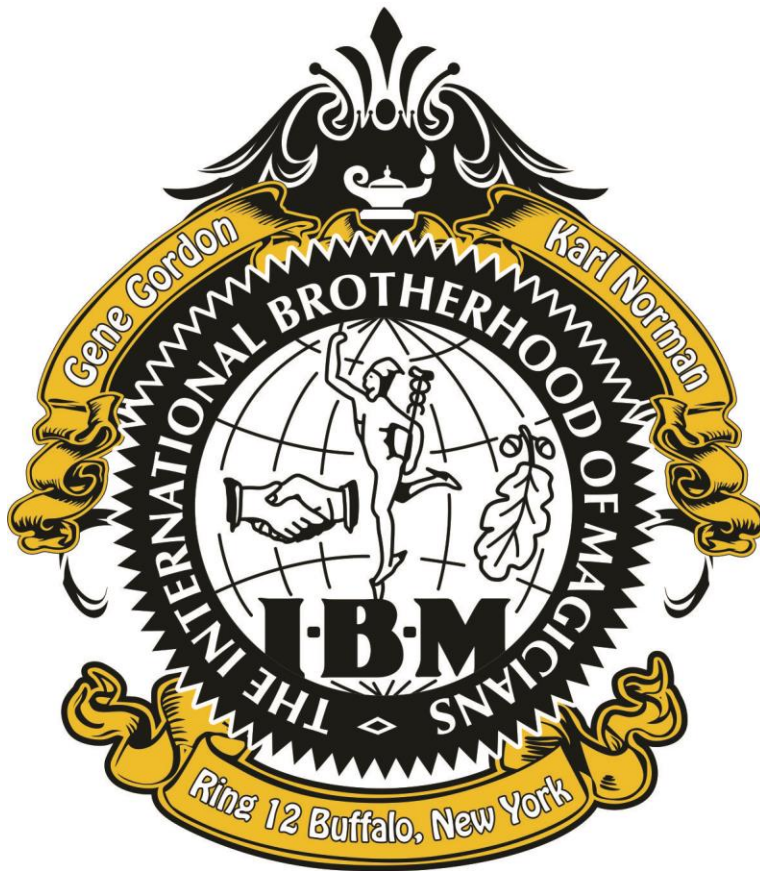


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## Meeting Dates:

Monday January 8, 2017

6:30 PM – Doors

7:00 PM – Teaching Table and Meeting

Screening Room Cinema and Café

880 Alberta Dr.

Amherst, New York 14226

**Teaching Table: Jimmy C**

# Ben Train

## January Babies

6 Joe Kenyon, II  
9 Gary Mercer  
10 Tony Weiland  
13 Todd Nelson  
25 Brian Finley  
26 Glenn Begert  
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 our annual Holiday Party. It was great to see all of our own members performing and appreciate all of the talent in Ring 12! Thanks to CINDY DARNELL and SHIRLEY WEILAND for helping to coordinate the food and all them members who brought any food. It is amazing to me that we are almost halfway through our program year, the time seems to be flying by. We are already in the preparation stage for the GEORGE GRAHAM March Hare Ball, which will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at the Knights of Columbus on Union Road just north of William Street. TONY WEILAND is putting together another great evening of entertainment and fun for all of us. Please save the date and mark it in your calendars as this is always an enjoyable evening for current and the newly inducted members of RING 12. We have been scanning all the Scrap books from the beginning of the Ring. Many people don't get a chance to look at them at the Hare Ball so we have put them online on the Web Page. Please take a look at them and remember the old days and old friends. And again, if there is any suggestions you have for your RING 12, please let me (or any of the Board of Directors) know at a meeting or via email at [president@ring12.org](mailto:president@ring12.org).

Magically Yours,

Ed Barszcz

## **Editor's Letter**

Welcome to 2018. I'm still living in the early 90's, which was 28 years ago. Time and life are flying by. I used to be the youngest person in most classes and places I went, then in college, I took so many different courses that by the end I was the oldest in classes. But, enough about aging. We are here to talk about magic.

Ring 12 and the people within it are amazing. People are so willing to share their gift to benefit others. Back in 2014 Larry Kohorst had agreed to take me on. However, that was when my son was born and spare time was little to none. Now, Todd Nelson agreed to take me on and get me going on this thing called magic. I've been a ring member since 2011 but never had the gumption or for some other reason I didn't practice enough. Now, with a mentor, I am learning a lot. I'd like to thank Todd and Larry and all of Ring 12 for just being a great support centre.

Thanks for Reading,

Shlomo

December Meeting

For the month of December we had our annual Christmas Party where we were able to share the magic that we learn and perform throughout the year with our families. Besides all of the great food and company that we had throughout the night, the performances that went on made the night even more magical. Every performer did a great job, showing us some new tricks that they are working on or old tricks that they have been doing for some time now. Our President, Ed Barszcz performed a more upbeat performance where he took many different beverages and poured them into a bucket only to have each liquid come out separately into its own cup, while Rian Lehman also did some fantastic manipulation work to some music as well. These were just a few of the performances that we were able to watch throughout the night as we had many of our ring members take the stage as well. Some of our other performers that we were able to see were Dr. Robert Geckler, Todd Nelson, and we were also able to see a little piece of Silas Panfil's upcoming show, For What Its Worth: The Journey of a Million Miles that will be debuting on stage in January. I hope everyone had a great holidays and I hope the new year starts off magical for everyone,

Jake Weiland