

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

August Theme: Ancient trick?

August 2015

Ring News

This Month's meeting is August 6th starting at 6:45pm being held at the Magic Shop. This month's theme is something that you have not performed in years, yep that trick you use to do and for whatever reason it got put up in a drawer somewhere. Well break it out and practice it and come and amaze us. We have a Lecture we will be hosting Nathan Kranzo on August 10th starting at 7pm and will be held at the Magic shop, We had Nathan about 2 1/2 years ago and he his coming back with a New lecture it was a great Lecture last time and I am sure he will not disappoint us at all, The cost for the lecture is \$20 so come out and support live Magic I hope to see you there. Nathan has also said he is willing to do a workshop beforehand the cost for that is \$45 if anyone would like to do the work shop or no more about the work shop let me know and I will set the work shop up or get you more info. Here are the details for the Lecture I hope to see you there.

Presidents Corner

Hello Everybody,

Well another month has passed and half the year is almost up, I hope you get to come join us for the Magic Meeting Coming on August 6th starting at 6:45pm being held at the Magic Shop. This month's theme is something that you have not performed in years, yep that trick you use to do and for whatever reason it got put up in a drawer somewhere. Well break it out and practice it and come and amaze us. I hope you have been able to catch some of the new TV series that has come out in the last month, There is the new Master of Illusions, Penn & Teller Fool Us which is just great, And another really good show called Don't Blink which is really good if you get a chance catch one or two of these shows or set the DVR to record them you will not be disappointed at all. We have a Lecture we will be hosting Nathan Kranzo on August 10th starting at 7pm and will be held at the Magic shop, We had Nathan about 2 1/2 years ago and he his coming back with a New lecture it was a great Lecture last time and I am sure he will not disappoint us at all, The cost for the lecture is \$20 so come out and support live Magic I hope to see you then.
Thanks Aaron

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Upcoming MAGIC

Paul Praters Maschera
Wednesdays at 7:00pm

Nathan Kranzo Lecture
Monday Aug 10th 7pm

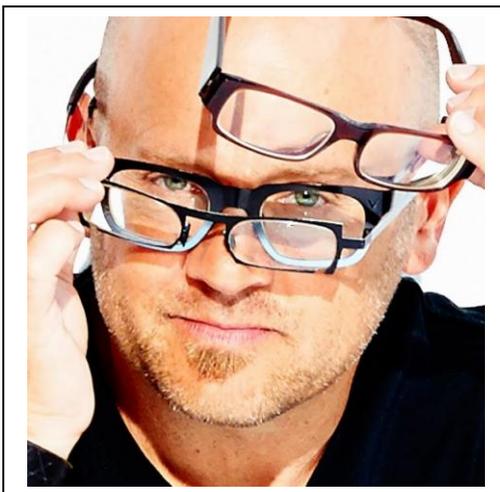
Maxwell Blade's Festival of magic
Sep 24-27

Jay Sankey Lecture
October 2nd

Tri-Ring Meeting
Oct 3rd

If you know of any upcoming shows or magic events please contact the editor

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and it will be added to the list.



INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS

All State Magic Meeting Rings 29, 75, & 308

Saturday
October 3rd,
2015

Colton's Steak
House

1636 N. Business Hwy 9
Morrilton, AR 72110

12:00-4:00 PM

Lunch
12:00-1:00 PM

For more info contact:
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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

This month takes us back 30 years to the August, 1985 meeting of the Ring. It was election time for the Ring. The President that year was Melvin Brown and the Secretary was Logan Pritchett. The Ring met monthly at CARTI.

"New officers were elected at the August meeting. MELVIN BROWN will serve as President, with ANDY STEPHENS as Vice-President. Other officers (all re-elected) are: LOGAN PRITCHETT, Secretary; JAMES NOLTING, Treasurer; and DR. JOHN McCULLOUGH SMITH, Historian.

FRANK CAPLE reported on the FISM convention in Madrid, Spain. Nothing, he said, started on time.

Our magic portion of the August meeting offered something for everyone.

LOGAN demonstrated the best way to do DON ALAN'S GREAT PUT-ON which he supplies. He explained that he uses the ESP version of this trick in all his kid shows, since many children do not know playing cards, but they all know "these symbols like your teacher uses in school on flash cards."

DOC SMITH got a lot out of his rope routine, but he was a little stingy on the length; he promised to correct this. KENT DAVIS, a guest, and I.B.M. applicant, found MIKE CURTIS' selected card by knocking all the cards from Mike's hand, except the RIGHT one.

FRANK CAPLE showed the ring off rope which he had been taught by CHARLIE MILLER years ago. Frank has perfected it and uses it often in his trade show work. ANDY STEPHENS, our retiring president, baffled everyone with his ability to stretch a card.

Visitors are welcomed in Little Rock. Please call, if you come by."

The transition to new officers is always an interesting time because there is a new air of optimism and fresh potential that can build on past successes and explore new possibilities. A new look at old patterns can inspire experimentation and unlock creativity to enrich the Ring and benefit us all.

Until next time, explore your past to track down those oft forgotten gems that can shine even brighter today.

Your humble historian, Mike Curtis.



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Nathan Kranzo Lecture (Aug 10th, 7pm @ Mr. Magic)(\$20.00)

Lecture Info...Here is what you get:

No Moves Copper Silver Brass

This transposition effect has become one of the Highlights of Kranzo's new lecture. New life is breathed into this classic coin effect.

Rub A Dub Wallet

Kranzo's GO TO card effect when he has to perform something quick and STRONG.

Impromptu Card In Pants

Just what it sounds like. You will laugh and be amazed. Then laugh again at the simple method. No special deck this time.

Switchblade Aces

A fantastic piece of card magic. The four aces are cut to wile blindfolded. The 4th aces is STABBED to with a knife.

The Sock Gag

A visual and hilarious effect/gag with an iphone that can be done on stage or close up.

Heads or Tails

Another visual effect that gets a HUGE laugh. Everyone can relate to.

Theodore DeLand's 2 Card Monte

An amazingly strong transposition between a BORROWED I.D. and your Drivers License that happens in THEIR HANDS!!!

Tru Test - This is Nathan's adaptation of the U.F. Grant Magazine Test. A magazine is chosen, a page selected and torn to pieces by the spectator until they are left with a single piece. They think of a word on that piece, and tell them what it is! This is a closer!

The World's Coolest Book Test - Two paperback books that can be examined are offered. One is selected and any page opened to. You ask them to read a sentence and ask them if they can imagine or "draw" an image that represents what they read. They do, and so do you, duplicating it perfectly! A strong Book Test or Design Duplication that will even fool you and the brilliant and simple method will have you laughing at its simplicity!

Note from the Editor

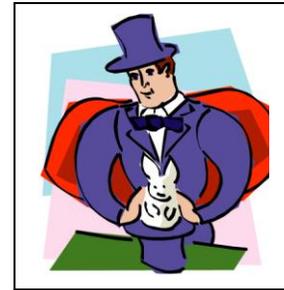
I am looking for some new ideas for columns and content. If you have something you would like to see in the newsletter or something you would like to share with everyone, please send me and email, call, or text me. I would love to discuss ideas and content. Some ideas for more content might be a trick 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!

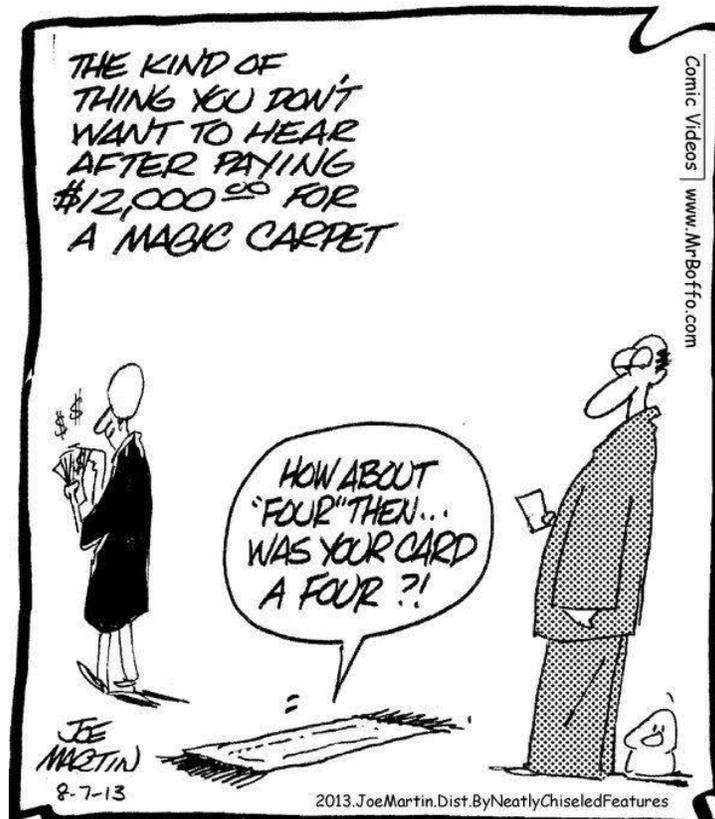
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Magically Delicious Sunny



Show Review

Estes Park is a pretty magical place, especially for an Arkansan in the summertime. The weather was nice and cool and the town is full of little shops and restaurants. A river runs right on the backside of all of the shops, drowning out the noise of pedestrians and providing a peaceful backdrop for a bustling little tourist town. I had the good luck of being there on the Fourth of July. We even got stuck in a freak hailstorm that had my daughter and I scooping up handfuls to throw at one another. This is the closest I have ever come to a snowball fight in July.

I went to Estes Park, along with my girlfriend, daughter and two friends to see Aiden Sinclair in his show, "Illusions of the Past" at the Stanley Hotel. You may recognize Aiden's name from his recent appearances on America's Got Talent. What you may not know, however, is that his show at the Stanley is quite different from what you have seen on television.

I am a fan of the macabre and bizarre magic and that is what we got. Start with the fact that the Stanley Hotel is where the movie "The Shining" was filmed. A large part of any kind of storytelling or bizarre magic is setting the right mood. The hotel does a wonderful job of accomplishing this goal when you walk in the door.

The first thing that struck me is that Aiden is a genuine and warm person. Too often, performers come across as wooden, nervous or otherwise unrelatable. This is not the case with Aiden. Likeability is, of course, pretty important.

Aiden's show is filled with stories of ghosts, killers, and contact with the dead and examples of mentalism. He uses a variety of props, including cards and old photographs. Time stopped as Aiden wove his tales, including the local stories of the Stanley. By the end of the show the audience was completely immersed in Aiden's world.

While the show does indeed contain elements of the macabre, Aiden shows that he is a deft showman by balancing the show with plenty of humor. That is not to say this is a comedy show, for it certainly is not. Aiden has enough moments of levity to balance the darker edges.

The show is a multimedia show. Aiden uses a projector and screen to share photos, video and music with his audience throughout the show. This is very smart thinking and a way to allow the audience members at the back to see as well as those up close.

After the show, I had the distinct pleasure of sharing a beer, conversation and fireworks with Aiden on the front porch of the Stanley. He is driven, professional and real joy to see perform. While the fireworks over the lake were spectacular, the real fireworks were one hour earlier in a parlor in the Stanley Hotel, where Aiden showed how a master of the craft works.

Cordially,

Paul Prater

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Jay Sankey

With An All New Lecture

Jay Sankey is a true magician's magician and is widely considered to be one of the most original thinkers and finest magic teachers alive today. He is also one of the most prolific magic creators on the planet. While many of his especially creative contemporaries have a few dozen original routines to their credit, at last count Jay has created over 500 original street magic illusions.

As a performer, Jay has headlined at comedy clubs and mystified audiences at private parties, trade shows, banquets and corporate functions. Jay has also worked as a consultant for many of the world's most well-known magicians including Criss Angel, Keith Barry and David Copperfield. Even David Blaine has been seen using Jay's magic tricks!

What's in Jay Sankey's All New Lecture?

Jay's new lecture features magic and mentalist designed to inspire spontaneous interaction between the performer and the audience.

Instead of 'staid back and watch me do cool magic tricks,' the effects are structured to 'open moments' for FUN and MEMORABLE exchanges.

So the effects are brief, flexible, imaginative, and supremely adaptable to almost any performance situation. The effects also require little or no set-up, and involve mostly ordinary and everyday items. Nothing looks like 'something from a magic shop.'

Instead of a lot tricks with cards and coins, Jay will be sharing the secrets to jaw-dropping effects with dollar bills, drinking straws, iPhone cords, bottle caps, sunglasses, finger rings and more. And as with most of his material, the effects are extremely visual, and require very little scripting. For the most part, the tricks are also quite easy to do.

ALL of these elements work together, to free up the performer to focus most of his (or her) energies on what really matters: connecting with people and expressing yourself by HAVING FUN WITH MAGIC!

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Generally I post clip art for holidays on the back page, however when I looked on the calendar I did not find any for August. A quick internet search came up with... Aug 1st (**Girlfriends Day**) don't let your wife know about this one!

Aug 3rd (**National Psychic Day**) but you already knew that.

Aug 7th (**International Beer Day**), also Kool-aid Day) Choose wisely!

Aug 8th (**International Hangover day**) hmm.. well, at least you didn't drink the Kool-aid...

Aug 16th (**My Birthday!**) My favorite holiday in August! Feel free to send cards, gifts, monetary or magic to P.o.Box 385 Cave City Ar, 72521. Make checks out to Cedric Morley. Thank you! ☺

Aug 29th (**According to Hoyle Day**) I wonder if Bicycle has a holiday?

August Theme Details

Bring an old trick that has been collecting dust and perform it. Maybe we can bring new life into an ancient mystery!

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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Sat 10:00 – 5:00

Sun CLOSED

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