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

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS



July 2014

Installation of Officers

Members of Ring 29 and guests met at the Whole Hog Café in Bryant on July 12 for a banquet, installation and magic performed by the new officers. Territorial Vice-president Larry Bean served as emcee and conducted the candlelight installation ceremony. Thirty-one were present.

New officers are: Aaron Acosta, President; Bob White, Vice-president; David Duggie, Secretary; James Kinsey, Treasurer; Michael Wilkinson, Sargent-at-Arms; Mike Curtis, Historian; and Bob Bullock, Webmaster.

Past –president, Jon Bucher, presented an award to Blayk Puckett for winning both the close-up and stage competition. Blayk accepted the award via video and then performed a card trick in which he predicted the card chosen by a spectator. The card, at the end, of the trick, was found on the back of his award.

Prior to the installation, Jon Bucher presented the
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From left (Bob Bullock, Mike Curtis, Larry Bean, Michael Wilkinson, Col. James Kinsey, David Duggie, Bob White, Aaron Acosta.



From left (Aaron Acosta, Jon Butcher)

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gavel and a presidential plaque to incoming President, Aaron Acosta.

After the candlelight ceremony, Larry Bean gave a funny presentation of gum or candy to each of the new officers that he related to their new positions.

Following the ceremony, each of the new officers performed one of their favorite effects. First up was Bob Bullock. He performed several rope tricks with a magic math and science. Mike Curtis did a comedy bit. He gave us a choice of a card trick or telling us how he got in trouble in River City, Iowa in 1912. The audience chose the story. James Kinsey treated us with a mental effect called "Dark Card." A spectator, Summer, chose someone who was important to them and she chose her dad, Mr. Magic (Jim Henson). James correctly predicted who Summer chose. Next, David Duggie, assisted by Jan Hecke, performed "Coins Across" and "Coins through Handkerchief." Bob White delighted us with a story about receiving a letter addressed to him 15 years ago. He had a deck of cards with names of different magicians on the backs. Several spectators made choices, and ultimately the choices ended with the card with Dai Vernon's name on it. The letter Bob received was from Dai Vernon. Aaron Acosta amazed us with his mentalism. First, he correctly predicted the zodiac sign of an audience member. Then he passed out three pieces of paper to three audience members. He proceeded to correctly identify a good friend, a first childhood pet, and a picture drawn on the papers.

All enjoyed the good food, good fellowship and magic!

David Duggie, Secretary

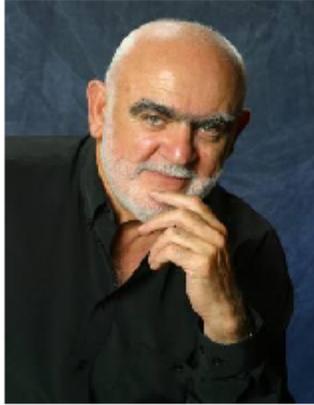
Presidents Corner

I hope all is well with every one; I want to let everyone know that all the officers new and old are going to do everything we can to make the club as great as we can. So I would like to reach out to everyone and ask a few questions. First off if you have any issues with something, or you have a suggestions about something, Do you have someone you would like for us to try and get to lecture, or maybe you would like to see something happen in the club please let me know. I am curious what would you like to get out of the club I want to make the club inviting and just a awesome place for all of us to grow as Magicians. If you have any suggestions like themes for meetings or maybe something you would like to see in the newsletter I would love to know. I would love to see more members in attendance to the meeting's however I completely Understand that things in our everyday lives don't always allow that, But for whatever reason if there is something we as a club could do better or maybe make a change would get you to come please let me know. I am also curious to see if any members would like to start meeting a little before the meeting to use this time to help each other out with routines or moves some times its always great to have someone to bounce ideas off. Here is my Phone number and email so you may reach out to me about anything I discussed here. My Phone is [501-288-5310](tel:501-288-5310) & email is acosta-magic@att.net. Thanks Aaron Acosta

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Friday November the 7th starting at 7pm place TBA

He only deals in cash, no checks or credit cards as he has no US bank account.



Charles Gauci

The "WOW" Factor Lecture/Workshop

Lately, there has been a plethora of magic TV specials by Dynamo, Criss Angel and David Blaine. It is a moot point as to whether these shows do harm or good to the local magicians. Of course we all know that having your own production company enables you to present seemingly impossible effects, which raises the bar far too high for the average magician to replicate.

Charles Gauci the creator of some of the best-selling effects including, Eye to Eye, Body Language, Nostradamus, The Houdini Deck Mystery, Believe it or Not, The Diabolical Wallet, Destination Unknown, 15 Minutes No Mnemonic Memorized Deck System, Winner Takes All, Mystic Vibrations and his latest release "Numerologie".

During this brand new two hour lecture Charles Gauci will share with you several new, very strong stage and close-up effects that will leave a lasting impression on your audience.

He will demonstrate and explain effects from his professional act which you can perform close-up or on stage. This is practical commercial magic that is easy to perform and you will use.

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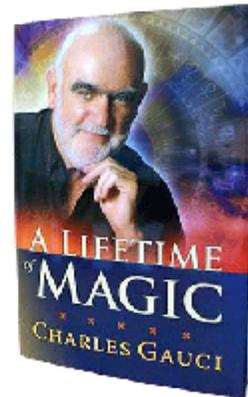
"Charles Gauci gave an outstanding lecture which will long be remembered by all who attended." – Fort Valley Magic Circle, Scotland

A LIFETIME OF MAGIC

Turning professional at 16 years of age, Charles very quickly realized that to succeed in this tough entertainment business his act had to be different. Consequently, he began to create new and original routines.

"A Lifetime of Magic" is a treasure trove of thirty-six of his favorite effects from his two professional shows, "Magic of the Mind" and "Mysteries of the Mind." They include instructions of how to build seven of his top selling commercial effects thus saving you hundreds of dollars.

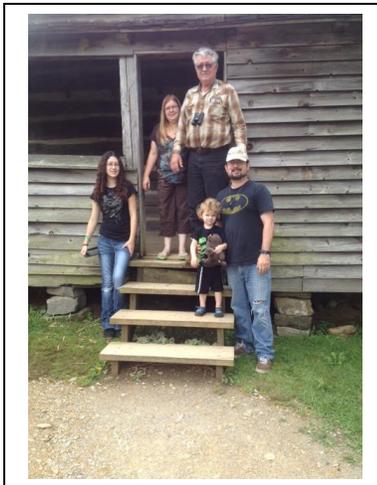
This book is aimed at the professional/semi-professional entertainers. The material is well tried and tested over thousands of performances.



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Message from the Editor

Howdy. Just thought I would write a note telling all of you about the new editor of your monthly newsletter. My name is Cedric Morley II. I am married to a beautiful woman named Armilda. She is a very talented balloon artist, cook, and mother. We have two children, Lana and Trey (Cedric III). Lana is vice President of the Jr. Magician club that meets at Mr. Magic. I have always loved magic. Mainly watching the old David Copperfield specials on TV when I was little, and then again when I was a teenager watching David Blaine and Criss Angel. Back then I had no idea someone could make a living with magic, other than big named stage magicians. It wasn't till about four years ago that I learned that it was a real option. My adventure into this magical realm really started on spring break 2010. I had gone with my wife to Wichita Kansas to visit some of her family. While we were there I drove past a Joke and Novelty shop. I decided to check it out. The store was full of costumes, stage makeup, jokes, fake dog poop, novelty items, and a small magic section. While I was looking through the magic shelf I found a magic trick I had when I was in first grade. It was a little blue vase with a small red ball. I had to have it. I also got a TT, fake dog poo, flash paper, and nickels to dimes. I messed with those tricks the entire spring break. When we got back home we found out there was a new pawn shop in town advertising magic tricks. We went to go check them out the very next day. They had a small selection about like the joke shop in Wichita. The owner told me of a magic shop in Little Rock that he thought was pretty cool. We happened to be going to Little Rock that next week. I couldn't wait. Walking into Mr. Magic & Novelties was like nothing I had experienced. It really looked like an old magic store in a movie. It had magic props and gizmos everywhere. After talking to Jim for awhile, and him demonstrating some awesome magic I ended up leaving with quite a few new toys to play with, and an invitation to come back next week to a real magic meeting! Not only could we come to the meeting, but they were going to have a magic competition. We would get to see magicians showing their best magic off. I put the date in my phone so I wouldn't forget. The next Thursday could not come soon enough. We saw a lot of great magic that night, and made some new friends. We even got invited to the after meeting, meeting. We started coming to meetings and lectures as regularly as we could. We live about 2 1/2 hours north of Little Rock. After a year I had a briefcase full of magic odds and ends. The next year we had to go back to Wichita for a funeral. It was also one of my wife's little cousin's birthdays. I performed for him and his friends, my first actual performance with more than a couple people. It went really well. When we got back I continued to go to meetings, lectures, and any shows that could be found. For father's day my wife got me an order of business cards that said Morley Family Magic, and my first paid gig. It was with some friends, but it was a start.



Not long after that we started advertising and booking more shows. My wife learned to twist balloons after I caught her stealing mine. I bought her a big bag of her own balloons and a couple books and DVD's. Now she is better at twisting than I am. My introduction has not only brought me a wonderful new career, but some awesome new friends.

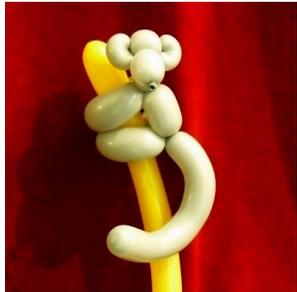
The people we have met through magic have become a second family.

Magic meetings are so much more than just seeing some people perform tricks, it is a time of fellowship that my family greatly cherishes



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Balloon BONE



Two [260 balloons](#). Yellow, red, brown or grey works great for the monkey but you can use any color of your choosing. You can use any color for the second balloon to create the "pole."

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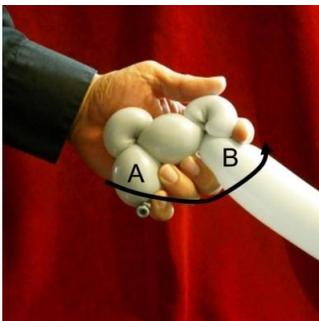
[Inflate](#) the balloon leaving about six inches of uninflated balloon at its end. Starting at the knotted end of the balloon, make a basic twist about an inch to an inch and a half in length. This forms the "nose" of the monkey.

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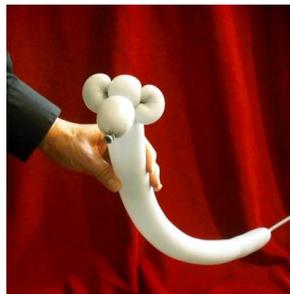
Immediately following the basic twist that you formed in the prior step, make a small pinch twist about an inch in length. You're making the first "ear" of the monkey. Make a basic twist next about an inch and a half in length. You're making the monkey's "forehead." Make a small pinch twist to match the first one. This forms the second "ear."

3



Align the first basic balloon twist (marked "A" in the picture) against the rest of the remaining balloon (marked "B" in the picture), and then twirl (twist) the two pinch twists together. You'll be holding and twisting the two pinch twists and the basic twist between them as a single unit. You'll form the monkey's "head."

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This is what the monkey's "head" should look like

5



From here, you're basically making the body of a dog balloon animal. Twist two basic balloon twists, each about two-inches to form the monkey's "arms." Create a lock twist to hold the front legs together.

6



Twist three more basic balloon twists, each about two-inches. The first twist will form the monkey's body. The second and third twists will form the monkey's back legs. The remaining balloon segment will form the tail. Create a lock twist to hold the body and back legs together. You're done with the twisting.

7



Inflate a second balloon to use as a pole. Slide the monkey onto the pole through its legs and arms. You've created a monkey balloon animal.

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Ring History

This month's report takes another 10 year look back to the July, 2004 meeting of the Ring. It was an interesting meeting with an interesting theme. The President that year was Don Baer and the Secretary was Dr. Chris Westfall. The Ring met monthly in room 20 at the Baptist Medical Center.

"The theme of our July meeting was "Outdoor Magic."

President Don Baer held a masterfully short business meeting, perhaps the highlight of which was an announcement of the details of the upcoming annual Ring 29 Convention to be held in Hot Springs from September 24-26. Be there or be square!

Don Thompson urged the Ring membership to support our magic shop, "Mr. Magic," (in this reporter's opinion the best magic shop in the Universe). Agreement ensued. Our thanks to Jim Henson, proprietor and all around great guy, for his long term support of this Ring and the I.B.M.

Advance work by V.P. Christy Henson, et. Al., culminated in 14 performances. Bill Fulton opened with garden magic, "Flowers, Love and Hate," - a rosy prediction. Don Thompson squeezed a deluge of laughter from the audience with his "Sponge Bob" adaptation of the Monkey Bar. I'm still laughing, Don. Ryan LeClair made his debut with a Bill change. Like mother, like son, Margarette LeClair continued the family tradition by holding the audience captive with her Handcuff Demonstration.

President Don Baer bought a Genii in a Bottle...and the ungrateful gen responded by refusing to give Don his rope back. Jon Bucher used a lion, a cobra and a skunk a la Hippity hop Rabbits to show that, when it comes to the outdoors, it can be a jungle out there.

A Four Coin Assembly, "No Extras," performed by Sid Salmans was a Dilly. We look forward to learning from Sid at next month's seminar on coin magic. Chris Westfall eggspressed his thanks to Mr. Ammar for creating an eggcellent Silk-to-Egg routine (which Chris hopes he didn't butcher too badly.)

Flexon Hexagon and a Folding Paper Casket routine by Richard Knoll were most entertaining. Joey Williams provided a double header: a clever coin prediction (take a coin, any coin) and a fantastic Silk to Cane effect. Joey will be moderating next month's seminar on coin magic.

Chris Kline, at his first performance for our club accomplished Jumping Gemini in superb fashion. Chris, who routinely performs for middle schoolers (and lives to tell about it), left us chuckling in disbelief when he suggested that performing for Ring 29 made him nervous. Bob Bullock's Ring and Rope was a flawlessly executed and first rate piece of magic!

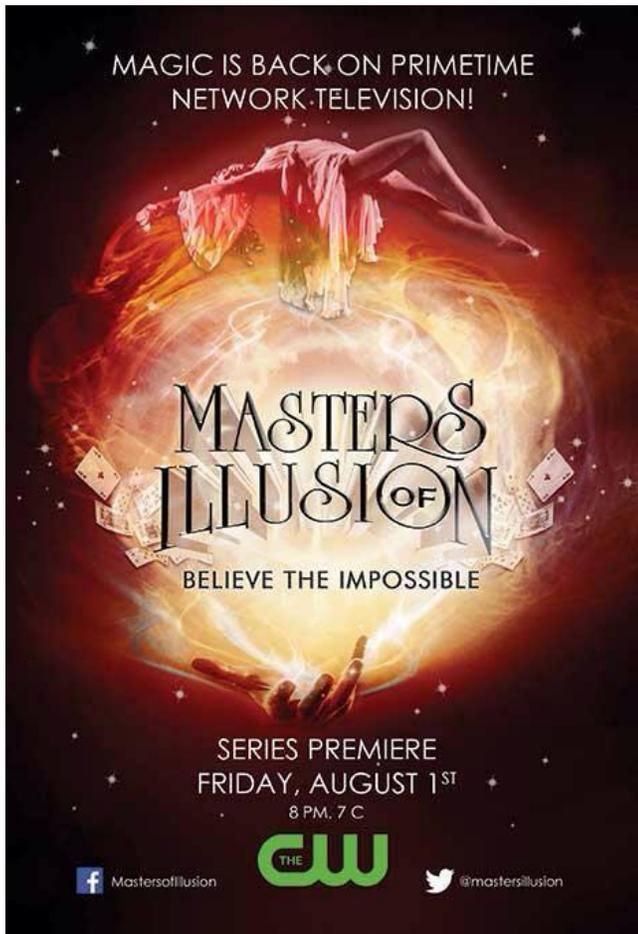
Jeffrey O'Connel wowed us with his card finesse (just as he did at Denny's last month), divining a chosen card from an invisible movie screen. Brad Pitt, move over. And Paul McGrath, making his grand entrance into the world of club magic, impressed all with his poise and appropriate economy of presentation in his Svengali-like performance of card magic.

Hoping to see you at the Hot Springs Convention Center, at Mr. Magic and at our next Ring meeting, we wish you many magical moments!"

It was certainly an evening packed with performances and enjoyed by all. The "Outdoor Magic" theme opened up a lot of possibilities for some creative magic. Another one of those themes with a twist that might be fun to try again sometime soon.



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MAGIC ON TELEVISION

Magic continues to have a strong presence on television, says reporter Dennis Schick. "The Carbonaro Effect" is still on Thursdays at 9 and 9:30 on the TruTV Channel. Two back-to-back 30-minute shows run that night, and then they repeat at various times throughout the week. Michael and his team continue to come up with clever, original situations in which the magician uses magic principles and effects to pull off his candid-camera-type stunts. You can also go to the Tru-tv Web site and watch complete shows if you don't have cable.

On Friday, August 1, "Masters of Illusion" will return. This is the series created by Gay Blackstone (Harry Junior's widow) and others. It will be televised at 7 pm CDT on the CW Channel. The network has ordered 13 episodes of the revival show. Previously the show highly emphasized being a benefit for some non-profit organization, like "Feed the Children." Segments already filmed for the new series include magicians Rick Thomas, Murray Sawchuck, Farrell Dillon, Jan Rouven, Drexus, Zelandra, and Titou. "Masters of Illusion" has been on the road the past three years, with 135 live shows all over the U.S. and Canada, and a dozen foreign countries. For more information, Google "Masters of Illusion." Info by (Dennis Schick)

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Tri Ring Meeting

October Saturday the 4th 2:00pm to 7:00pm
in Dardanelle, AR Directions and Address to Location in
next's Month newsletter

This is a meeting for all 3 Rings in Arkansas Ring 29,
Ring 308, & Ring 75 to get to gather and fellowship and
enjoy incredible Magic and have a Magic Flea Market.

So if you have some Magic to sell this Might be the
place to sell it. Our TVP Larry Bean is working hard
Behind the scenes to put this together, This will be a
great meeting and a awesome time to meet some new
friends and talk to some friends you might not have seen
in a while. See you there. -Aaron

* 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.

Next Ring Meeting Theme

Commercial magic- Real world working material or your
favorite trick.

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](http://www.magician.org/membership_application.pdf)
[.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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