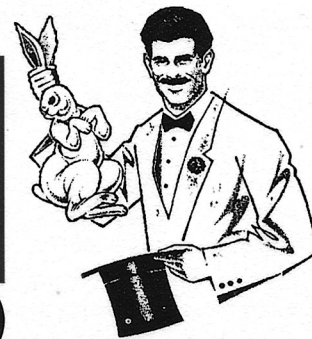


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RING #29

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MAGIC MUSINGS

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #29
8912 Stagecoach Road, #7, Little Rock, Arkansas 72209 • (501) 455-6242
Meeting 1st Thursday of every month, Baptist Medical Center



July meeting is a week later, on 2nd Thursday (9th)

NEXT MEETINGS:

- **Thursday, July 9, 7 pm**
Regular monthly meeting
- **Monday, June 13, 7 pm**
Aldo Columbine Lecture
(Both at Baptist Medical Center)

Bits & Pieces

✓ **BOARD MEETING:** Eight people attended the special Board meeting June 15, to discuss the national IBM convention to be held in Little Rock next July. See the back of this page for a list of subjects they discussed.

✓ **CLUB VIDEOS:** This is to remind all club members that the club owns a number of magic videos for borrowing. If you are interested in what they are, see Mike Curtis, keeper. We have run the list before and will do so again in an upcoming issue of this newsletter.

✓ **ALDERSGATE NEEDS YOU.** The Aldersgate summer camps need performing magicians during the next three months. If you would be willing to help, please call Jim Henson. We listed the camps and dates last month so go back and look at the May issue for more information.

The tentative show dates are: June 16 and 30; July 13, 21 and 28; and August 3. All shows are at 7 pm for about an hour.

Jim is willing to organize an orientation/training session for those who are willing to give up a couple of hours. Call him.

✓ **Maxwell Blade** and family are doing great with the new addition to the family. He taught a class for UALR on the history of magic recently. He also is working on a new show to open in late July. It will include the world's largest shadow box. Let's schedule a gathering to go over!

Dues are about past due

June 30 is (was) the deadline to pay 1998-99 Ring dues. They are \$15 if paid by then. After that date the dues increase to \$20. Treasurer James Kinsey will provide a receipt if you want one.

Because of the 4th of July weekend, the regular monthly Ring 29 meeting for July will be a week later, on Thursday, July 9th

The theme for the meeting will be "**Slight of Hand.**" Please plan on performing and then explaining your best slight of hand tricks.

Prior to the performances by members, there will be an instruction session on slight of hand. Many members -- especially newer ones -- have not had the opportunity to get this sort of instruction. This will be a new feature of every regular meeting -- instruction on some phase of magic, usually related to that month's theme.

Plan to attend this meeting -- and every

Aldo Columbine returns to lecture on July 13

If you know anything about magic, the name Aldo Columbine is immediately recognizable. So all we have to say is that he will lecture to our Ring on Monday, July 13. It will start at 7 pm at our regular meeting place, Baptist Medical Center. Cost is \$10 to members and \$15 for non-members.

Aldo was here about a year ago and some say it was the best lecture we've ever had. **Don't miss this one!**

Officers to be installed

As part of the July meeting, new officers will be installed. They are:

President	Jim Henson
Vice president	Damon Reinbold
Secretary	Bill Fulton
Treasurer	James Kinsey
Sargeant at arms	Derrick Rose
Historian	Mike Curtis
Newsletter editor	Dennis Schick

Mark your calendars

June 30	Dues are due
July 9	Regular monthly meeting
July 12	Caravan to Brett Daniels Show
July 13	Aldo Columbine lecture
Aug. 1	Children's Hospital performance

regular meeting -- to learn some NEW magic, some tips, some ways to polish your skills, etc. How can you or the magic community improve and move to higher levels if we all don't learn along the way? This is a new aspect of our Ring and we want every member to participate and benefit from it.

See you the 9th!

Caravan with club to see Daniels show July 12

We haven't even announced it yet and already 23 people have signed up for a great opportunity on Sunday, July 12.

Our Ring has been invited to attend the 5 pm performance that day of the **Brett Daniels Show -- "Magic and Beyond"** -- at the Gold Strike Casino just south of Memphis. For only \$10, we will get (1) a buffet dinner, (2) the show itself, and (3) special VIP tour backstage. **Wow!**

On top of that, the time of the show means you can be back home before 10 pm.

To get in on this great deal, you must call Jim Henson (455-6242) by Friday, July 3. He has to buy the tickets in advance and needs firm commitments by then. **Do it right now** so you won't forget.

People who have signed up so far (and owe Jim the money now) include: Bill Fulton (2), Jim Henson (2), Margarette (3), Don T. (1), Dan Hecke (2), Andy Powell (2), Curt Parsons (2), Andy Stirman (1), Lisa Bowlin (1), Stella Stout (1), Bob Owens (2) and Bob White (4).

Jim Henson and Dennis Schick have both seen the show already, and both agree that it is terrific and very entertaining, and well worth the effort to go.

When you call in your ticket order, tell Jim if you would be willing to drive and take others, or whether you would like to ride with someone else.

Brett Daniels is one of the top magicians in the country. He has appeared on numerous national television shows, including "The World's Greatest Magicians." He custom-designed the theater in which he performs and it is a perfect venue for magic. Don't miss this fine opportunity.

More bits and pieces

✓ **Arkansas Children's Hospital** is looking for our club members to perform on August 1st, doing one to four shows. Each of the four shows will be approximately 25 minutes, at 2, 2:30, 3 and 3:30. You can do a complete 25-minute show by yourself, or share the stage with one or several other magicians. You can perform at just one show, or can help with two, three or all four.

Call **Bill Fulton** right away if you can help.

✓ To place information in this newsletter, either contact Dennis or Jim Henson, or send an E-mail message to **Dan Hecke** at "magicdan@aristotle.net"

✓ Recently the Ring board of directors voted to establish trustees to represent the various factions of our membership. Beginning July 1 the following will represent each of these factions in the various issues which come up from time to time:

- Randall Eller, 1 year, professional
- Mike Curtis, 2 years, board member
- Andy Stirman, 3 years, membership

✓ Randal and Ed went to Hollywood the third week of June to tape a show which will be telecast in Europe. They'll do four to seven illusions and will be part of a 26 episode series.

✓ Liberyland will feature the magic of **Tony Brent** during the summer. Call Jim for details.

✓ Be sure to ask **Bill Fulton** how his "Magic on the Mountain" lecture went on June 27. We expect to hear a report about it at our July meeting.

✓ **Greg Gillis** will be performing at a fund-raiser for Big Brothers and Big Sisters on July 9th (the same night as our meeting). It will be at the Excelsior Hotel and tickets are \$125.

✓ **Michael Strobel** tells us that he and Dave Arch had a great time at the dinner and magic show at The Haunted Mansions in San Francisco recently. The place is also a hotel so check it out the next time you're in that area.

✓ **Preston Strobel**, Mike's son, performed recently at the Lakewood Property Owner's Association annual picnic. He's also completing the movie "Cookie's Fortune" in Mississippi, to be released in the Spring. His big scene is with Chris O'Donnel and Ned Beatty.

✓ **A NOTE FROM FRED HARTMAN:**
"To all members of Ring 29. Because of a few mini-strokes, my white dove and fake rabbit refuse to work with me. Therefore, after all these years of enjoyable magic, I

will put the old wand to rest. My special thanks to my wife Nora and my assistant (also named Nora).

Thanks to every one of you members. I love you guys and gals. When you are in Hot Springs, call or come by. The door is always open. It's magic.

My last performance will be at the Downtowner in Hot Springs, June 25."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Fred is retiring but has not disappeared. He will remain a member and we'll see him from time to time. We wish him well in his retirement.

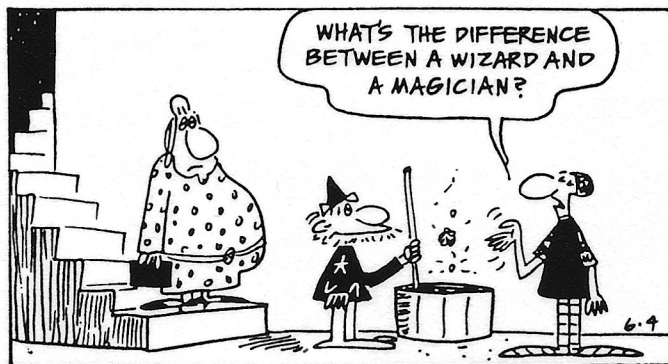
Board discussions:

At the recent Board meeting, the following topics were discussed: National convention responsibilities; committee assignments, officers and new member induction ceremonies; quality ring report; business meetings; trustee appointments; teaching sessions at each regular meeting; public shows; member handbook; ring reports; lecturers, and up-coming events.

Ask any board member about any of these you are interested in.

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Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



MEMBER OF THE MONTH: Bill Fulton

Bill Fulton is our member of the month for July. He and his wife, Liz, live in Little Rock. He has worked for the Arkansas Department of Education since 1971. Bill is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Council of State Science Supervisors, and is Executive Secretary of the Arkansas Science Teachers Association.

Bill performs for education groups and is a regular performer for the Arkansas Children's Hospital. He serves as the liaison between Ring 29 and that hospital.

Bill and Liz became grandparents in November 1996 and they love their new role.

He has been secretary of Ring 29 for the past several years and has done such a good job that the Board is considering making it a permanent appointment, (or at least until Bill cries "uncle").

Bill favors close-up and parlour magic. But he also is interested in all kinds of magic, especially when packed into a good stage show.

We salute Bill for all he does for our Ring, and his willingness to pitch in and speak up on behalf of the entire magic community.