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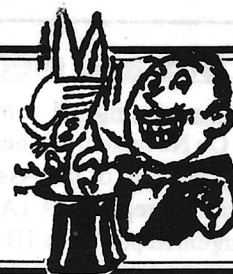
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MAGIC MUSINGS

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #29

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Meeting 1st Thursday of every month, CARTI, St. Vincent's Hospital



It's Mental Magic Month so bring one December 2

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Coming events:

Looking ahead to 1994, mark your calendars for the first Thursday of every month as the likely meeting dates for Ring 29. But also watch for changes for special events (picnics, parties, lectures, etc.).

The following are the dates for first Thursdays for all of 1994:

January *	July 7
February 3	August 4
March 3	September 1
April 7	October 6
May 5	November 3
June 2	December 1

* The January meeting will be our traditional Christmas Party. We'll discuss the date and details at the Dec. 2 meeting.

Last month featured doves

At the regular Ring 29 meeting for November, members Fred & Nora Hartman demonstrated using doves (not pigeons) in magic. A nice group turned out to hear how they raise and train doves, as well as special characteristics of the birds.

We received a nice thank-you note from Nora, thanking members for their attendance and good questions. "We had fun and hope everyone else did," she wrote.

Dennis Schick told about his visit to Ken Klosterman's magic museum and passed around a binder with lots of photos.

● Magical People ●

This is where we usually feature members who have done something magical recently. But since absolutely not one person called or even hinted they had performed or booked an engagement or even got up one morning, apparently no one did.

What's new?

If you have news, call Jim or Dennis and we'll include it in this newsletter.

Call **Dennis Schick** at 374-1500 or mail to: 1701 Broadway, Little Rock 72206

December has been designated Mental Magic Month at Ring 29, so come with your favorite mental trick or two and show and tell it (or them).

The regular December meeting of Ring # 29 will be this coming Thursday -- December 2 -- at the usual place: the CARTI auditorium on the east side of St. Vincent's Hospital. Look for the propped-open door at the northeast corner.

What are some examples of "mental magic?" How about the "Split Deck" or the "Double Color Changing Silks" or even "Cardtoon?" All involve predictions and mental thought and concentration.

How about demonstrating a "Kreskin" trick (which he plays up as mentalism)? How about one of those "Chalk Board" tricks?

Anyway, rack your brain, pick out one or two mental goodies, and come prepared to

share them with us.

Part two of the evening will feature our usual "What's New" segment. Anyone who has bought or learned a new trick is invited to come and show it.

Further, Jim Henson -- "Mr. Magic" -- will bring several new tricks which just arrived, including the annual new Tenyo tricks.

If there is time, Dennis Schick will tell about his visits to two magic stores in Washington, DC last Saturday. He'll also bring back his binder showing photos of his recent visit to the Ken Klosterman's "Salon de Magie." He has added the articles in Forbes and Smithsonian magazines about the museum.

DECEMBER RING #29 MEETING:

Thursday, December 2
7:30 pm -- CARTI

- (1) Mental Magic
- (2) "What's New?"

Chief Jim Henson featured in Democrat-Gazette article

Our own Jim Henson was one of six firefighters featured on a full-page in the October 17 issue of the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette. He is Chief of District 744 and has been a firefighter for 23 years.

He is immediate past president of Ring 29 and owns "Mr. Magic." Dennis will bring the article to our December meeting for you who missed it.

Magic part of CARTI Festival Wed., Dec. 1

This coming Wednesday, Dec. 1, magic will be a major part of Family Night, the closing day of CARTI's annual Festival of Trees.

According to advance publicity, on-stage entertainment will include Scott Davis at 3:30; "Fate" the Magician (Andy Stirman), at 3:45; and Patches the Clown, at 4.

Then magicians will perform as they stroll. Cost is \$3 to get in. Stop by.

Ready or not, Ring Directory is going to be produced with or without you

Below are data forms we have received to produce a Ring Directory. YOU still can be included but send your form by return mail (or bring to the meeting Thursday) or forever hold your peace! Enclosed is another form for you we don't have a form for. If you turned it in, it has been misplaced. Please fill out another one.

Sam Boyce	Tom Leggett
Ben Bradley	Danny McDorman
Melvin Brown	Ray Neal
Mary Ann Campbell	Jeremy Newton
Mike Curtis	Theron Nunley, Jr.
Trivedi Deepakkumar	Mike Pridemore
Fred Hartman	Earl Sanders
Merritt Hendrix	Dennis Schick
Jim Henson	Andy Stirman
Earl Hughes	Bob Tankersley
Henry Johnson	Daniel Yeazey
Mike Jones	Sean Westbrook
Jim & Christy Kinsey	

* Bits and pieces *

Mary Ann Campbell continues in the news: On November 17 she spoke at the monthly meeting of the Association for Arkansas Entrepreneurs (AAE) on "A Washington Report: Small Business." On Friday, December 3, she will be speaker at the 3rd Annual Arkansas Women in Business Award Luncheon.

Ring member **Fred Hartman**, recently received news from his son in California, that he has made arrangements for Fred to be re-instated as a non-resident regular member of the Hollywood Magic Castle.

The **IBM National Convention** in 1994 is scheduled for **July 1-6** in Orlando, Florida. Headquarters hotel is the Hilton at Disney World Village. For more information call or fax (703) 360-0775.

The **S.A.M. National Convention** will be at the Congress Hotel in Chicago, **July 13-16**. (At least SAM and IBM aren't meeting the same weekend, as they have from time to time.)

On October 7 the Harrison Kiwanis Club presented its "**2nd Annual Magic Show**," produced by Atlantic Southern Productions. Did any member see it or know about it or that group?

When **Dennis Schick** visited Ken Klosterman in Cincinnati in September, Ken told him his museum was featured in the January, 1991 issue of *Smithsonian* magazine.

So Dennis wrote down the date and looked for the issue during the recent Book Sale of the Friends of Central Arkansas Libraries (FOCAL) at the main library. He found not one, but two copies of the magazine, and the article is featured in his three-ring binder which he brings to Ring meetings for members to look at.

Ring Member **Sam Boyce**, Newport attorney, was featured in an article in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* October 24. The article originally appeared in the *Newport Independent*.

The First Church of the Nazarene in North Little Rock recently featured the "Magic and Message" of **Steve Pennington and the Pro-Kids Show**. Any details on the show?

Schick visited two magic shops in downtown Washington, DC

by Dennis Schick

Last weekend I was in Washington, DC for a Board meeting of a national association. With Saturday afternoon off, I got on the Metro at Pentagon City (where I was staying), and headed for downtown.

I walked several blocks to "The Shops," an indoor mall which also houses the National Theatre and the National Press Club. Inside I knew there was one of the five **Magic Masters** stores in the country. (I have visited them all: two others are in New Orleans and two in Atlanta).

Magic Masters is an interesting approach to selling magic. Each store is in a corner, with a counter across the corner. Down both walls are book shelves, full of magic books. On some of the shelves are magic tricks displayed in glass cases. The walls have alarms on them which go off when people lean up against or touch them.

The setting is warm and personal, simulating someone's living room.

Anyway, a woman magician was operating the store when I got there. Since no customers were around, we chatted for several minutes and she showed me some of their new tricks.

A Colorful, Electrical Mystery

One I had seen before but it still impressed me. It comes from the mind of Harry Anderson. A device has four different colored light bulbs screwed in sockets, and an equal number of switches (covered with matching color caps).

When each of the switches was turned on, the corresponding color light blub across from it lit up. Then I was asked to switch around the bulbs any way I wanted to. When the switches were turned on again, they still lit the corresponding blubs, even out of order.

Finally, the demonstrator moved the caps on the switches around. Even then, the color of the plate matched the color of the light bulb when turned on. A nice effect.

They also demonstrated a card trick called "Printing," which I think Daryl showed us last year at or convention, and others.

I didn't buy anything since their prices are several dollars higher than most magic stores. They go after businessmen, tourists and others just passing through.

On to Al's

About eight blocks away was **Al's Magic Store**, well-known in magicdom. The store can't be more than 10 feet across, and long and narrow. Most of the front half (or more) of the store is taken up with the typical costumes, gag gifts, party supplies, Halloween masks, etc.

But the back is for magicians. The aisle is narrow, but usually only a handful of magicians are there. Things and stuff are everywhere, in display cases, on walls, hanging from the ceiling. Books are high and overlap, making looking at them difficult.

When I got there about a dozen people were watching Al demonstrate both new tricks, as well as old standards. Several people were browsing, some looking for specific effects and others just hanging around.

During the three hours I was there, people came in who had driven impressive distances. I talked with Al about the problems with IBM national, about magic trends and about lots of new (to me) tricks (many coins).

I would have stayed longer but I thought they closed at 5. At 4:30 they started closing down. Feeling guilty about spending all that time there, I did buy "Bet Cha" and "Hot Cross Ones," two simple but nice close-up effects.

At the check-out counter I noticed a stack of oversize dollar bills. Come to find out, Al's supplier got in trouble with the Treasury Department and they said he could not print any more. So Al said when those were gone there would be no more. I don't know why, but I bought two each of ones, fives and twenties. I'll bring them to the meeting for a Show and Tell segment.

Anyway, whenever you're in another city, look under "Magic" in the Yellow Pages. You may find a magic store just around the corner. Also look up old and new book stores (if you're interested in magic books). You'll be surprised how many you can find.

When is a dove a pigeon?

When is a dove a pigeon? We understand Fred Hartman's doves were offended when we called them pigeons last month. Sorry about that, doves!

According to The Random House Dictionary, a "**dove**" is: "Any bird of the family *Columbidae*, usually the smaller species with pointed tails. See pigeon." A "**pigeon**" is: "Any bird of the family *Columbidae*, having a compact body and short legs, esp. the larger species with square or rounded tails. See dove. A domesticated member of this family, as one of the varieties of the rock dove."

The birds used by magicians usually are doves, not pigeons. Maybe one reason is that people won't use those pigeon jokes (pigeon toed, stool pigeon, etc.).