

The Prestidigitator Press



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



INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS

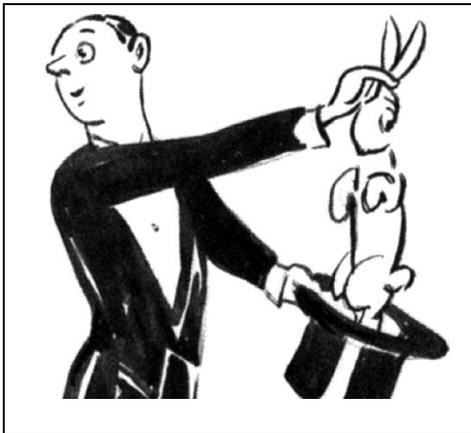
Ring 29 meets at 6:45 on the 1st Thursday of the month at UAMS campus in LR.
Call Mr. Magic or a Ring 29 Officer for changes (see back page).

May Theme: Your 1st Trick!

May 2015

Ring News

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Themes for meetings!

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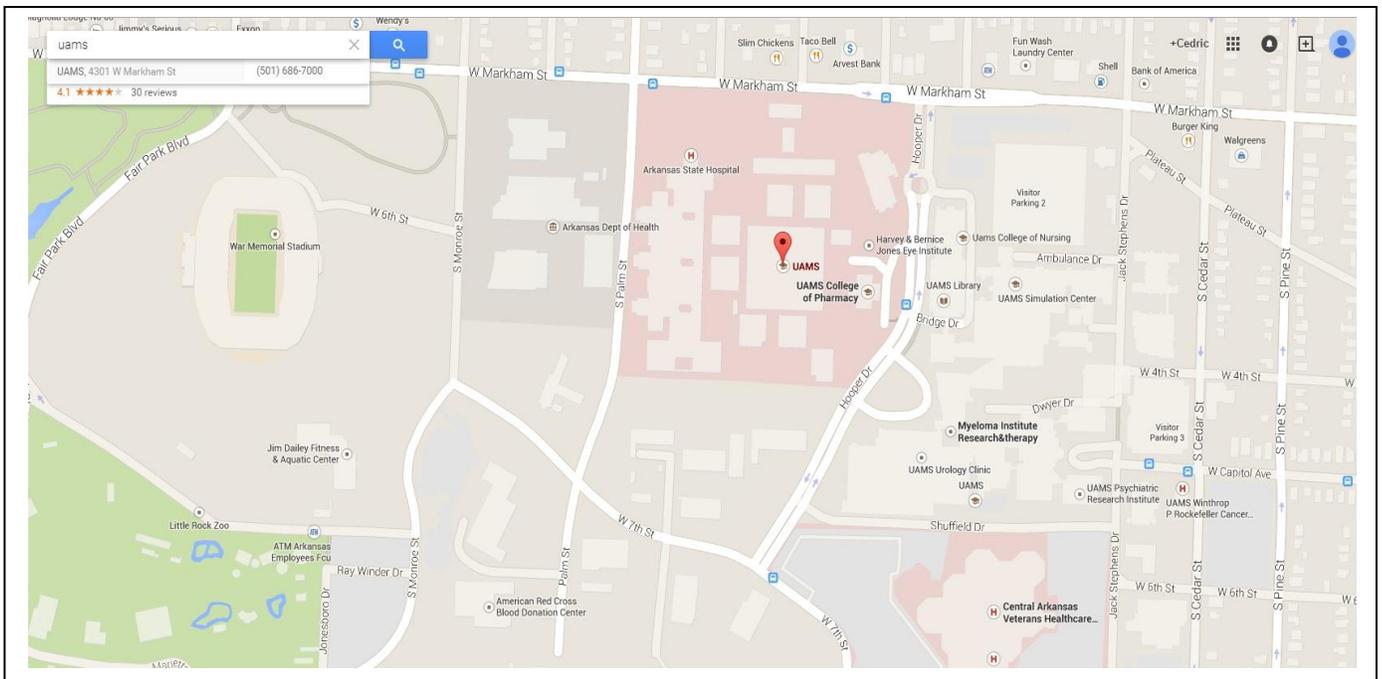
Presidents Corner

Well, another month has passed and so much Magic around us. Still so much great Magic on TV hopefully most of you got to see Justin Willman on Comedy Central this past month it was a very funny awesome show it's called sleight of mouth. If you did not get a chance to watch it you can find it on youtube very funny as long as you don't mind a little blue humor but not that bad at all check it out. We had a great Close-up Competition this past month some awesome Magic thanks so much to every body that came out and supported the Magicians. Thanks to all the performers that competed they all did a great job.

Very special shout to our 1st place winner Jimmy Rhodes, and to our 2nd Place winner Sean Carlock, and to our Audience Favorite Rob Merryman Congratulations to all, everybody did a great job. Even if you did not win remember it's about having fun and the overall experience to learn and continue to improve as Magician's.

We have our next meeting on May 7th, at the UAMS campus in the eye building on the 2nd floor in the Main auditorium we will start at 7pm. We usually start our meeting at 6:45pm but they have a meeting in the room till 6:30 so because of that we will start 15 minutes later and start at 7:00pm. So we cannot get in to the room till after 6:30, our theme this month is your first Magic Trick you ever learned. So come bring your first Magic trick and show us what got you started off as a Magician, everyone should remember their first trick the one that you use to think was the best. Maybe you still use it or maybe it's sitting in a drawer somewhere drawing dust so break it out and come break a leg. This month at the Meeting we will be voting on officer's yes it's that time of year again to vote on officers for our Ring I hope all of you will come out and join in the Magic and Cast your vote.

Thanks, Aaron Acosta



INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS

All State Magic Meeting Rings 29, 75, & 308

*Saturday
September
26th, 2015*

*Colton's Steak
House*

*1636 N. Business Hwy 9
Morrilton, AR 72110*

12:00-4:00 PM

*Lunch
12:00-1:00 PM*

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- **Meal together** - to start things off
- **Magic Show** - starring all who are willing to perform - please limit your performance to 5-8 minutes to allow everyone time to perform
- **Dirty Magician Game**—bring a \$5-\$10 magic trick to exchange if you want to play
- **Used Magic Buy/Sell/Trade**—due to limited space please bring only a few items each
- **Magic Trivia Game**



Ring History

We are taking another 10 year look back to the May, 2005 meeting of the Ring. It was a meeting with a rather interesting theme that unleashed some brainstorming and creative performance ideas. The President that year was Christy Henson and the Secretary was Chris Westfall. The Ring met monthly at the Baptist Medical Center Room 20.

"The theme of our May meeting was "Bring a trick you found in the bottom of your magic drawer and don't know how to perform it."

Nineteen members of Ring 29, four adult and two children visitors attended the meeting.

Jim Henson, alias Mr. Magic in every sense of the word, opened the festivities with his renditions of Color Monte, B'Wave, Karate Card and 3 1/2 of Clubs. As always, his performances were well received and set the spirit for the meeting.

Ernie brought Flying Coins, a Coins Across routine using wooden goblets, which one of our guests, David from Alabama and one of our professionals, Kyle Hamsher, were able to provide some insight regarding it. Dr. Jesse McKinney, Jim Henson and Mike Curtis who helped to figure out how to use a Magnetic Dice Cover in a dice routine with a gaffed box which Ernie has been kind enough to bring.

Polished performances of Knot in Rope, Ring off Rope by Kyle Hamsher were well received. Jesse presented variations of Coin Through Handkerchief culminating in Jesse's teaching us how to perform the Coin Through Handkerchief. Thanks, Dr. McKinney!

Lannie Cox's Ambitious Card routine (Ted Annemann inspired) was laced with humorous patter and was well received. Lannie shared the method with the group. Lannie and Kyle Hamsher were kind enough to show the youngsters their versions of sponge balls.

We sure will miss Lannie and Zorro as they head north to St. Louis!"

The evening turned into a learning experience for both presenters and the observers as ideas were exchanged and alternate handlings were suggested. Everyone could relate to that familiar question, "How could I best present this?" It's always good to get different opinions and perspectives to help improve your performance.

Until next time, don't forget to look back, because you just might see exactly what you need.

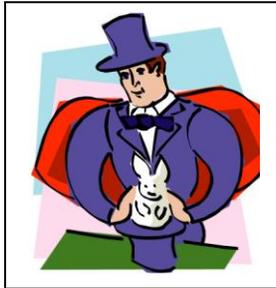
Your humble historian, Mike Curtis.



Note from the Editor

I am looking for some new ideas for columns and content. If you have something you would like to see in the newsletter or something you would like to share with everyone, please send me and email, call, or text me. I would love to discuss ideas and content. Some ideas for more content might be a trick review, book review, dvd/vhs review. Is there a TV show that had an awesome magic effect in it? Have you been to a magic show lately? I would love to hear about the experience. This is your newsletter, what would you like to see in it?

Thank you and have a great month!
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Upcoming MAGIC



Tri-Ring Meeting-Sep 26th

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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.

Magically Delicious Sunny



Ring Report

On April 2, fifty-four members and guests attended the annual Close-Up Competition. Blayk Puckett, winner of last year's competition, organized the competition for this year. Seven members of Ring 29 participated in the competition. Judges were members, Paul Carlon, Larry Bean, Aaron Acosta, and non-member judges were Zack Bly and Kasey Griffin.

Blayk Puckett, introduced Jim Henson, who was the emcee for the event.

The first performer was Ralph Felder, who did an original routine called *Hopping Corks with Hat*. After appearing and disappearing various colored wine corks, he ended the routine by producing a wine glass with liquid. This routine was previously written up in *The Linking Ring*.

The second performer was Cedric Morley, who using an iPhone produced the popular theme Angry Birds. He caused the birds to multiply and change colors. Also, using two rubric cubes and an audience member, Cedric was able to match the colors of her cube with the colors of his. He finished the routine by throwing the cube into the air with it coming down solved.

Mike Martin, the third performer, was able to fool the audience with Emerson West's *Colored Monte*. The routine was enjoyed by all.

The fourth performer, Shawn Carlock, performed a card effect that began with a volunteer who shuffled the cards, then Shawn produced the four aces and while all the other cards had different backs. He caused a ring belonging to the young women to disappear, only to have it reappear in an envelope in his wallet.

Bob Bullock, the fifth performer, used a volunteer to help him with a routine using nine postcards on a board from various countries to help him find a safe haven. The volunteer, with the aid of a small globe, was able to eliminate postcards that were related to destruction of the area. The last card remaining was a safe haven.

The sixth performer was Rob Merryman. Rob, who recently faced a life and death situation, used his story, a volunteer, and two rings, one black and one gold, to share the struggles of his situation. His next routine was a card effect. He had two cards selected and signed. A wooden duck found one card. The rest of the deck disappeared in smoke leaving the last signed card.

The final performer was Jimmy Rhodes. His volunteer chose one color from a choice of six. He correctly chose the volunteer's choice. His next routine was taking a signed coin and passing it through a solid block of metal.

President Aaron Acosta performed some amazing card effects for the audience while votes were being tallied.

Rob Merryman won audience choice award. Shawn Carlock was runner up in the Close-Up Competition. He won a monetary prize. Jimmy Rhodes won the Close-Up Competition. He was presented a trophy and monetary prize.

Many thanks to Blayk Puckett for the awesome job of organizing the event!

If you would like to visit one of our meetings, call Jim Henson for place and time. 501-455-6242.

Secretary

David Duggie

Trick Cabinet

Free Magic Trick The Jumping Rings

The magician holds a rope between his hands. There are three knots tied on it, and on the center knot is tied to a wire hanger. The magician says a magic word and FLASH, right before everyone's eyes, the hanger jumps from the center knot to the right knot!

How this free magic trick is done (don't tell anyone!):

Use a strong piece of rope, about 3' long. It should be about ¼" thick. Take a look at the drawing below these instructions. It shows 4 knots on the rope. Knots B, C and D are regular knots. The hanger is tied to knot C. But knot A isn't a regular knot, it is a "slip knot." It looks pretty much like the others, but when pulled by the ends of the rope, comes undone.

What to do:

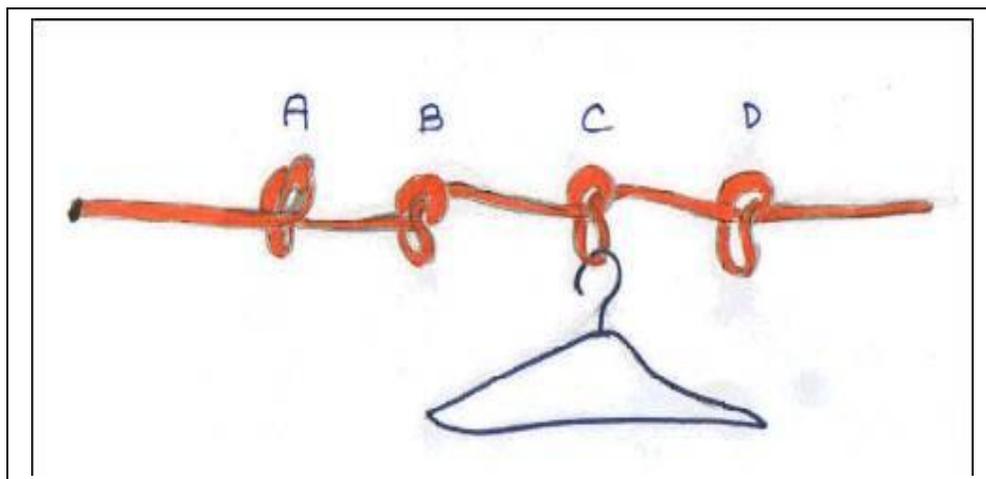
Begin the trick with knot D covered by your right hand. Hold the rope so that knots A, B, and C are showing.

Say: "Here we have three knots. Notice that a hanger is tied onto the end knot. But watch ... Abracadabra!"

Now, do two things:

First: Pull the rope very tight between your hands. This will cause the slipknot (A) to come undone. It seems to disappear.

Second: Pull the rope again with the left hand. Slide knot D from your right hand. When you do this fast, it looks to the audience as if the hanger has jumped from the end knot to the center knot.



<http://www.goodtricks.net/jumping-ring-trick.html>

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May Theme Details

Bring the very first trick you ever did. If you can remember back that far! If not bring a favorite trick from your childhood.

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.

Mon-Fri 11:00 – 5:30

Sat 10:00 – 5:00

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