



# THE TARBELL TRIBUNE

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## IBM RING 43 NEWSLETTER

### The Month & Upcoming

Next Meeting: Friday, May  
16th at 7:00 pm  
**Joe Diamond Lecture**  
@ Magic Inc

Last month's 'Teach a Trick' meeting did not disappoint! The attendance was strong, and the tricks were even stronger. We had a healthy dose of card tricks, a torn and restored picture effect, and an effect with Tarot.

Our very own Ring 43 member and Magic Inc team member, Jay Collen, shared a very exciting update with the group. Last month's meeting write is jam packed full of great ideas from our members. If you see something you want to explore further, feel free to reach out to the ring member who presented the effect to learn more!

This month's lecture is a long time coming! Joe Diamond was scheduled to lecture for us last year, but due to a critical important personal conflict, was postponed. We are excited to spend time with Joe this month and learn from 'America's Greatest Mind Reader'. We are back to our normally scheduled third Friday of the month meetings, so please join us on May 16<sup>th</sup> 7pm at Magic Inc.

Next up in June is the meeting we've all been hopefully preparing, the annual IBM Ring 43 close up contest. Let's take a moment to recognize last year's winners: Mike Kamlet taking first, Alan Koslow winning second place, and Dennis O'Neill achieving third place. There are competition rules, and we've provided them in this month's newsletter, so please review them. Oh, and in addition to bragging rights, contest winners also receive Magic Inc gift certificates!

Before we know it, the summer season will be upon us. While the Ring will take a short break, there's no reason members can't connect in person or virtually to work on material, ask for help, or just have a great conversation; as we often do at our meetings.

## Last Month: Teach a Trick

The April meeting began with a dealer demo by **Pedro Nieves** from Magic Inc. Pedro showed a card trick with jumbo cards. He showed a packet of jumbo cards. Each card had a normal face but the back had pictures of nine other cards on the back. Nancy Anderson picked a card (3S) and when she began naming the cards on the back, Pedro correctly identified her card. (Mind Match)

Next he showed What's Mine is Mine by Paul Richards. A spectator chose a card without looking and Pedro set it face down remarking "This is your card, the rest of these cards are mine." He then turned over all the cards which had the word "mine". The chosen card was labeled "Your Card".



**Jay Collen** announced his new book, Balloon Busker's Ultimate Guide to Making Money, due in May.

Mike announced that Joe Diamond will give a lecture next month. Also, the Knights of Sleight Flea Market is on May 14th. June will be our Close Up Contest. This Summer, we will have a Pizza Party / Craft Night.

**Kevin Owens** announced that our annual dues are going back to \$30, if paid at or before our September meeting, then \$35.

For Teach-A-Trick, first up was **John Hutsebaut**, who showed a two-card packet trick. One of the cards was a double-backer, red on one side, blue on the other. The other was a red-backed Bicycle, which John folded into quarters, backside out. Whenever the folded card was placed under the double-backed card, it seemingly changed color from red-backed to blue-backed and then back.

Next, **Jay Collen** showed his Plan B trick. He shuffled a deck, face up, and divided it into four packets, with the help of three spectators. Jay turned over the top card in each packet and they were the four Aces!



**Nancy Anderson** showed a nice method for finding a selected card. Anna picked a card and placed it back in the deck. After cutting the deck multiple times, the top card was turned over and shown to be Anna's card.

**Asher Stuhlman** had a deck with pictures of different feet on them. A spectator picked a popsicle stick out of a bag which had the words "Merry Go Round" on it. The stick was actually forced using a gaffed paper bag.

**Ethan Schleeter** picked Kristen Kaniewski to assist in a trick using a Tarot Deck. Ethan showed how to use the Cut Deeper Force with the Tarot Deck, while telling Kristen's fortune.

**Craig Reeder** chose Mike to assist. Craig handed Mike the QS and showed he had the QH. After several phony feints, Mike was left holding both Queens but when he turned them over, they had turned to Jacks! (David Blaine's Two Card Monte)

**Terrance Hunter** had a photo of himself which he had Anna sign in the corner. He then tore it into four pieces and restored it but when he showed the restored photo, the quadrants were all messed up like a mismade bill. (Shawn Farquhar's Torn)

**Mike Kamlet** demonstrated Simon Aronson's most famous card trick, Shufflebored. Kristen and Anna mixed up the deck following Mike's instructions. At the end he correctly predicted twenty three face-up cards, sixteen black cards, and all the red cards were hearts, except, he correctly predicted, for the Six of Hearts.

Mike also showed Three-For-Two and Simon's Red Sea Passover.

**Jay Collen** showed Jay Marshal's tip for producing a back palmed card.

- John Hutsebaut

# Member Spotlights



## Werner "Dorny" Ferdinand Dornfeld (1892-1982)

Dorny fell in love with magic in 1910, when he saw Carl Herbert perform. He dove into libraries, reading like mad, and explored Felsman's magic shop. By 1916 he was a full time professional, playing all the vaudeville circuits. That same year he helped found the Chicago Conjuror's Club, and was drafted for WW I. Dorny entertained the troops everywhere he went. When he returned to Chicago in 1919, he became a charter member of S.A.M.3. Dorny served as national S.A.M. President 1931-32, and was a charter member of Ring 43.

Dorny performed many times as the "Painless Magician" causing his audience to laugh shortly after taking the stage. In 1920, he published *Trix and Chatter*.

Dorny held I.B.M. member number 4, but always claimed he was the first member since Len Vintus (1), Gene Gordon (2), and Don Rogers (3) were the founding members and officers.



The 1929 I.B.M. Convention in Lima, Ohio, was a massive success due Dorny's role as Chairman of the Entertainment Committee. Also in 1929 Dorny and a few other magicians decided to meet daily in the Coffee Shop of the Sherman Hotel and the The Chicago Round Table was born.

Dorny became the top M.C. at the time, and throughout the 1930s and 1940s, his date book was filled with evening performances at local hotels, or tradeshow conventions. When travelling, Dorny would drop by the local magic shop or club to meet new magicians or visit his friends. Dorny wrote many articles for *The Sphinx* and other magic magazines and even wrote a weekly column for the *New York Star* (a theatrical paper).

Dorny constructed a number of fine illusions- multiplying chairs, vanishing radio, and some of the best Doll House Illusions ever built. Many professional magicians had Dorny build and paint equipment, as well dyeing their silks. Mark Holstein added that a "hallmark" of a Dorny silk was tiny burn holes due to his cigar smoking.

While Dorny was best known for his M.C. work, he also performed a full illusion show that premiered at the 1952 TAOM convention.

Dorny knew all the magicians of the day from Houdini to Thurston. In fact, Thurston asked Dorny to take out his second unit, but Dorny turned him down. They were such good friends, that they enjoyed "playing tricks" on each other. One time in Columbus, Dorny went to Thurston's hotel and as they were walking out, Dorny offered to carry one of Thurston's small bags. When they hit the lobby, a revenue officer stopped Dorny and discovered a bottle with suspicious liquid inside (as this was during prohibition). Thurston protested while Dorny sweated. After being led to the manager's office, Thurston said "Dorny, do you remember when I was in Chicago last winter?"

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You sent me a telegram full of nonsense, on which I had to pay a dollar and a half charges. This was my chance to get even! I hope you enjoyed my show." As it was all a set up by Thurston.

In 1962, Dorny published another book, Dorny's Comedy Blackouts. In 1974, Dorny was elected Dean of the S.A.M. and received a Master Fellowship from the Academy of Magical Arts in 1978.

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## ATTENTION!!

The annual Knights of Sleights Magic Flea Market

Wednesday, May 14th  
Doors open at 7 pm  
Admission is \$10

Elm West Banquet Hall  
681 W. North Ave  
Elmhurst, IL



Thank you Terrence for representing Ring 43 at the market this year!

## Happy Birthday

Jeff Babbe  
Marshall Ellenstein  
Brielle Kawalek  
Ed Litt  
Mark Metzger  
Alec Schraegle  
Kevin Sowizrol  
Don Wiberg  
Quinn Winters



## Events Calendar

- May 16** Joe Diamond Lecture
- Jun 20** Annual Close-up Contest
- Aug 15\*** Summer Pizza Party
- Sep.\*** Joshua Jay Lecture
- Oct 17** Chad Long Lecture

Meeting location is graciously  
hosted by



1838 W Lawrence Ave. Chicago, IL 60640

\*Date TBD, will finalize and announce soon!

**Chicago Magic Lounge** - Shows Every Night!  
[chicagomagiclounge.com](http://chicagomagiclounge.com).

**Coin Magic Study Group** - Work through the classic coin magic book, Bobo's Modern Coin Magic, on the second Saturday of every month from 2 pm - 4 pm.

**Magic Inc.** - Support your local magic shop!  
For more info, call 773-334-2855 or [magicinc.net](http://magicinc.net).

### Club Meetings:

**S.A.M. Assembly 3**—At Magic Inc, first Monday of the month 6:30pm.

[www.magicalchicago.com](http://www.magicalchicago.com)

**Conjurer's Corner Magic Club**—Fourth Monday, Mr. Beef & Pizza, 1796 S. Elmhurst Rd., Mt. Prospect.

**Magic Masters**—Fourth Wednesday, The Station Pub & Restaurant, 6657 South Street, Tinley Park.

**Mazda Mystic Ring**—Second Thursday, Knights of Columbus Hall, 10 Villa Court, Elgin.

**S.A.M. Assembly 106**—Second Monday, The Timbers, 1100 N. River Rd., Shorewood.

**S.A.M. Assembly 148**—Third Monday, Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church, 314 W. Valette St., Elmhurst.

## Member Spotlight Continued...

There are so many great stories about Dorny from all his articles and from all that knew him, but we'll close with one from our own Don Wiberg --- "One day Dorny walked into Joe Berg's Magic Shop on Washington Street in Chicago. As usual, he was smoking a big cigar. Joe Berg had just received a shipment of flash paper that was on the counter. Dorny approached the counter and accidentally flicked the lit ash off the end of the cigar, resulting in a huge, "Whooooosh!" Berg, who had been in the back of the store, heard the sound and immediately ran to the front. He asked Dorny, "What did you do to my flash paper?" Dorny replied, "What flash paper?"

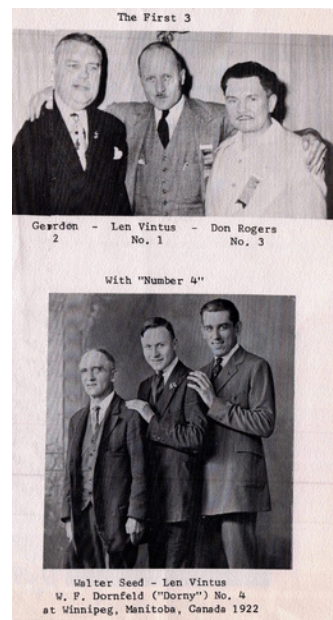
You can hear Don tell this story (set to an animated short)

<https://vimeo.com/668858863/e0b63b2ff9?share=copy>



While there hasn't been a big biography about Dorny, his grand nephew wrote a small tome which is still available

<https://www.antiquatedfuture.com/zines/misdirections-dorny-dornfield-carl-diehl>



## Close Up Contest Rules



8 - 10 Minute Acts



10% penalty - under 8 minutes, over 10 minutes



Members vote 3 winners



Spectator welcome to join before time starts



### Appearance

Were the contestant's dress, presence and handling of helpers (if any) appropriate? What was your overall impression?

### Presentation

Did the contestant handle material properly? Was their act well structured, flow smoothly, and have good patter?

### Originality

How creative was the contestant's effects, methods, presentations, and props? Did they have any novel ideas?

### Audience Reaction

Did the audience experience enjoyment, wonder, surprise or mystery? How was the contestant's entertainment value?

### Technique / Skill

Did the contestant exhibit a mastery of any sleights or misdirection they used? Did the contestant "flash" or expose any magic?

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