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International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #29

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Meeting 1st Thursday of every month, Baptist Medical Center



London to lecture Feb. 6 at SW Hospital

FEBRUARY MEETING:

✓ **Thurs., Feb. 6****Regular monthly meeting****Southwest Hospital****7 pm****(Behind LaQuinta, near the location of our Christmas party)**

Things & Stuff

✓ **Joe Farmer** is back walking again and is looking for someone to boot in the rear, so watch out!

✓ A reminder: 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.

✓ **LAST MONTH:** The Jay Sankey lecture was another good one. About 30 members and guests attended. Sankey performed some good close-up magic, sprinkled with lots of good humor. Sorry you who missed it weren't there.

✓ **Lisa Bolin** is doing a little better after almost two years of pain. We need to remove her head and put it on a new body. Anyone with an extra body, contact Lisa.

(Reading over our shoulder, Damon said he needs a new hip, while you're looking through your spare body parts.)

✓ We have tentatively set our annual **Auction** for our March meeting, **March 6**. Start going through your closets and magic boxes and get rid of all the stuff you don't use anymore. A portion of each bid goes to the club treasury. In fact, why not donate **ALL** the proceeds from one or two items to the club?

✓ **Mark your calendars now.** We understand that there may be a **Lance Burton special** on television **February 17** on NBC. Watch your TV schedules.

Veteran magician Ron London will be our special lecturer for our regular February meeting. It will be at **7 pm** at a **new location** for **this month only: Southwest Hospital**. It is directly behind the LaQuinta on I-40, and across the street from where we held our Christmas party last month. Take Exit 128 off I-40. Call Jim if you have questions.

Cost for the lecture will be only \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members.

Ron has lectured to us in the past, and comes up with all sorts of original tricks.

As you may have read elsewhere, Ron had some bad luck recently, when his house burned to the ground, taking virtually all of his magic inventory. We can help support his recovery by attending his lecture and showing our support. Please make a special effort to come.

Since the hospital has a small cafeteria, please call Jim and tell him if you plan to eat there. He needs to call in a head count.

Andy Stevens dies

Andy Stevens, a long-time member of our club, died January 21. He was one of the most-liked members of our ring when he was well and could attend meetings.

He was a magic book collector and was most known for his use of the thumb tip. Andy used magic in his business as a drug salesman and most all doctors in this area knew him because of the art.

Ring 29 has lost another of the great ones. See his obituary from the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* on the back of this page.

Welcome new members

Recently we have added several new members to our ring. Please introduce yourself to them and make them feel welcome:

- **Carroll Loftis**, Little Rock
- **Greg Gillis**, Benton
- **Bob Means**, Little Rock
- **Richard McGrew**, Hot Springs

So what's your news?

Call Dennis at 374-1500 or Jim at 455-6242 and tell them what's going on! We really do want to know.

Note from Jim Henson

I wish to thank the club for the honor given to me at the Christmas party -- the first annual "Magician of the Year Award."

I'm very proud to be a member of this wonderful organization and to have such great friends as all of you!

Thanks again, and if any of you didn't have a chance to sign the certificate, please do so. Thanks.

Christmas Party was a big success

The 60 club members, guests and family members who attended our annual Christmas Party January 11, had a great time.

Thanks to everyone who did anything to help make it a success.

At the party, a visitor gave Lisa Bolin \$10 for our treasury. He suggested that the club put on a public show (which we have discussed before), with proceeds going to some worthy charity. What do you think?

Please pass your feelings on to anyone on the Board. We need your input!

More things and stuff

✓ **Fred Hartman** is selling some of his magic so he can take life a little easier. If you are interested in some unusual apparatus, call him to make an appointment to visit and see for yourself. Jim bought a few pieces to put in his "Magic Museum," which he hopes to open some day.

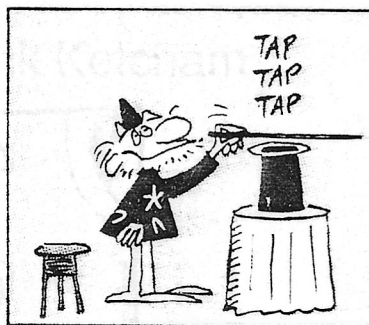
✓ The annual "**Cavalcade of Magic**" presented by Arkansas' own **Bill Pitts** of Fort Smith, is on again this year. It will be **April 4-5** at the **Inn of the Ozarks** in Eureka Springs. Call Jim for details.

How about getting up a carload or two to drive up? It's always a good conference, with magic dealers, lots of lectures and a magic show or two. Mark your calendars.

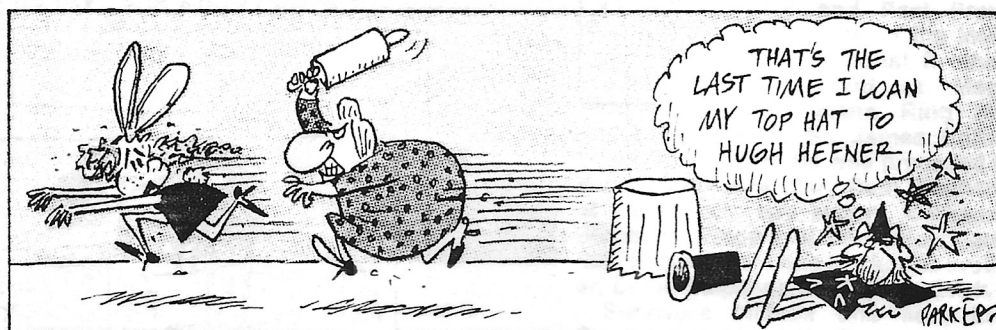
✓ **Damon** is now performing at the "Theater of Magic" in Hot Springs every Wednesday night at 8 pm, performing his mentalism act, "Magic of the Mind." Try to go if you can. Six of our members attended his first performance and gave good reviews.

✓ Maxwell's show reopened Jan. 24.

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