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# MAGIC MUSINGS

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #29

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Meeting 1st Thursday of every month, Baptist Medical Center



## April 4 regular meeting to feature ropes.

### NEXT MEETINGS:

✓ **Thurs., April 4, 7 pm**  
**Baptist Medical Center**  
**Meeting room 20, Cafeteria**

**THEME: ROPE TRICKS**

### SHORT STUFF

✓ **Jim Henson** says he saw four or five from our Ring at the "Calvacade of Magic" in Eureka Springs last weekend. Jim was a dealer and lecturer.

✓ The Northeast Arkansas Magic Club at Newport would like to have some of our ring members to attend their regular meeting on the last Sunday of each month, at 2 pm. How about a caravan to the April (28th) and/or May (26th) meetings? If you'd be willing to go, please let Jim Henson or James Kinsey know. Let's see a show of hands at our next meeting.

✓ Also, it has been suggested that we hold another joint meeting with one or more other magic rings and clubs in the state. The one last year in Russellville was great.

Anyone got an idea or proposal? Speak up and we'll try to put one together.

### Auction made \$187.80 for club.

The March meeting was our annual auction, which was postponed from February because of bad weather.

A good crowd filled our meeting room and a lot of great bargains were purchased. Here are afterthoughts:

● A big thanks to auctioneer Don Baer and demonstrator Jim Henson.

● Also thanks to James & Christy Kinsey, Bob Owens and Mrs. Doug Shelton, as well as all others who brought merchandise to be auctioned and/or purchased one or more items.

● Dennis Schick got in the spirit by donating six items for the auction and gave all proceeds to the club. Maybe more folks will do that next year, to get more revenue for club-sponsored costs.

■ The regular monthly meeting for IBM Ring 29 will be **THIS Thursday, April 4 at 7 pm** at our NEW PLACE and NEW TIME. Don't forget and go to the old location at the old time. Here's the scoop:

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

✓ New time: 7 pm (NOT 7:30)

Go to the cafeteria, whether you park in the regular parking lot or in the parking deck. Go through the cafeteria line and take your tray to our meeting room, to eat with fellow magicians, who will gather as early as 6 pm

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 each month. Besides, it takes a little pressure off for the earlier starting time (7 pm).

### Meeting to feature ropes

The April meeting this coming Thursday will feature ROPES. Bring your favorite rope trick, gimmicked or non-gimmicked. We hope to see many versions of the Professor's Nightmare and Cut and Restored Ropes. If you would be willing to teach the

rest of us a rope trick, please do so. Everyone should bring some rope of their own, or some extra for other people.

Did anyone buy Daryl's rope routine when he was here several years ago? If so, did you learn it? Bring it and do some or all of it. At least bring the poster to show those who weren't there.

See you this Thursday at 7 at Baptist!

### Don't forget lecture by Don Fleshman, Saturday, April 20

✓ **Dan Fleshman** has been booked to lecture to our club on Saturday, April 20. It will be at 7 pm at our new location, the Baptist Medical Center. Mark your calendars. Cost is only \$5 for members; \$8 for non-members.

### Committee being formed for "Member of the Year" Award

It has been proposed that our ring establish a "Member of the Year" Award. At our next meeting we will discuss whether we want to have such an award and, if so, what the criteria should be:

- requirements to be nominated,
- rules for the award,
- what form the award will be, etc.

If you have any thoughts about this new award, jot them down and bring them to this Thursday's meeting, or get in contact with president James Kinsey. Also, if you would like to serve on the committee, please speak up and volunteer.

### Send us your news!

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!

### MORE SHORT STUFF

✓ On April 13, at the C.A.C. School at Maumelle & I-430, Randal Eller will perform his entire show. It is free of charge. Check with him for the time and other details. The performance is for the State Student Council Conference.

✓ Paul Carlon will be performing later this month in Howard County for the Nashville and Murfreesboro schools, on behalf of the local Kiwanis Club. His program will be on drug prevention.

✓ Does anyone know whether Kirby Van Burch is still performing in Branson? I have seen several lists of performers and shows in Branson in recent months, and haven't seen his name anywhere. Who knows for sure?

✓ So as to not jump our postage to another level, we will have several handouts for the next meeting. Four pages can go for 32 cents. We try to put everything on both sides to save postage and paper.

## Tom Burgoon at Stanford's Comedy Club

February 24, 1996

A review by Mary Ann Campbell

He is billed as a practical joker, comedian, magician and shoplifter; and he accomplishes all those roles masterfully in less than an hour.

But hold onto your watches!

Tom begins with practical joke ideas he recommends to the audience and says he can tell what kind of an audience he has by the way they respond to his first suggestions. Then he does a great silk production and vanish to prove he can "magish," as he calls it. He skillfully introduces sucker effects, telling us we have all "come to expect too much."

Immediately he amazingly turns a full, open bottle of tan beverage upside down and pushes a straw visibly up into it without dropping a drop on the floor.

A demonstration of the Burgoon way to make a paper gaff that appears as though you've torn a big slug out of someone's wallpaper, is next. If you missed the show and lecture, Jim sells many of Tom's tricks at Mr. Magic.

His running gag for the evening is one that keeps his audience glued. He gets an audience member to write the last three digits of the serial number of their highest denomination bill. Tom's shoplifting talents show up when he lends a pen to sign the bill that came from his bank with chain still intact.

Many sight gags are put on and thrown at the audience in fun -- a big belly-laughing kind of fun: flashing eye

glasses, collapsible ketchup bottles, among others. He does a great Professor's Nightmare, then throws each rope against his case and they stick (Tom confesses: Velcro!)

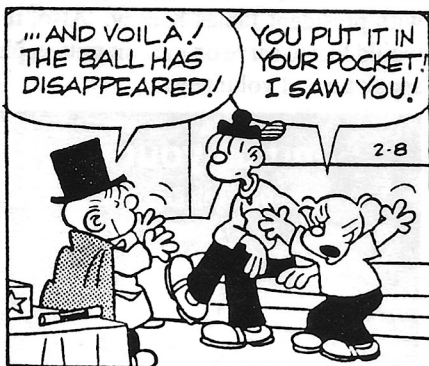
Sunday's lecture explained what came next. Tom audio tapes each performance and tightens it like a real professional. At the same time, he likes to try new things, and when he does, he announces to the audience that he will now do something from his "new trick department." He used the Niffen Transportation Tube and worked it into many laughs. (Mr. Magic)

Timothy Toilet Tissue is one of Tom Burgoon's trademark effects. It involves a volunteer, torn tissue, and a huge mouthpull. He lifted the watches of the two women he brought on stage during the evening, and returned them during the ending of his TTT routine. He also sells TTT keychains following his show.

Tom's finale is the discovery by a spectator of the signed bill inside a bag inside a canister, covered with Silly Putty inside a jar, inside a box, etc. He delivers the instructions with rapid-fire patter that builds to a great finish.

Tom really connects with his audience and he is appreciated. He remains true to his principle of making them laugh over amazing his audience. Actually, he does both well.

### HI AND LOIS



### Brian & Greg Walker, Chance Browne