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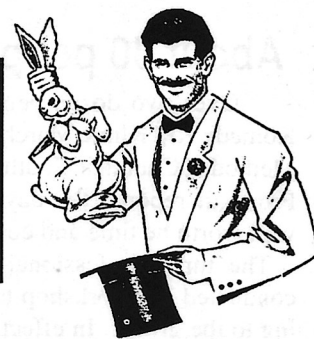
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MAGIC MUSINGS

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #29

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Meeting 1st Thursday of every month, Baptist Medical Center



Show me the money (magic) on April 2 at Baptist

NEXT MEETINGS:

- **Thursday, April 2, 7 pm**
You do money magic
Baptist Medical Center

Last month...

Brian Staron lectured to our Ring last month. We asked him to perform more than lecture. He mostly lectured. We wish he had performed more.

Bits & Pieces

✓ We have a new member handbook. Jim Henson has a copy of the first draft if you'd like to look at it and make any suggestions. Bill Fulton wrote it.

✓ By the time you receive this the 28th Annual Cavalcade of Magic will be underway in Eureka Springs (March 26-28) so it is too late for you to go. Now you'll have to wait until 2000 since Bill Pitts won't hold his workshop next year due to the International IBM Convention we will be hosting in Little Rock.

✓ Randal Eller has canceled his April 17 show in Hot Springs. But he is staying busy. He has been appearing in Mississippi, Oklahoma and Arkansas (Gurdon, Jasper and the Little Rock Youth Home). Contact him for more information.

Recently Randal & Ed performed in Batesville and had a nice visit with Clayton Cavaness. Ask Randal about the trip. It was full of neat adventures we're told.

✓ It's time to start preparations for the 1999 IBM National Convention, to be held in Little Rock. We know the dates -- the first weekend in July --- but that's about all.

Our Ring will request that the IBM folks allow us to put on a show, probably as a "night before" event. Members will have to try-out to perform. We'll have more details later. Anyone from our Ring going to the IBM convention in Los Angeles in July?

✓ Bob Means stopped by the other day and asked Ring members to support his candidate for Chancellory Judge, Patty Lueken. This is not an endorsement, simply the response to a request by a member.

The theme for our regular monthly meeting Thursday, April 2 will be "Money Magic." We want everyone to bring one or more tricks which involve money.

As usual, we'll have a short business meeting at 7 pm, and get into the program by 7:15 or so. We'll meet at our regular meeting place, Baptist Medical Center. We urge many of you to arrive by 6:30, go through the cafeteria line and come to the meeting room

Damon to preview his new show April 20

On April 20 Damon will give us a preview of his new show, which he'll take on the road shortly, to theaters and casinos. The time and place of the dinner-show will be announced soon.

For now, mark your calendars and call Damon or Jim to make reservations. Damon will have new material

Don't miss out on this evening of fun, food and magic!

✓ The Theater of Magic, starring Maxwell Blade, in Hot Springs is now open for 1998. For now shows are on Friday and Saturday nights. We need to support these kinds of efforts. Please make a special effort to go and take friends with you. Those who believe in magic need to support it.

✓ David Copperfield will appear at Robinson Auditorium on Easter Sunday, April 12, at 6 and 9 pm. Our Ring purchased 25 tickets to get a discount and they sold out almost immediately. The show is a benefit, thus the expensive orchestra seats.

✓ Ring #75 in Fort Smith is hosting a benefit magic show in Dardanelle on Monday, April 6. It will benefit the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The show -- which will feature Ring members -- will be at 7 pm in the Dardanelle High School Cafetorium. For more information, contact Clayton Jackson at (501) 229-1282. The show will be free but donations will be encouraged.

✓ If YOU had called Jim or Dennis (374-1500) and given your magic news, it might have been published here this month.

to eat with fellow Ring members. Please turn in your tickets so we can show how much our members spent with them.

We'd like everyone who attends to share at least one "money" trick, and then show us how you did it and even teach us how to do it, too.

Yes, we expect several variations on Scotch & Soda, and even hope that our own Mary Ann Campbell will honor us with some of her best money magic

Come bring a prospective member.

Looking ahead:

Here is a look ahead at several coming events and items you need to be aware of:

- Elections for Ring officers will be held in June. If you are interested in being on the Ring #29 Board of Directors, please submit your interest in writing to Mike Curtis, Jim Henson or Lisa Bolin.

- The Ring May meeting will NOT be at the Baptist Hospital. There are no meeting rooms available. If you know of a good location for that meeting, please contact any officer immediately. We need a place.

- The Ring July meeting will be a week later than usual, on July 9 instead of the 2nd. Please mark your calendars right now.

- Annual Ring 29 dues will be due on July 1. You have our permission to start beginning your procrastination now! Chapter dues are still only \$15, a real bargain.

✓ Dr. Robert "Red Hawk" Moore, a two-time nominee for the Pulitzer Prize in poetry, entertains students with magic tricks. A visiting professor of English at the University of Arkansas at Monticello, he uses magic to teach young people about the form of poetry called haiku.

✓ "Cowboy Louie and His Magic Show" recently visited an elementary school in Forrest City and presented a show entitled "There's No Magic in Drugs." We saw a newspaper clip about this. Does anyone know where he is from?

✓ Paul Carlon was featured in several magic programs in the Nashville area recently. He is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club.

About 30 people attended the Komey Kid Klinik

Over two dozen people attended the Komey Kid Klinik March 7, at St. Andrew Methodist Church in Southwest Little Rock. From all reports, the day-long event was well worth the time and cost.

The three professional magicians who conducted the workshop took turns lecturing to the group. In effect, there were five lectures during the day, during which each person gave tips about performing, promoting yourself, interacting with the audience, etc.

But there was plenty of performing and explaining magic tricks and, of course,

plenty of opportunities to visit the three dealer areas each of the magicians had, to buy tricks which had just been demonstrated.

The magicians were available to talk with and answer questions throughout the day. The clinic ended with all three of them appearing together to take questions from the audience.

We were honored to have had them stop in Arkansas on their national tour, and are pleased that so many people in our part of the country attended, once again confirming that we have a good magic area.

Why join IBM National and Little Rock's Ring 29?

When a person is interested in a specific subject, hobby, etc., it is likely that there is an association, organization, club, or whatever, to join. That is the case for magic.

Anyone with an active interest in magic -- whether it is performing for friends, business associates or professionally for the public, or whether it is just as a hobby to enjoy -- should join one of the magic groups. Ring 29 is a branch of the International Brotherhood of Magicians (IBM).

Here are some of the main reasons which come to mind about why a person should join IBM:

- To share ideas with fellow magicians
- To grow in your skills and knowledge of magic.
- To learn new tricks and how to do them
- To enjoy the friendship of fellow magicians
- To receive a member card
- To receive a monthly newsletter

about what's going on in state magic circles

- To receive a copy of the monthly magazine, "The Linking Ring."
- To hear and see magic lectures by some of the best magicians in the country.
- To attend special meetings and events co-sponsored by our Ring.

So how do I join? Visit several meetings of the local chapter, Ring 29. Get to know some of the people there. Fill out an application form and get two current members to sponsor you. Pay your dues.



Seen in Reader's Digest:
A writer's brain is like a magician's hat. If you're going to get anything out of it, you have to put something in first."



Junior magic program is poised to take off

We have a number of young magicians in the area who are on the brink of starting a Junior Magic Program under our Ring's wing. In fact, a group is forming even as we write this, and they already have a president (Eric Benton) and a vice president (Rebecca Roberts).

There will be a membership organizing meeting of young magicians and young magician wanna-bes, on Saturday, April 11 at 6 pm at Mr. Magic. Don Baer will be lecturing.

One of the goals of those who have been involved in forming the group is to put on a magic show at the Medical Camp which is part of Aldergate's summer program.

To join the Junior Magic Program, people must be between 11 and 17. They also must become a member of IBM.

For more information, contact Jim Henson at Mr. Magic. Please pass the word around about this member-recruiting meeting.

Bart Rockett to open magic theater in Eureka Springs on April 24

Bart Rockett has announced that he will open a new Magic Theater in Eureka Springs. His first show will be Friday, April 24 -- the official opening of tourism season (that's when the Passion Play opens).

The theater is on Highway 23, a half-block south of where 62 and 23 cross. It seats 1,000 and is the largest theater in the city. It is across the street from the Antiques Outlet and the Country Music Inn.

The show is billed as "The largest indoor production in the state." According to a flyer, the show cost over one million dollars to put together, including lights, sound system and special effects. It will feature large scale illusions and live exotic animals, including lions, tigers, and a bear, as well as music, a laser light show and ventriloquism.

Auditions were held in Fayetteville recently, for dancers and other assistants for the show.

Rockett is the star of the Bart Rockett Television show, which is syndicated nationally. It can be seen in Northwest Arkansas on Saturday morning at 8 am on KFSM TV 5.

Anyone interested in going up? How about a carpool going up to help him kick off the new theater? Call Jim if you are interested.