with some smooth Rubik’s cube transformations/colour changes, waving his hand over a mixed cube only to have it solve itself. You can find his books *Curious Weaving* and *Natural Card*

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Magic on his website at www.ryanmurraymagic.weebly.com.

Toronto's Hat and Rabbit Club has grown over the past five years with membership hovering around one hundred magicians making it one of the largest Rings in the I.B.M. This was accomplished by having fantastic lectures, (and lots of other opportunities to magish) and October's lecturer was not one to miss. FISM Award winner Eric Tait flew into Toronto for our October lecture and it was a great one.

Eric started by demonstrating a with an astonishing variation of the Criss Cross Force. Arguably one of the most effective forces you'll see and do. While demonstrating his skill, he discussed the benefits of using a marked deck. And then wowed us with some marked deck work.

Eric then demonstrated a small packet version of "Out of This World." He generously asked our youngest member (Andrew) to join him at the table. It was a great demonstration of card handling.

Eric interspersed some small nuggets of gold between tricks. His experiences winning a FISM trophy now allows him to say "Hey, I'm a FISM award winning magician." No small feat. And discussions about theory without being too theory heavy was just right for the audience.

Eric wrapped it up with a unique approach to the "Ambitious Card" that was great.

It was a wonderful lecture and members retired to our local pub with Eric who generously entertained and chatted with members and pub patrons and staff into the wee hours. The pub has become an integral part of The Hat and Rabbit Club success. It provides a venue for casual sessioning, and an opportunity to develop friendships with new and old members. And the pub loves us. This is an open invitation to drop by when you're in Toronto.

David Peck and Ian Crawford

RING 20, HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA – Eddie Clever Keystone Ring

Meets 2nd Thur., at 6:00pm (order off the menu), meeting 7:00pm at John's Diner 146 Sheraton Dr., New Cumberland, PA 17070
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In attendance at the meeting were Stephen B. Smith, Al Bienstock, Ed Lopez, Jack Ritter, John Fortino, Michael Worsham, Michael Reist, Kyle Purnell, and Eric Hershey. The meeting was opened at 6:25 p.m. by President Smith. The minutes were approved by voice vote as was the Treasurer's report. There were no changes in our balances. There was no old business.

Under New Business the following was

reported: We will have a club picnic on August 27th at Jack Ritter's garage. Time will be 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Jack will provide hot dogs and beverages. The rest will be potluck. Al Bienstock has set up our performance for the Lebanon VA hospital patients at the Hampton Township VFW building. It will be on October 16. Exact times will be announced. There will be a lecture by Keith Leff on Monday, September 25th at 6:00 p.m. at Ritter's Hardware in Mechanicsburg. There will be another lecture by Chris Philpott on October 5th at Ritter's Hardware at 6:00 p.m. The CAPM will man a booth on June 2024 for the Jubilee Day Street Fair.

For Smith's Thoughts for the Month, Michael Reist performed at the Simpson Library, and he went and saw the show. Michael did a version of "Cards Across" and during the performance Michael pointed out Stephen and told the young female volunteer to keep an eye on him as he wanted to get her book cards. Stephen related that the girl began glaring at him and then used her fingers pointing to her eyes and then him, pointing out that she was watching him. Stephen found this hilarious.

For next month we will do Ritter's Grab Bag. Under Good of the order, we were asked to keep Richie and his wife in our thoughts as she fell and broke her shoulder. On August 19th there is a show at the Carlisle Theatre at 3:00 and 7:00 by many of our local brethren magi.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. In lieu of performing magic this month there was a Balloon Workshop taught by Stephen Smith and assisted by Michael Reist along with input from other members as well. Fun for all.

Our meetings currently are held the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at John's Diner. Until next month. *Michael L. Reist*

RING 21, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA – Caryl Fleming

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Although lots of Ring 21's traditions took a beating over the last year, for some obvious reasons, one did remain in place: our October Installation Banquet. And even though we decided to choose a different restaurant, and our originally chosen performer was changed at the last minute, we did maintain many of the yearly traditions,

We were fortunate to have International Vice President Steven Levine on hand to welcome the group (Steven had been a Ring 21 member just a few years ago) and he read a proclamation from I.B.M. headquarters recognizing our