

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 100 Stagecoach Village LR.
Call Mr. Magic or a Ring 29 Officer for changes (see back page).

March Theme: Close up Contest!

March 2015

Important News

I sent a e-mail out a couple of weeks ago about where the meeting would be held we will start meeting there but not till April this month their is a problem with the room, so we will be meeting at Bob White's club house it is at 100 Stagecoach Village Little Rock, AR 72210 right down from the Magic Shop. Its the same place we had Charles Gucci lecture.

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A month filled with magic make sure you come out and support the lectures and the competition you will not be sorry.

Its never to late to sign up to compete in the competition you can sign up by contacting Jim at the Magic Shop or just show up ready to go either way we would love to have you compete.

Also, look for Dane Dovers upcoming article in the Linking Ring. It will be about magicians and taxes!

Just to remind again we will be meeting for our meeting and both lectures this month at Bob White's club house it is at 100 Stagecoach Village Little Rock, AR 72210 right down from the Magic Shop. Its the same place we had Charles Gucci lecture.

Thanks Aaron Acosta

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Themes for meetings!

March: Close up contest
April: Photo Session/My first magic trick
May: Stage Competition
June: Installation Meeting

Ring Report

Ring 29 met on March 5, 2015, with seventeen members present. Vice President Bob White conducted the business meeting.

Blake Puckett talked about his new juggling and ventriloquist club. Cedric Morley assisted him in building the prop for the routine. It is an awesome routine. He performed it at the annual Christmas show.

Eric Jones is scheduled for a lecture on March 10 and Lee Earl on March 24. The lectures will be \$20.00 each. The location is 100 Village Drive off of Stagecoach.

Jim Henson shared the book, *Trick Brain*, by Dariel Fitzkee, which talks about creative magic, our theme for the meeting. Jon Bucher and David Duggie purchased lots of items from the dollar store to recreate the tv program, *Wizard Wars*. Bags were filled with various items and teams chose a bag. From this bag, they had to create several effects to share with the entire group. Each group did a great job creating effects out of the dollar store props. Creating comradery was the biggest plus of the meeting. Everyone had a great time working in groups and sharing their creative ideas and talents.

For any additional information about the meetings, please contact Jim Henson at Mr. Magic's shop. 501-45-6242

David Duggie
Secretary

A few pics from Christmas party!



Presidents Corner

Well another month has passed two months out of the year all ready gone. There is so much Magic around us right now, with so many different shows on TV right now with Cabonaro Effect, or Wizard Wars, or Master of Illusions ETC. ETC., So many great shows on. I find myself doing Magic for folks all the time and a lot of times I will have someone ask have you seen that guy on TV he was doing this thing with so & so. I will ask who it was or what TV show they were watching and most of the time they can not remember the Magicians name or the name of the program. The reason I write that is that these are TV programs with some top notch illusions and tricks, and even that the tricks they were doing was great the performer was not that rememberable to those spectators watching. I think we all can look at this and say what can I do when I perform no matter if is at a paid gig, or just some tricks for some random folks. But what can I change or do better to make myself what they remember not just the tricks? Just some food for thought, do not get me wrong I am not saying anything bad about the shows that on TV I love them all and I am glad they are on right now, they are putting magic in the spot light in a very positive way.

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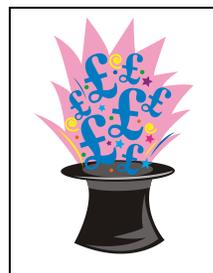
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Other upcoming Lectures!



Lee Earl	March 24th
Eric Jones	March 10th

Ring History

We are going to look back 40 years this month to the March, 1975 meeting of the Ring. It was a meeting which surprisingly turned into a public show. The President that year was Rev. Ralph Bird and the Secretary was Randy Irwin. The Ring met monthly at various locations.

"The March meeting was quite a surprise to many of us. Our President, Ralph Bird, got the idea to make the meeting a public show. Many of us thought it wasn't planned well enough and that not very many people would show up. We were all wrong, the show was a success and I'm sure the audience would agree with that 100 percent.

Col. Seymour, our Ring Vice-Pres., was the master of ceremonies and started everything off with a bang, literally. Performing at the show were some of our new members who were doing their introductory magic for the Ring. Jerry Agnew, who is Popcycle, the Magical Juggling Clown, was on the show and really went over well with the children. He and an assistant juggled some eggs, changed a balloon into a huge carrot and then finally the assistant into a huge rabbit. Jerry had one problem though, it was very warm and his nose fell off. Andy Stephens, also a new member, made some salt disappear very nervously. Andy didn't know that the meeting was to be a public show until he arrived and saw sixty people. Bob Spray did a fantastic trick with a deck of forcing paper plates and a hermitically sealed envelope. His two young assistants finally got the best of him however in his spelling and counting trick, (they thought 4 came after 2 and that mouse was spelled mose). Brad Wasson, a newcomer, was also on the program. Brad had quite an array of magic and performed all of it quite well. He of course uses quality magic from an establishment here in town. One of the highlights of the show was also one of our new members Danny Townsend, or is it Pat? Anyway Danny really had the attention of everyone with his dummy Chuck. Chuck has quite a personality of his own. Danny has also written a book on the art of being a vent. If you haven't seen it written up in **Tops** or somewhere else write and I'm sure he'll tell you all about it, or Chuck will. Of course the show wouldn't have been complete without our only member who has performed before royalty doing something, Dr. Smith performed a medley of tricks that were real side splitters. Col. Seymour had several of his students at the show and one of them, their president, showed us some of his stuff. The Col. is a good teacher because the student did very well. We hope to see more of him in the future.

All in all the show was a great success. With over sixty people it was quite a surprise. Thanks to Dr. Snowberg for the use of his classroom. Thanks also to Dr. "Chief" Langston for two weeks in a row. Come see us in Little Rock."



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It appears some of the new members in the Ring really got an opportunity to shine before a "normal" audience and even though the show seemed to have been thrown together quickly, it was a success. Our meeting this month also promises to be a successful show with the talent that we have available for the Close-up competition. Don't miss it.

Until next time, don't forget to share now what you worked so hard on back then.

Your humble historian, Mike Curtis.

Upcoming MAGIC



44th Cavalcade of Magic March 27-28

Contact Ron Ingram at
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For more information.

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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March Theme Details

A special trophy has been made for the awesome competition that is to take place this month. If you have not signed up for the close up competition, what are you waiting for? ITS FREE!!!! Come on and compete in this friendly contest with some of the best magicians around!

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

Sat 10:00 – 5:00

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