

The Prestidigitator Press



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 Mr. Magic and Novelties
Call Mr. Magic or a Ring 29 Officer for changes (see back page).

February Theme: Creativity Night!

February 2014

Happy Groundhog Day!



Justin Flom Show Review

On January 30th myself and my wife, Blayk Puckket and His Girlfriend, Jimmy Rhodes and Micheal Claxton attend a Magic Show at Harding University in Searcy, AR. The show was Justin Flom he is co-creator of wizard wars and use to have a show in Branson. Let me start by saying it was a outstanding show the show was about a hour he did a lot of close up tricks on stage and had them videoed on to a screen so everyone could see it. He did things like the linking Life Savers also he did saw with a pair of headphones, The Shrinking Head Illusion, Silk to Egg, A floating Bar Stool, and his Soldiers Deck of Cards just to Name a few. It was a great time very entertaining he was very likable and very funny. He had some great as lib overall it was a outstanding show. If you every get a chance to go to see Justin Flom perform some where you better go, you also can find him on youtube he has a lot of Magic Videos out there that are great.

Thanks Aaron

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Themes for meetings!

February: Creativity Night
March: Close up contest
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May: Stage Competition
June: Installation Meeting

Ring Report

Members and guests of Ring 29 met on January 17 for the annual Christmas dinner and show. Everyone enjoyed a B-BQ buffet at 6:00 pm, while several magicians, Aaron Acosta, Cedric Morley, Blayk Puckett, and Rob Merryman, performed walk-around magic for the 160 present.

After the dinner, Jim Henson introduced the officers and board members. At this time, he presented a life-time membership plaque and pin to Jon Bucher.

Territorial Vice-President, Larry Bean, presented the Broken Wand Ceremony in honor of Stan Tarnowsky.

Jon Bucher, who emceed the magic show, used the dictionary to provide introductions for the performers in the magic show. First to perform was Scott Davis, who performed *Comedy Flourishes* and his popular *Signed Card to Mouth*.

Jimmy Ross, dressed as a janitor, amused the audience by noticing a box on a center-staged table as he was sweeping the floors. He proceeded to follow the directions in the box to perform *Banana Bandana*. Mike Jones had the audience laughing with his version of the *Arm Chopper* and he also had his volunteer freaked out.

Larry Bean wowed his volunteer and the audience with *Color Match*. The volunteer used colored markers to create a face. He then revealed a styrofoam head that matched the volunteer's colored drawing. He also used another volunteer to help him perform a comedy book test.

Blayk Puckett ended the first half of the show by performing some awesome juggling with a Christmas theme; juggling Christmas ornaments to *Jingle Bell Rock* and juggling clubs, then ending with one ventriloquist club. Along with Blayk, that club sang *Baby It's Cold Outside*.

Jo Jones began the second half of the show by enlisting an eight year old boy to assist her. She made the boy into a magician by putting a black hat on his head and then giving him a *Broken Wand*. It was then decided he needed a stronger wand. She used *Multiple Wands* to find the perfect wand. Together, the two performed *Multiple Colored Ropes*.

Aaron Acosta, our President, amazed his volunteer and the audience by using an iPhone to match a prediction he made moments before. He then used two volunteers to assist him in performing *Cue the Card*. One volunteer chose a card from thought and the second volunteer read the cue cards that led to finding the selected card in a sealed envelope.

Jimmy Rhodes came to the stage through the audience by marching to *Hail to the Chief*. Using two volunteers and a *Mardo Bag*, performed a hilarious egg to bag routine. Everyone was in stitches!

Randall Eller closed the show by performing an entertaining version of *Magic Squares*. The audience was quite impressed. He closed with his *Magic of Memories* routine using the *Floating Table* and a special ring from a volunteer.

Last but not least, Mike Jones returned Rabbit E. Lee after caring for him for one year.

Mike's addition to the Rabbit E. Lee was a miniature pair of handcuffs. This figurine was retired and a new Rabbit E. Lee was introduced to its new caretaker, Michael Wilkerson, who will return it to the next Christmas Party with a magical item added.

It was a fun night for all who attended!

Secretary,
David Duggie

Presidents Corner

I hope everybody had a great month in January I hope your 2015 is off to a great start.

WOW we had awesome Christmas Party on the 17th, We had around 153 people that came to the Christmas Party that night what a great turnout. I would personally like to thank all the performers by the way who killed it last at the show everybody said it was an awesome show. The performers were

MC - Jon Bucher

Performers

1. Scott Davis
2. Jimmy Ross
3. Mike Jones
4. Larry Bean
5. Blayk Puckett
6. Jo Jones
7. Aaron Acosta
8. Jimmy Rhodes
9. Randal Eller

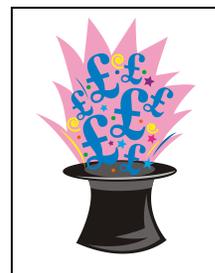
Here was the list of performers again let me say how awesome of a job they all did and from the bottom of my heart Thank you. I would also like to think the walk around performers that did Magic before the show.

1. Rob Merryman
2. Cedric Morley
3. Blayk Puckett
4. Aaron Acosta

All the performers did a Great Job that evening and again Thank You. I would also like to thank James Kinsey for the help behind the scenes with getting a lot of things together. I would also like to thank Jim Henson for his announcements and the things he did behind the scenes too. These two gentlemen helped behind the scenes taking care of a few things and helping to promote the show. And also thanks to the Board that helped with everything. I will leave this with saying one last time thank you all for your hard work and awesome Performance's and everything you guys did. If you missed the show you really missed out on a outstanding night. Don't forget that this Thursday February the 2nd we have our meeting it will be at the Magic Shop its creativity night it should be lots of fun. Thanks Aaron Acosta

Happy
Valentine's
Day

Other upcoming Lectures!



Lee Earl March 24th

Rich Marotta March 3rd

Ring History

This month takes us back just 10 years to the February, 2005 Ring meeting. It was a time to get a little romantic with some Valentine magic. The President that year was Don Baer and the Secretary was Dr. Chris Westfall. The Ring met monthly at Baptist Medical Center, room 20.

"The theme of our February meeting was "Valentine Magic."

Bob Owen was recognized for his contribution to our Ring and for his love of all things magical by awarding him Lifetime Membership status in Ring 29. Congratulations, Bob and many, many thanks!

We were most pleased to see Gerry Bailey up and about after his surgery. Gerry's support of club activities has been wonderful, and we were all deeply concerned for him.

MC for the evening was our dynamic Vice President, Christy Henson. She did her usual superb job in introducing us to a most entertaining playbill.

Christy's dad, Mister Magic himself, performed a medley of magical mysteries, including a few effects which necessitated a Valentine's Day peck on the cheek. We were gratified that a few of our magiciennes were willing to serve as his assistants--as no one wished to see Bob Owen, Gerry Bailey, Jon Bucher, or Don Baer pucker up for Jim. As always we were most entertained by Jim's performance style.

Lannie Cox performed sponge magic with hearts--apropos to the day. We will miss Lannie as he heads to Saint Louis, but the Missouri Magical Community will be getting a real gem!

Margaret Le Clair's performance of card magic turned the tables on Jim Henson who usually is the one trying to get his assistant to "kiss the magician!" "What's good for the goose..." A most entertaining performance by Margaret! Margaret will be heading to Memphis in a few months, but not too far away to drop in and visit her friends in Ring 29. Thank you, Margaret, for your commitment to our magical community and for your love of magic!

John Crippen presented a marital mental mystery in which each of the wife's choices seemed to have her running off with John, until the denouement...husband and wife end up together after all. Don Baer, President of Ring 29, performed in his usual superb fashion, completing our salute to Saint Valentine.

February saw a second meeting of Ring 29 as we hosted a lecture by The Balloon Guys, Daniel Herron and Tom Vorjohan.

The lecture was absolutely superb. Those of us lucky enough to attend--including working professionals Don Baer, Pam Medrez, Derrick Rose, Christy Henson and Joey Williams--were duly impressed by the wealth of material presented by this dynamic duo. Their patience in teaching and professionalism of presentation are worthy of emulation by all magical performers.



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Presented were balloon basics (to bring the neophytes in the group up to speed), easy sculptures with "that added something," and advanced material that left the working professionals in our group jotting notes.

Even for those who do not "do balloons," this lecture is a must for serious students of magical performance."

And there we have another outstanding meeting that was packed with puckers and powerful magic. Let's look forward to this month's meeting and don't forget that Valentine in your life this month.

Until next time, don't forget to follow your heart to the past to pluck some timeless flowers of magic to help you prepare a pleasant bouquet for the present.

Your humble historian, Mike Curtis.

Upcoming MAGIC



See upcoming lectures...



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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WHEN FOLKS
AROUND THESE PARTS
STOPPED SAYING
"HAPPY GROUNDHOG
DAY"...

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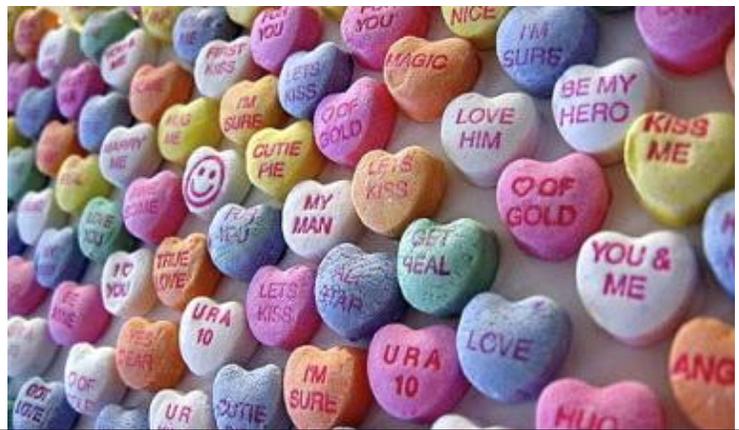
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February Theme Details

Put on your creativity hats for this month's meeting. We will be putting our brains into overdrive trying to come up with some fun and creative magic with stuff! If you have a trick that is made from odd items bring it to share, and be ready to try and create some magic!

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.



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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.

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