

I.B.M.

Code of Ethics



The I.B.M. History

Len Vintus, Gene Gordon, and Don Rogers founded I.B.M. in 1922, initially a correspondence club, the International Brotherhood of Magicians has grown and become the world's largest and most prestigious organization of amateur and professional magicians, magic enthusiasts, and collectors of magic apparatus and literature.

Those in the international organization may apply for membership in local Rings where they can enjoy the ongoing fellowship and support of fellow magicians to learn about the newest effects, books and videos, perform and practice their magic, and discuss the latest topics in the magical arts. Rings also offer lectures and demonstrations from professional magicians who travel the magic club circuit and provide cutting edge magical effects and information through their effects, books, and videos.

As a member of the I.B.M., you will be entitled to take advantage of many benefits, including the ***Linking Ring*** magic magazine!

ALL Members of the International Brotherhood of Magicians agree to:

- 1) Oppose the willful exposure to the public of any principles of the Art of Magic, or the methods employed in any magic effect or illusion.
- 2) Display ethical behavior in a presentation of magic to the public and in our conduct as magicians, including not interfering with or jeopardizing the performance of another magician either through personal intervention or the unauthorized use of another's creation.
- 3) Recognize and respect for rights of the creators, inventors, authors, and owners of magic concepts, presentations, effects and literature, and their rights to have exclusive use of, or to grant permission for the use by others of such creations.
- 4) Discourage false or misleading statements in the advertising of effects, and literature, merchandise, or actions pertaining to the magical arts.
- 5) Discourage advertisements in magic publications for any magical apparatus, effects, literature, or other materials for which the advertiser does not have commercial rights.
- 6) Promote the humane treatment and care of livestock used in magical performances.

To be a candidate for membership in the International Brotherhood of Magicians you must have had a sincere interest in the art of magic for at least two years prior to application (one year for Junior Membership). I.B.M. members agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and promise to never violate any part of "The Code of Ethics".

On May 8, 1993, the IBM Board of Directors approved the "Code of Ethics" list jointly with the Society of American Magicians. This was the result of a cooperative effort to work together for the betterment of magic.

The national chapter of the I.B.M. in St. Charles, MO has developed the Code of Ethics with the assistance of The Society of American Magicians to govern all Rings in the association. Each individual Ring can establish their own Standing By-Laws for their own requirements locally. Along with establishing ethical standards, dues and meeting venues are likewise set by the local Ring.

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The Society of Memphis Magicians

was begun shortly after the National Chapter of the I.B.M. was founded in 1922. Memphis has been the home of Ring16 for over 80 years, and we plan to continue to thrive in Memphis as we increase our membership. In the early 1980s there was a magic competition started to help increase the interest and strength of our members. Magic is meant to be performed in front of excited crowds who thoroughly enjoy seeing a good magician create impossible things. Although they do not fully understand how it happens, they do know that they love seeing it. MAGIC is the oldest art form. Older than dance and music. It is astonishing.

Isn't this why we do it?

**VISITOR
INFORMATION**

W E L C O M E !

The Ring16 meetings usually begin promptly at 7:00pm, and last until 9:00pm. The business portion lasts approximately 15 minutes. As a visitor to a Ring16 meeting, you are expected to respectfully remain outside the meeting room until all business is completed. A Ring16 member will come and get you and lead you into the room. Once there, you may sit anywhere you like. We ask that while someone is performing, you remain quiet and not speak to someone nearby, just like you were at a formal magic show. Applause and laughter are encouraged if you feel the need to do so. **JUST HAVE FUN !**

If you are interested in joining the Ring16 chapter of I.B.M., please make contact with someone while at the meeting and we'll make sure that you get all the information you need to get signed up. If you like magic, and want to learn all about what we do, and why we do it, a Ring16 member will be more than happy to help you.

THANK YOU !