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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE MEMBERS OF
LITTLE ROCK MAGIC RING 29



INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS

Ring 29 meets at 6:45 on the 1st Thursday of the month at Baptist Hospital's Shuffield Auditorium
Call Mr. Magic or a Ring 29 Officer for changes (see back page).

January Theme: Christmas Party!

January 2014



I hope everybody had a great Christmas and a wonderful time with family and every body's New Year is off to a great start. I wanted to remind everybody that this upcoming Wednesday the 14TH is the Barry Mitchell Lecture it will be held at Jim's shop starting at 7pm the cost is \$20 per person I hope to see you there and bring a guest let's make it a great turn out. Also our Annual Christmas party will be on next Saturday on the 17TH at the Jacksonville Community Center starting at 6pm with Walk-around Magic and food, and at 7pm the Magic show will start. The cost is \$10 per Adult and \$7 per Child that is a great deal for a dinner and Entertainment. So please do everything you can to make it and bring as many guest as you can to invite lets pack this place. If you can please call the shop and speak with Jim by next Friday the 16th with a number of how many people will be in your party if you are coming to the Christmas Party that way we have a head count to make sure we have plenty of food for the evening. Thanks Aaron Acosta

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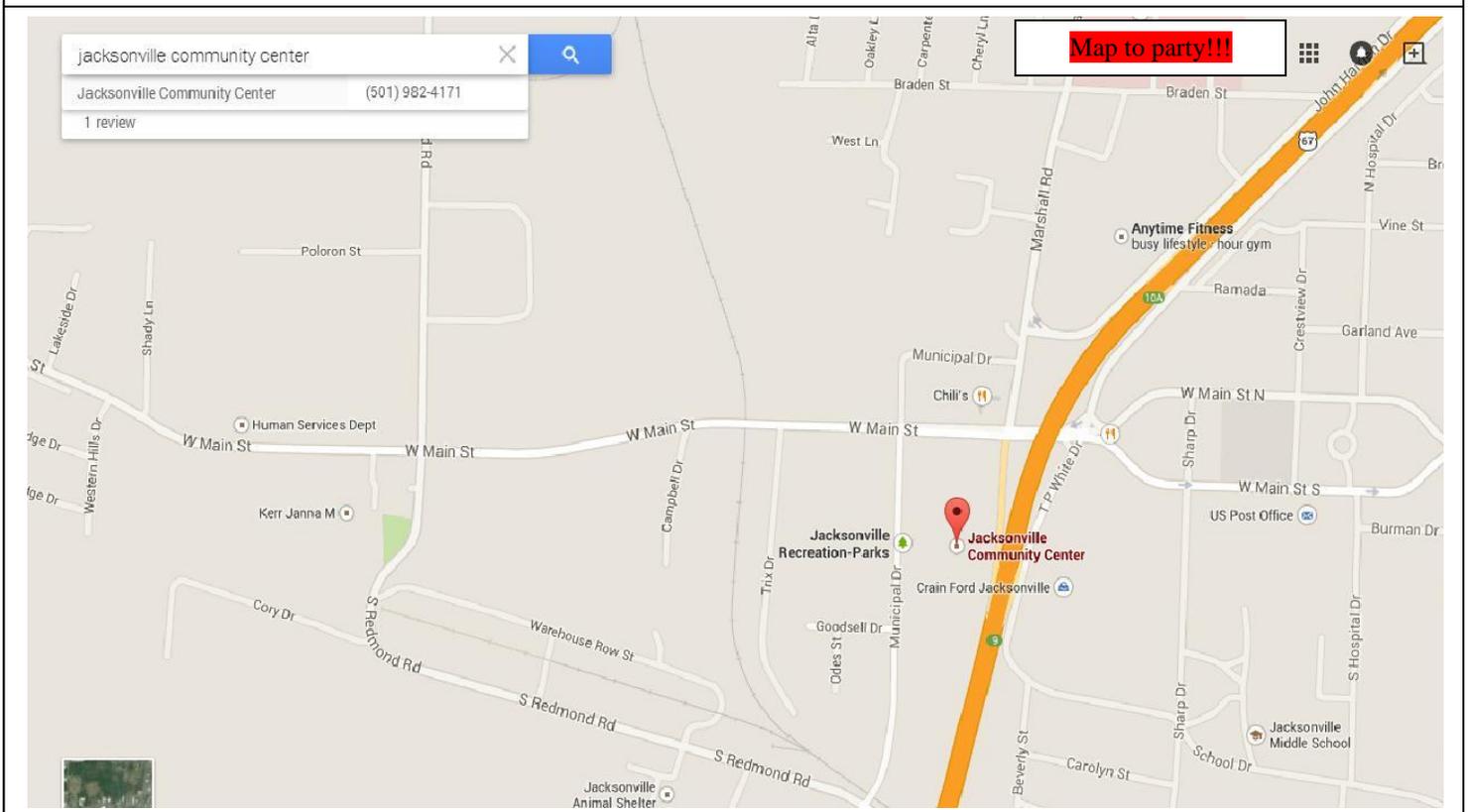
Themes for meetings!

January: Holiday Party (Dec 17th)
February: Creativity Night
March: Close up contest
April: Photo Session/My first magic trick
May: Stage Competition
June: Installation Meeting

Presidents Corner

Hello Everybody,

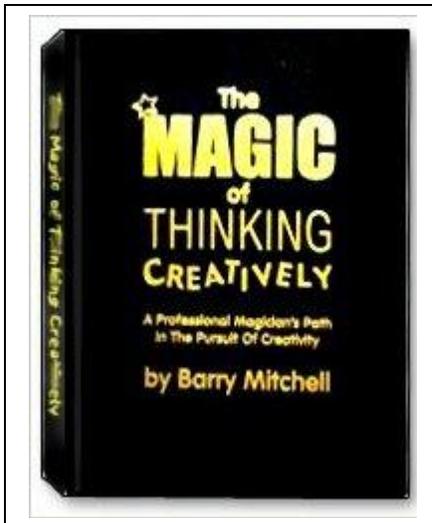
Let me start by saying Happy New Year it was a great year filled with a lot of Magic and I am sure that this year will be filled with even more Magic. I hope everybody got all the Magic they wanted for Christmas and then some. We had a great turnout at the Holiday Party in December at Jim's shop it was an awesome time filled with awesome Magic and even better food from Brenda thanks to Jim and Brenda for the food and the shop again that always allows us to have this awesome party. Well it's January and this means our Christmas Party is on the 17th of this month at the Jacksonville Community Center, it will start at 6pm serving the food & walk-around Magic, The cost is \$10 per adult and \$7 per child. I hope all of you can attend and bring some guests with you when you have a number of people in your party that will come please give Jim a call at the shop so he can keep a head count this allows us to make sure we have plenty of food for everyone. I have to share a film by Paul Wilson and produced by Dan and Dave Buck the movie is called Our Magic right now you can get it through Dan & Dave either as a download or DVD or both together for \$20 which is well worth the price. Let me explain what this film is it is a full length documentary about magic by magicians, this movie is an honest, passionate and revealing glimpse behind the curtain to reveal the secretive world of magicians as seen through the eyes of some of the most respected thinkers, performers and creators. Paul Wilson traveled around for 18 months and interviewed 30 of the most creative most influential people in magic today. It is a journey around an art filled with mysteries to discover why magic is important and wonder is essential. I truly believe that any magician at whatever level they may be at should watch this and everyone that does will truly enjoy if you get a chance to watch it I would love to know what you think, I thought it was awesome. Thanks I will see you soon. Aaron



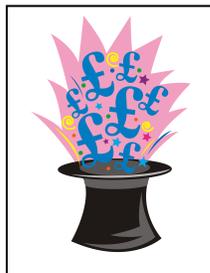
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Barry Mitchell on Jan. 14th
2015 it will be held at Jim's
Shop at 7pm Cost \$20 a person.



Other upcoming Lectures!



Barry Mitchell Jan. 14th

Lee Earl March 24th

Rich Marotta March 3rd

Ring History

This month takes us back 20 years to the January, 1995 Ring meeting. It was Christmas time for the Ring. The President that year was Danny McDorman and the Secretary was Dennis Schick. The Ring met monthly at C.A.R.T.I.

"The January meeting was our annual Christmas party that has become a tradition with the club for many years.

This meeting was dedicated to **Dr. Henry Johnson**, who has been a member of the club for over 50 years. Dr Johnson was presented with the Ring Lifetime Membership Award. This award has been given only one other time, and we members of Ring 29 are proud to have such a good friend. Congratulations, Dr. Johnson, for your accomplishments.

The evening's show was started by our M.C. **D. Macdoorperson**. Danny with his silly antics is always a hit. **Scott Davis** did his world famous Card Through Silk. Four year old **Preston Strobel**, aided by his magician father **Michael**, performed a number of illusions including Cups and Balls and squeezing water from the air. Preston made many of us look bad. Great job, Preston and Michael.

Jim Henson did a stupid mental trick that left Debbie Strobel wondering what kind of idiot she was helping. **Andy Stirman** was kind enough to perform his Peanut Butter and Jelly Illusion that everyone always enjoys. **Stella Stout** used her talent with an assistant to perform Topsy Turvy Bottles. How did she do that? The ageless **Bill Webb** brought along his Box of Tricks (Trix cereal) which contained Hoggy the razorback puppet. What a voice that puppet has.

Theron Nunley followed the Energizer Rabbit, as presented by **Daniel Veazey**, on stage with his wildest of all vests. His five assistants prepared to keep the floor clean during his act by holding a mop close at hand. The water always vanished before it hit the floor. No mess was created.

After a short intermission, **Lisa Bolin** started the second half playing musical chairs. Each of the four players received a color coded card. **Lisa Carlon** was out first and the message on her card said "Sorry, you lost." **Brenda Henson's** and Michael Strobel's cards said the same, as they were eliminated leaving **Jonathan Chastek** with the final card saying "Congratulations Winning Musical Chairs." How do these people do these crazy things?

Paul Thomas traveled from Hot Springs to spend the evening with us, and proceeded to tell some great jokes. What a funny guy. Paul did a mentalism illusion that astounded everyone. M.C. Danny shot the Energizer Rabbit dead and one year old **Damien Farrer** started bawling because of the demise of the rabbit. No one could convince Damien that the rabbit was okay.



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Joe Farrer came on next (with his son still crying off stage) to demonstrate his new Square Circle that he received for Christmas. His socks appeared from the apparatus along with flags and many silks. Beautiful effect. **Paul Carlon** finished the show with his famous burned and restored bill in a Cracker Jacks box routine. Simply put, amazing.

What a great evening of magic, food and fun. Always stop and visit in the Little Rock area." by Jim Henson

It was a great festive Christmas party with a lot of great performances. Everyone (with the possible exception of little Damien Farrer) seemed to have a good time with friendship, magic and good food abounding. It's that time again for the holiday festivities to carry over into January for the Ring. Bring your Christmas Spirit, your thirst for magic and a good appetite to this year's Christmas party and be prepared to have a great time.

Until next time, don't forget to harvest the ripe fruits of the past to sweeten your taste for the present and future.

Your humble historian, Mike Curtis.

Upcoming MAGIC



Barry Mitchell lecture: January 14

Christmas Party: January 17

If you know of any upcoming shows or magic events please contact the editor Cedric Morley at morleyfamilymagic@gmail.com and it will be added to the list.

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Note from Editor

I just want to say, Happy New Year to everyone, and I am sorry about the short and late newsletter. I have had computer and other issues. Anyway, I hope to have more content next month in the Newsletter. If you have anything you would like to see covered, or if you have a story or something you would like to add to the newsletter, email it to me at cedricmorley@yahoo.com
Thank you,
Cedric Morley

* Special Note to people not on the yahoo group. Please email Aaron or James to be added. This is the other way the Ring communicates. This way if the newsletter does not go out people can still know what is going on.

January Theme Details

Come and enjoy a festive night of food and fun at the Holiday party!

Membership

All members of Ring 29 must first be a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. I.B.M. Applications can be picked up at Mr. Magic or from http://www.magician.org/membership_application.pdf. Contact Mr. Magic or any Ring 29 Officer for information on joining the IBM or Ring 29.

Mailing Lists

In addition to this newsletter Members can receive last minute email information on meetings, events, and lectures. If you wish to be added to our email list, please contact Treasurer **Col. James Kinsey**.

LittleRockMagic.org

Our new website has been filled with a wealth of information to assist our members (and potential members). New features are being added daily. Check out the Ring 29 Highlights video, the Magicians for Hire page, or the Ring 29 Event Calendar.



Ring 29 is proud to endorse and support Little Rock's world class magic store Mr. Magic.

Mr. Magic, under the ownership of retired Fire Chief Jim Henson, provides a place for magicians to gather and a collection of magic that is unexcelled. Mr. Magic is also a primary contact for Ring 29.

Mon-Fri 11:00 – 5:30

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