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RING #29

February 1996

MAGIC MUSINGS

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #29

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Meeting 1st Thursday of every month, Baptist Medical Center



Feb. 1 is auction at new location & new time

NEXT MEETING:

✓ **Thurs., Feb. 1, 7 pm**
Baptist Medical Center
Meeting room 20, Cafeteria

New meeting place for Ring 29 beginning February is Baptist MC

We will no longer meet at CARTL. Their new policy says no outside groups can use the facility. We do appreciate their hospitality over the years.

Now we're moving to the Baptist Medical Center, (I-630) Conference Room 20, beginning in February.

Be there!

Schick begins new career as performing magician (?)

Newsletter editor Dennis Schick is a magic hobbyist, rather than a performer, he says. But that all changed recently when he was asked to give a repeat talk at the Searcy Rotary Club. Not wanting to give the same talk ("Hats Off to Newspapers") -- even though it had been four years earlier -- he decided to take advantage of the opportunity and create a new 30-minute show -- "The Magic of Newspapers."

He used a mirror box to show how newspapers start with nothing every day and create multi-part publications; Clippo to show how long stories are edited; a mental prediction routine called "Tabloid"; "In the News," where clear water (hard work, or sweat) is poured into a folded newspaper, is rotated and the water pours out turned green (for money); and ending with Gene Anderson's "Torn and Restored Newspaper."

All went well in Searcy (45 people), and he repeated the show to the Newport Lion's Club last week (to about 25 people). It's amazing what a little practice will do.

● **The Northeast Arkansas Magic Club** will meet the last Sunday of February -- the 25th -- at 2 pm in Newport at the offices of attorney Sam Boyce. **As always, you are invited.**

You've been waiting for the annual Ring #29 auction for a year now, and have a box of stuff you're ready to trade in for someone else's box of stuff.

Here's your chance. The regular First Thursday meeting in February -- the 1st -- will be our annual auction of used magic.

But don't miss it by not paying attention! We have a NEW PLACE and a NEW TIME, so don't screw up and go to the old location at the old time. Here's the scoop:

✓ **New place:** Baptist Medical Center, Meeting Room 20, off the cafeteria;

✓ **New time:** 7 pm (NOT 7:30)

There's a rough map on the back of this page. The important thing is to get to the cafeteria, whether you park in the regular parking lot or in the parking deck.

We suggest that you plan to eat with us. Magicians will gather as early as 6 pm so you can get in some good visiting with friends. Just go through the cafeteria line, and then turn left as you leave the cashier stand. Keep

going left and you'll find us.

Since our arrangement with the hospital is that we must generate a certain amount of dollar volume in the cafeteria or have to pay the difference, we urge as many of you as possible to eat dinner there.

Now back to the auction.

There will be forms to fill out for each item to be auctioned. Pick one or more up at Mr. Magic if you want to do it ahead of time. Otherwise get there a little early Thursday to fill them out.

As usual, 10% (or more) of the proceeds of the auction will go to the Ring. Think of all the things the club buys for you during the year. Why not donate ALL of the proceeds on at least one item? Think about it.

See you February 1. At 7 pm at Baptist!

Christmas Party was fun!

The annual Ring Christmas Party last month was one of the smallest we've had in several years -- only 52 people. It was out of town in an unfamiliar place.

But those who attended got some good magic, some good food and some good fun. We missed you who didn't make it.

A special thanks to Don Baer for arranging the place, in his church.

We got to see some new performers in action and it's always fun to perform in front of family and friends.

We'll start earlier to find a place next year so it will be more convenient to more of you and have a larger crowd.

SHORT STUFF

✓ **Tom Burgoon** has offered to lecture to our ring on Sunday afternoon, February 25th (a different date than reported last month). The comedy magician will be performing that week at the Comedy House, and thus can only do it that day. You need to speak up at the February meeting and vote whether to accept his invitation.

✓ Dates have been set for **Bill Pitts'** annual "Cavalcade of Magic" at the Inn of the Ozarks in Eureka Springs. They are March 28-30. Mark your calendars now and see the ad on the back of this page. Our own Jim Henson will lecture on how to organize and teach magic classes, and be a dealer, too.

✓ **Bill Spooner**, professional magician from the East Coast, will be in our area in July. He has offered to lecture to our club. He is a past national president of IBM and his magic is promoted as "Spoonerisms."

As with Tom Burgoon, we need your feedback as to whether we want to invite him to be at our club. We hope to have more specific information soon, including a date.

What's new with you?

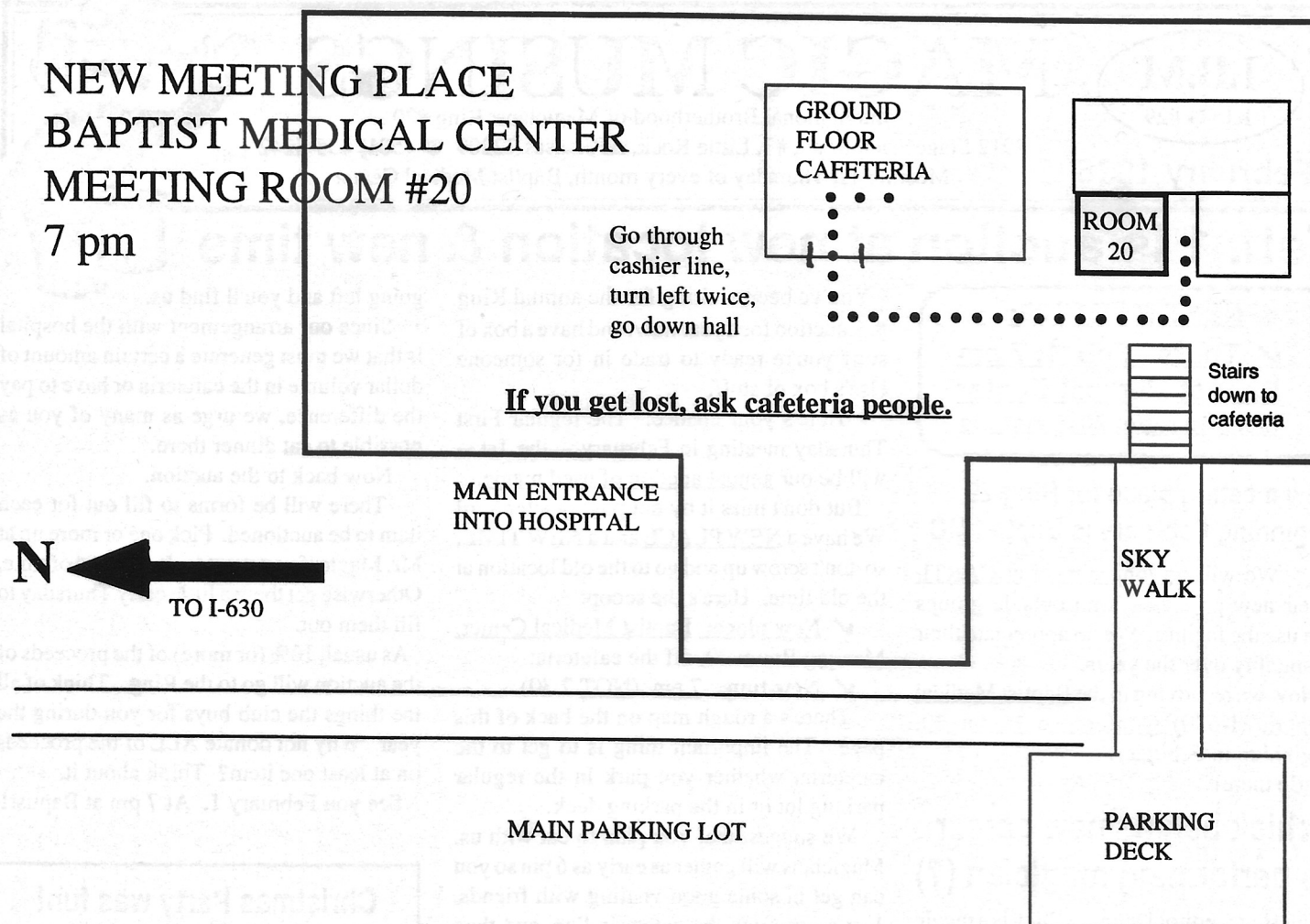
Many of you tell Dennis how much you enjoy this newsletter and all the news in it. But he and Jim Henson have to really scramble most months to dig out what goes in it.

Just think how much easier it would be to call either one of them (Dennis at 374-1500 and Jim at 455-6242) and tell them what's going on!

Just do it!

**NEW MEETING PLACE
BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER
MEETING ROOM #20**

7 pm



26th ANNUAL CAVALCADE OF MAGIC

March 28-29-30, 1996 ● Inn of the Ozarks, Eureka Springs

- ✓ Thursday night party, all-day Friday and Saturday; shows Friday and Saturday
- ✓ Lectures, close-up, videos, comedy magic, illusions, stage magic, collector's magic
- ✓ **DEALERS:**
 - Charles III's Fan-Tas-Stick Magic
 - Fred Kruse's Collector's Magic
 - Mr. Magic, with Jim Henson
 - Dave Emerson Magic
- ✓ Convention registration, for the first time: \$75 per magician and/or the entire family

● SEND REGISTRATIONS TO:

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Fort Smith, AR 72901

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Make checks to: Bill Pitts



● SEND HOTEL RESERVATIONS TO:

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P.O. Box 431
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\$42 single or double
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