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RING #29

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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



## First annual Gospel Magic Night set for May 6 at BMC

### NEXT MEETING:

● Thursday, May 6

**Gospel Magic Night**

Regular time and place

7 pm, Baptist Medical Center

### Bits & Pieces

✓ **LAST MONTH:** Samuel Patrick Smith's lecture on April 12 was a big hit. Some of the 18 members who attended said it was one of the best lectures ever. If you didn't attend you missed out on one of the major benefits our club provides.

✓ **DAMON** will be back emceeing the "MidSouth Magic Extravanza" on Sunday, June 27th at 2 pm at Shriner's Temple. Tickets are \$5 advance or \$8 at the door. Call Damon for details.

✓ **SMILEY THE CLOWN** of Hot Springs is performing at Ryan's Steak House in Hot Springs every Wednesday night, from 5-8 pm. Wednesday night is Kid's Night. Smiley does close-up with a monkey puppet. Make a point to go see him.

✓ **THE SEARCY MAGIC CLUB** is holding its annual auction at its next meeting, May 10. It will be held at 7 pm in the Library Annex. Call Jim for directions (455-6242) or let him know if you would like to attend. Jim will be taking his car (not the VW) and if enough people would like to go we'll caravan up. Let him know ASAP.

✓ **JIM KINSEY**, Arkansas IBM Territorial VP, will make a major announcement at the May meeting. If this makes you curious, you'll just have to come find out.

✓ **"TRUTH FOR TODAY"** honored Searcy Ring member and author **David Roper** on his recent birthday. Our own **Paul Carlon** was the performing magician at the banquet. David has lectured for our ring and is the author of "The Comedy Magic Textbook." The honor was well deserved and our congratulations to him from all of us at Ring 29.

In recent years Ring 29 has had a number of requests for a gospel magic program or seminar. So here it is.

The regular meeting for May will be held on the regular first Thursday (May 6), at the regular time (7 pm) at the regular place (Bap-

tist Medical Center). It will be in a meeting room on the first floor, behind the cafeteria.

The theme is Gospel Magic. Please bring one or two of your favorite gospel magic tricks and/or illusions and share them with the rest of us.

We understand several members have already begun practicing a gospel routine, rehearsing for the meeting. Let's have a great turnout with lots of participation.

### Convention News:

Each month we bring to you an update on Ring 29 activities and news about the IBM annual convention which will be held in Little Rock June 30 -- July 3

● **THANKS DAN:** Dan Hecke has worked hard on selling ads for the convention program. We all owe him a big round of applause because the final ad tally is really going to help our club's bank account and also will make us look great to the International Convention Committee.

● **GREAT SHIRT COMING:** Dan is also working on the club shirt. Some of the final details on the logo and the colors should be available at the next meeting. If you have any ideas or suggestions please get them to Dan right away.

● **HOSPITALITY SUITE:** Our hospitality suite for the convention is still under development. A suggestion has been made to have a videotape player there, playing performance tapes of local magicians. If you are interested in being included, contact Jim Henson right away.

● **A LITTLE MUSIC:** A Dixieland band has been hired to perform at the opening night show at Robinson Auditorium from 7-7:45 and at the Saturday banquet. Their fee is being covered by International.

● **FEATURE ACT:** Kevin James is the featured act on the final show Saturday night. We have also been told that a big surprise is in store for the convention.

● **GO AHEAD AND REGISTER!** You need to register for the convention as soon as possible so you can get better seats for the performances

● **CALL RANDALL** if you can help at the convention as a volunteer.

### Membership now over 100

Ring 29 now has 102 dues-paying members. This may be an all-time high, and we all should be proud of that figure. But we also must remember that it is quality, not just quantity, which really counts in the magic community. That high number doesn't mean much if many members don't come to meetings or do not participate in other ways. But we do assume that ALL members support the ethics and ideals of magic.

✓ **THE COMMITTEE** on standards for "Life Members" continues to work. If you have any ideas or comments, please pass them on to committee members ASAP.

✓ **MIKE FUNTENATTO** and **Damon** produced a major magic stage show at Lake Hamilton High School April 27th. The show was great and well received.

✓ **THE SPENCERS** performed at the Benton Auditorium at Harding University April 23rd. They will be coming to the IBM convention to lecture.

✓ **THE NORTHEAST** Arkansas Magic Club is still holding its meetings the last Sunday afternoon each month, at 2 pm in Newport. Call Jim for more details.

✓ **RING 75** in Fort Smith would love to have Arkansas magicians attend their meetings, too. Call Jim for more information.

✓ **DON'T FORGET** Maxwell Blade's Theater of Magic in Hot Springs; **Bart Rockett's Magic Show** in Eureka Springs, the **Brett Daniels' Show** at the Gold Strike Casino in Tunico; and the **Kirby Van Burch Show** in Branson. We're surrounded by good, live magic shows and we all need to support them by going often and telling our friends and relatives about them. **Melinda** is already gone from Branson and we need to do our part to try to keep these others.

GOT MAGIC NEWS? Call **JIM** at 455-6242 OR **DENNIS** at (374-1500).

## MORE BITS AND PIECES

### ✓ THE RING JUNIOR PROGRAM

needs your help. Please call Mike Funtenatto if you can help, or have ideas about how to expand and help encourage and expand this important project.

✓ **MAGIC DISPLAY:** Ring 29 will sponsor a display of magic at the Museum of Discovery all during June, the month before the IBM convention. If anyone has any piece of magic, a prop, a book or magazine or whatever which would be good to display, please call Jim and let him know. All items will be handled carefully, will be secured and will be returned in as good shape as they are received.

✓ **JEFFERY O'CONNELL** is lined up to perform at his school talent show May 6th.

His dancing cane and multiplying balls routines look great. Good work, Jeff!

✓ **NEWSLETTER EDITOR** Dennis Schick was in Heber Springs last Thursday and Friday and had Channel 11 of Little Rock on while he dressed. There was our own **Derrick Rose** performing on the morning show. He did a comedy balloon routine, a shooting/reappearing card trick and others. Thanks for spreading the word, Derrick!

✓ **MAGIC ON TELEVISION** has been as active as ever. Have you been keeping up? Each Sunday when the television guide comes in the newspaper, read through it to see what magic shows are scheduled for the week. Jim Henson tries to tape them all so if you miss one, give him a blank tape and he will make you a copy.

## WATCH THIS SPACE!

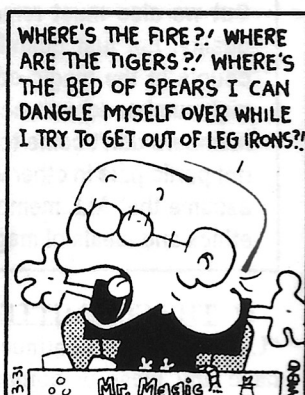
(I saw you looking away!) This is the space for YOUR bit of magic news. Surely you are doing SOMETHING! If so, call Jim or Dennis so we call record it here for posterity!

Check out this website:  
magic@trendy.org

It has all sorts of neat stuff, including an on-line magic trick, links to fun sites, a calander of magic on TV and schedules for magicians, etc.

Know of any other neat websites on magic? Give us a call so we can pass them on. Thanks.

## Foxtrot



## Bill Amend

## RING PROFILE OF THE MONTH: JAMES KINSEY

**JAMES KINSEY** is the Ring 29 Profile of the Month. He has been a member of IBM for six years. He has been an active member, having served as vice president and president of the Ring, and currently is treasurer. Also, he serves IBM as the Territorial Vice President.

James has been fascinated with magic since he was a child, much like many magicians. He performs at children's birthday and Christmas parties. For the past five years he has entertained children and adults at the Mablevale Church of Christ's Halloween party. He also is interested in

ventriloquism and has a puppet named "Homer" (sort of a "Cousin It" in a hat and tie), that he plans to use in a ventriloquism act someday.

Other hobbies and interests include RC planes, candlemaking and genealogy.

James has worked for Tim Schultz Photography for almost 13 years. The weddings, ball teams, and school shoots, as well as darkroom work keep him busy. He also has worked as a reporter for his hometown newspaper, and as an Emergency Medical Technician.

He was raised in Mammoth Spring, a small town of about 1,000 people, located 55 miles north of Batesville.

He met his wife, Christy (who lived in Little Rock), 14 years ago while she was in Mammoth Spring visiting her grandparents.

James and Christy have been married for 13 years and are the proud parents of an 80-pound, 4-year-old half-Akita, half Chow dog. Yes, the dog is into magic, too. It can pick which hand a treat is in every time.

James took the Ring 29 group photo which will be in the IBM Convention program and we appreciate him using his photo skills for us.

Thanks, James, for all you do for magic and for Ring 29.