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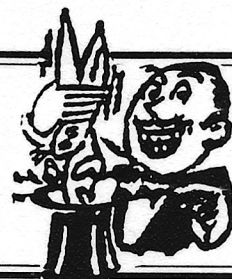
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MAGIC MUSINGS

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #29

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



February to feature resolutions & Valentine magic

FEBRUARY RING #29 MEETING:

Thursday, February 3

7:30 pm CARTI

St. Vincent's Hospital

- (1) Tricks having to do with resolutions**
- (2) Tricks having to do with Valentine's Day**
- (3) Learn a new trick.**

January featured Xmas Show

The annual Christmas Party took the place of the regular January meeting. (Could we call it a New Year's Party next year, gang?)

Some 90 people attended and many said it was the best one ever. Mary Ann Campbell emceed the ten acts, which ranged from some great illusions to some rip-roaring comedy.

Shaun Westbrook taped the event and will dub a copy for anyone who supplies a blank tape to him. Give him a call.

Looking ahead to March

March 3 is the date for our Ring's regular meeting next month, so circle it on your calendar. But also be on the watch for confirmation of a special location -- **Randal Eller's** new home in Maumelle.

Not only will Randal be the host, but he will be the program. He intends to lecture on stage performing and give other tips he has learned from his extensive travels and performances.

We'll include an address, directions and a map with next month's newsletter. Plan now to attend.

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

OK, so you made some resolutions for the New Year. And you're thinking ahead a couple of weeks to Valentine's Day and your significant other.

Putting these two together will be the theme for the regular monthly meeting for February of Ring 29. It will be **Thursday, February 3 at the CARTI Auditorium** on the Northeast side of St. Vincent's Hospital.

So what does that mean? Say you made a

● **Magical People** ●

✓ On the back of this page are all the news items which members called in this month!

Schick visits magic store in Canada

Dennis Schick recently spoke to a newspaper group in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. While there he visited the world's largest mall -- the West Edmonton Mall (over 800 stores) including -- you guessed it -- a magic store. Could he resist buying? Nope. He bought three tricks and a book.

resolution to lose some weight this year. Tailor one of your tricks about a weight-loss theme and you get the idea.

Or how about a resolution to use more common items for your tricks, or to finally master a trick you bought but have been avoiding learning?

As for the Valentine's angle, you could use love or hearts or red or similar themes for a trick. Make up a love story told with cards.

Anyway, you get the idea. You'll have to work a little at this one, but you should come up with something. At least try.

✓ As always, we'll also devote a section to "What's New," so bring a new trick you've bought or learned and show it to us.

✓ How about a new feature for each meeting -- someone volunteer to teach everyone at the meeting a new trick? That way everyone would leave knowing one new trick. Any volunteers? How about, say, "Card Warp?" Jim Henson says he'll teach it to us. Bring some old cards.

Join Ring members for a Magical Caravan to Branson March 27

Jim Henson is putting together and will lead an all-day trek Sunday, March 27 to Branson, Missouri to watch illusionist **Kirby VanBurch's** new show.

You may remember we wrote about his show in last September's newsletter. Here are some excerpts from that article:

"We understand there is a major, new theater in Branson featuring Kirby VanBurch, known as both 'The Prince of Magic,' and the 'Master of Illusion.'

"It could be said that VanBurch was already on his way to being a star by his 16th birthday when he was given a Bengal tiger as a present. Already an accomplished young magician, the animal immediately became a part of his act. With the help of an uncle who was an animal trainer, the act gradually grew until it included other wild animals, birds and reptiles.

"Recently Kirby purchased some of the famous illusions of retired magician Doug Henning, including the water levitation illusion. He plans to incorporate more

magic in his show than any show has ever had in Branson.

"Co-starring in the new show at the Five Star Theatre is **Bobby Berosini** and his orangutans. He is the man who trained the orangutan for the movies 'Every Which Way but Loose' and 'Going Ape,' and many television shows."

Jim is proposing that cars which go leave about 8 am in order to arrive late morning. He is trying to arrange lunch with Kirby, before his 2 pm show. If that doesn't work out, then he hopes Kirby will meet with us after the show (which lasts about 2 1/2 hours).

Depending on whether we can meet with him before or after his show, we should be back in Little Rock no later than 9 pm

Jim says he already has eight commitments to go so apparently the caravan is on. If you're interested, call Jim no later than March 19. He will reserve the seats. Cost will include the show, a share of the gas and your own meals.