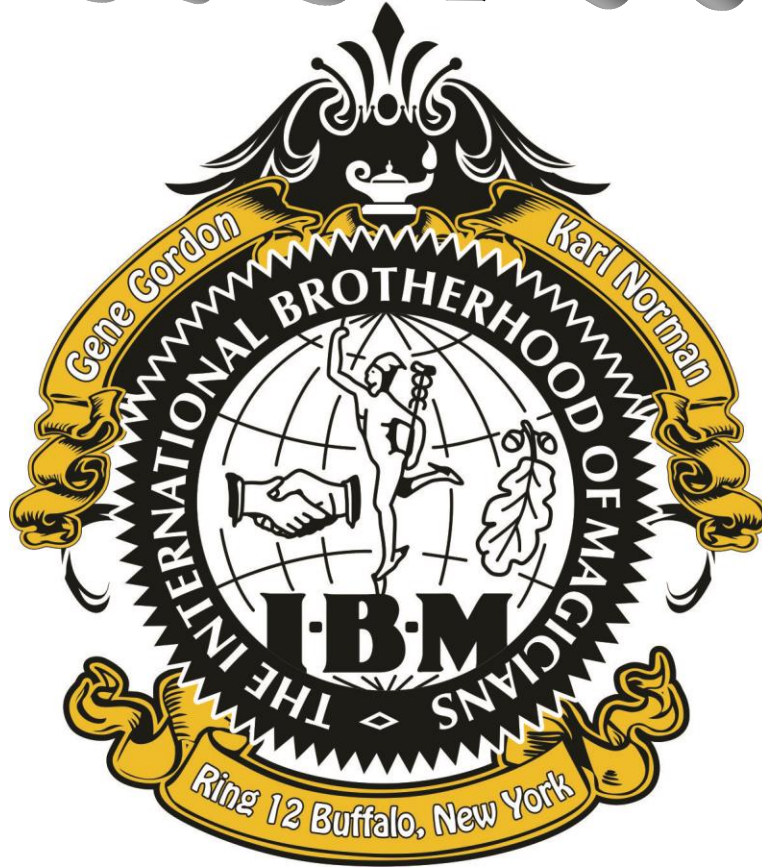


# Hocus Pocus



January 2017

{ The Official Newsletter of Ring 12 }

## Meeting Dates:

Monday January 2, 2016

6:30 PM – Doors

7:00 PM – Teaching Table and Meeting

Screening Room Cinema and Café

880 Alberta Dr.

Amherst, New York 14226

### **Please note the new address**

The Screening Room entrance is on the Alberta Dr. side of the Boulevard Mall. You drive in the Mall parking lot from Alberta Dr., and the Screening room is between JC Penny and Macys. You cannot enter the Screening room from the Mall.

**Teaching Table: Shlomo Birkan**

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## January Babies

January 7	W. Dennis Jasin
January 9	Gary Mercer
January 10	Tony Weiland
January 13	Todd Nelson
January 25	Brian Finley
January 26	Glenn Begert
January 31	Helen Utter

**Happy Birthday**



## **President's Letter**

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to wish everyone a very happy holiday season and hope you and your families enjoy the time spent together.

I hope everyone who attended the December meeting enjoyed our magical variety show and our own episode of "Fool Vic & Larry"! It was great to see all of our own members performing and appreciate all of the talent in Ring 12! It was also great to celebrate with our annual Holiday Party. Thanks to CINDY DARNELL and SHIRLEY WEILAND for helping to coordinate the food and refreshments during extended intermission of the meeting. Thanks also to our Board of Directors and all of the members that brought a dish to pass for our party.

It is also that time of year to start thinking about the GEORGE GRAHAM MARCH HARE BALL. As BOB GECKLER reminds us, you can't find a better value for an evening of food, drink and entertainment in this area! This year will be moving to a new venue at BOBBY J's ITALIAN AMERICAN GRILLE in Cheektowaga (just north of the Knights of Columbus off Union Road). More details will be forthcoming but please save the date of SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017!

Please remember the new location of the Screening Room for our regular meetings. The new location is at the Boulevard Mall and you MUST access the entrance from OUTSIDE the mall facing Alberta Drive (facing Wegmans). The Screening Room is very close to the Macy's entrance on the east side of the mall (the side of the mall that faces Alberta Drive, \*NOT\* the side of the mall that faces Niagara Falls Blvd).

Magically Yours,

Brian Blake

### **PLEASE NOTE: SCREENING ROOM LOCATION CHANGE**

Our regular meeting location, the Screening Room, will be relocating in late November. The new location is 880 Alberta Drive, Amherst. This is at the Boulevard Mall however the entrance is on the outside of the mall facing Alberta Drive. The entrance is between Macy's and JC Penney, and was the former Funny Bone comedy club. If you have any problems finding the new location, you can contact BRIAN BLAKE at (716) 245-0096, or call the Screening Room directly at (716) 837-0376.

## **Editor's Letter**

Welcome to January. A whole new year, 2017. (technically it's still 2016 when you get and hopefully read this but let's pretend.) A whole new year chalked up with great lecturers as always. Great friends, great magic and of course the great atmosphere that can only be felt at the screening room. I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Shlomo Birkan

## **PROVISIONAL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT #2**

Lawrence Joseph Kenyon (Amherst, NY) and Silas Panfil (Angola, NY) have applied for membership in Gene Gordon - Karl Norman I.B.M. Ring 12. Per the Ring 12 Constitution and By-laws, as Provisional Members their names must be published in the *Hocus Pocus* for two consecutive issues. If no one objects after the second publication, they will become full Resident Members in good standing.

Two Respectful Requests from Rosemary & David Hoffman, Membership Co-Chairs...

1. All I.B.M. members – PLEASE check your I.B.M. membership account to make sure you have listed Ring 12 as one of the I.B.M. Rings to which you belong. Several Ring 12 members have not done so; therefore, the membership lists we receive from I.B.M. are not correct. If Ring 12 is your primary Ring, then list it first. You may list all the I.B.M. Rings to which you belong. Please check your information by going to [magician.org](http://magician.org) and logging on to your account. There is a section on the Account Information page that reads, “Local Ring(s)\* Add the Ring Number(s).” If you are setting up your online account for the first time and need a temporary password, please contact Sindie at [\(636\) 724-2400](tel:6367242400).
2. If you have not returned your Dues Renewal Form, please do so ASAP! Check the information carefully and make any necessary changes on the form before returning it to us. This information is crucial since it is used to update the Ring 12 Directory and Phone Tree.

Thank you very much for your help with these matters!!

### **December’s Meetings**

It’s December, which means it is time for our annual holiday party. We began our annual meeting with three scarves put into a tube and coming out as a “Merry Christmas” Banner. Now on to the festivities. We had many performers, some performed for amusement while others tried to fool our experts Vic Trabucco and Larry Martinez. Our first performer was Scott Hood. He performed an illusion where he stood back to back with a spectator who was reading a Sherlock Holmes novel. Scott pulled out his own copy and seemed to follow along. After the spectator saw the duplicate book he showed how all the pages were empty. He then blew bubbles and caught one in the air and it became solid. His final act was a table that floated.

Next, Ed Barszcz challenged our experts. He performed a card illusion where he ripped cards and Vic and Larry each sat on a card. They then thought of a card and that card was what they were sitting on.

Doc Robert Geckler was next to try to fool Vic and Larry. His card illusion had a thought of card appear backwards in another deck. Now, it was time for Rian Lehman. His was a card illusion too. He had a signed card chosen and put back in the deck. Next, he pulled out a balloon and somehow got all the cards into the balloon and finally from within the balloon he pulled out the signed chosen card. He also performed some baffling coin illusions.

Now, it was time for Todd Nelson with a “bread” card illusion. A card was chosen and placed in a bag with yeast, following all the steps in making bread. Finally, instead of bread rising, the chosen card rose inside the sealed bag. The last fooler, was John Jemola. He had a deck in a messed-up order and after some faro shuffles all the aces came together as well as all the other numbers joined together.

Next, our judges became performers. Vic Trabucco did an amazing illusion where cards turned into four aces. Then, Larry Martinez mainly did rope illusions. He did some torn and restored, some linking ropes. None of which I could imagine having the skill to do. The best part was he performed with an ungimmicked rope.

All this and some great food. What a ring we live in.

## **FUTURE FILE**

JANUARY 2 – Regular meeting lecturer JIMMY C; Teaching Table SHLOMO BIRKAN; at Screening Room

JANUARY 9 – Board of Directors meeting, at Bill Darnell’s house