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International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #29

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Meeting 1st Thursday of every month, Baptist Medical Center



January 1997

Jay Sankey to lecture January 3rd

JANUARY MEETING:

✓ **Thurs., Jan. 3**
Regular monthly meeting
Baptist Medical Center

Call Jim (455-6242)
for time and room

Things & Stuff

✓ **Ron London** is a popular lecturer who has been with us before. We are going to have him back on our regular meeting night in **February, the 6th**. We don't have a location yet, so if you know of a meeting room, please let us know right away. Ron is another one of those veterans who has much to teach. Come improve your magic!

✓ Don't forget, the **Northeast Arkansas Magic Club** at **Newport** invites our ring members to attend their regular meeting on the last Sunday of each month, at 2 pm. at 307 Main, the Boyce Law Firm.

✓ The same goes for **Ring 308** in **Searcy**, which meets the first Monday of each month at Searcy High School.

✓ And **Ring 75** in **Fort Smith** meets the 2nd Sunday each month at the Fort Smith Library. Go visit them, too.

All of us interested in magic should try to support these other clubs as often as we can.

✓ **LAST MONTH:** Some 27 people represented our Ring at the special performance at the Theater of Magic in Hot Springs. Five of our members even performed. The theater will be back in full production the end of January. Also performing in the show from time to time are **Sean Westbrook**, **Scott Davis** and **Damon Reinbold**, all members.

✓ **Derrick Rose** is performing magic every Sunday at Shorty Small's in Little Rock.

✓ **Mike Harwood** is still performing at The Pizza Company in North Little Rock, on the Jacksonville Highway.

✓ We have set our annual **Auction** for our March meeting, **March 6**.

We lost one lecturer (Rocco) but picked up another for our January meeting.

So plan on being at our regular place (probably at the regular time) for a special lecture from **Jay Sankey**. Jay is known for his close-up performances, as demonstrated in his videos "Sankey-tized," Volumes 1 and 2.

His simple and direct methods provide a class act. Be sure to plan on getting out of the house two days after New Year's Day, and see some great magic. You'll go away a better magician for it.

The cost is only \$8 for members and \$15 for non-members. This is a real bargain. We've checked around and many other rings charge \$10 and \$15 (and more). We subsidize what we have to out of our treasury.

Anyway, y'all come, you hear?

A note from Jim Henson:

Last month **Gene Walther**, a member of our club who many of you know, called me and asked if I wanted his collection of magic publications. Of course I said yes and the next day I went to his house, boxed up the collection and brought it to the showroom at my shop. Summer and Christy are now cataloging each publication and book and a copy of the list will be provided to club members.

The books and magazines will be available to be checked out on a loan basis, by club members only! "The Gene Walther Collection," as it is to be known from now on, will be maintained by us.

Unlike some other materials we have loaned out -- and lost -- in the past, I do not intend any of these books or magazines to be lost. We will have a strict check-out system and will expect everyone to honor and respect it.

Gene has been a member of the magic community for over 30 years. His collection includes Genii, Linking Ring, Jinx, TOPS and many books dating back into the 1930s and 1940s.

My gratitude to Gene for allowing me the opportunity to make available to local magicians all this information. You'll be hearing more about this later, but I wanted you to hear about it. Watch for more information in coming newsletters and at our meetings.

New Year message:

The officers of Ring 29 wish all members a Happy and prosperous New Year. Your support of the club is always appreciated.

The purpose of this club is to uphold the art of magic and provide a venue to increase the skills and knowledge of all its members.

Please continue to attend as many meetings, lectures and special gatherings as you can. The strength of your ring will continue to grow if all of us contribute and actively participate. That means sharing ideas, performing for each other, and telling others about our club.

Thanks again to all our members.

Updated membership list is coming

We are working on an updated membership list and should have it ready to pass out at the next meeting. If you haven't paid your dues yet, you won't be on the list. You can still make the list (and be an official member) by calling Mary Ann Campbell to say you still want to be a current member.

Christmas Party is Jan. 11 at Mabelvale

Each year people look forward to our annual Christmas Party because it delivers some great magic, food and fellowship.

This year's Christmas Party will be -- guess what? -- **NEXT YEAR!** That's right. Our party will be **Saturday, January 11** at the same place as last year -- the Mabelvale Church of Christ, across the street from Mabelvale Jr. High School, in Southwest Little Rock. Call Jim for directions.

Don't miss this evening of fun. Call Jim to find out what to bring, the time, and to let him know (1) if you will perform, and (2) how many people you are bringing.

If you like magic, don't miss this event!

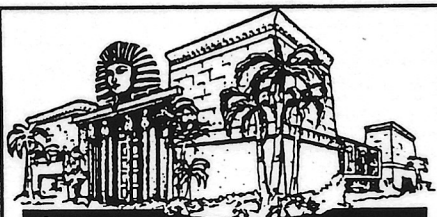
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ANDREW BOND STEPHENS, age 74, of Little Rock, died Tuesday, Jan. 21, 1997 at Presbyterian Village. He was



born Jan. 30, 1922 in Arkadelphia, Ark. He was a pharmaceutical sales representative with McNeil Laboratories for 28 years; he was a lifetime member and Past President of the International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring #29

and a member of St. James United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Beth Stephens of Little Rock; two sisters, Catherine Stephens Whipple of Arkadelphia and Lala Stephens of Little Rock; one brother, Dolph Stephens of Stephens, Ark.

Survivors include one son, Lee Stephens and his wife, Brenda of Little Rock; one daughter, Andrea Miller and her husband, John of Rogers, Ark.; three grandchildren, Jonathan Ross Stephens of Los Angeles, Calif., Andrew Bond Stephens II and Allison Leigh Stephens of Little Rock; a twin sister, Alice Stephens Edwards of Texarkana, Ark.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m., Friday, Jan. 24, at Griffin Leggett Healey and Roth Funeral Home, 5800 West 12th Street, Little Rock, 661-9111. Visitation will be Thursday, 7 To 9 p.m. Memorials may be made to St. James United Methodist Church or Riverbend Recovery Center.