

# 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).

January Theme: Christmas Party

January 2015

## Ring News

Christmas Party at Jacksonville Community Center.

Cost: \$10.00 Adults and \$8.00 children

Time: Food at 6pm, Showtime 7pm

Date: January 16th

Address: 5 Municipal Dr, Jacksonville, AR 72076.

Please call **501-455-6242** and RSVP for the party, just leave your name and how many are coming on his answering machine. Thank you.

### Mr. Magic Closes his doors!



Happy  
New Year!

## Upcoming Magic Themes

February: \$1 store magic  
March: Auction  
April: Close up competition  
May: Teach in.  
June: Stage competition  
July: Installation banquet

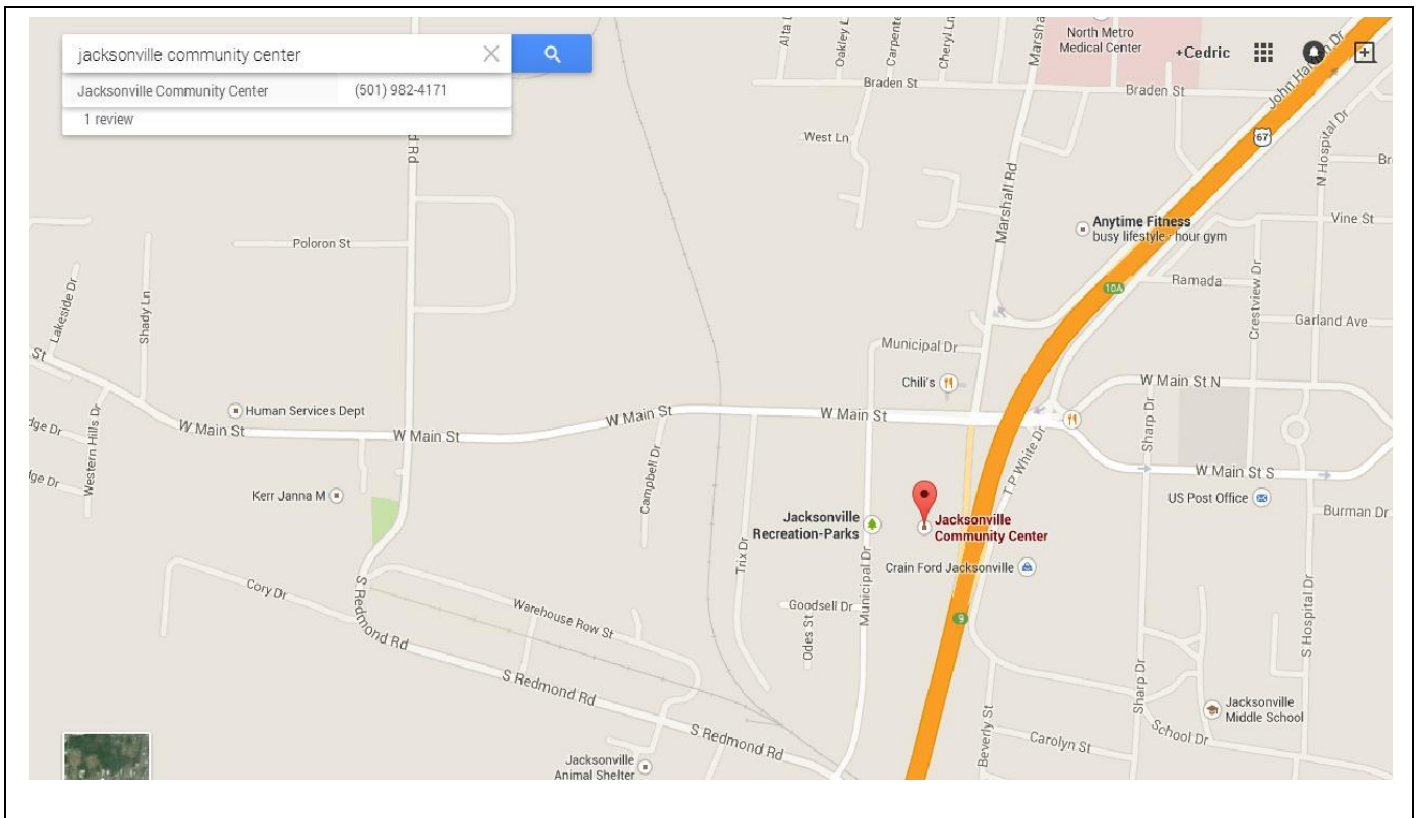
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## Presidents Corner

Hello everybody, Wow where did 2015 go the year is gone and a new one has started. Did you make some great New Year's resolutions hopefully some of them were Magic related? With the end of 2015 brings sadness in Magic in Little rock since December 31st was Jim's last day in business, I hope you got to go out and spend some time at the shop and visit with Jim before he closed us such a great place we have lost. If you did not have the chance to read the article that Dennis wrote about the Magic Shop that ran in the Arkansas Democrat, it was a great article and he sent it in a Email to everybody Thanks Dennis. Don't forget that we will not be having a meeting on the first Thursday of the month because we will be having our Annual Christmas Party on January 16TH. It will be held at the Jacksonville Community Center which is at 5 Municipal Dr, Jacksonville, AR 72076, The cost is \$10 for Adults and \$8 dollars for children where else can you get a great show and awesome BBQ for that price. If you had not all ready signed up to come to the Party by contacting Jim at the shop you can still do so he will be in and out even that the shop is closed he will be working packing and moving, So he told me he would still take names for the Party, If you cannot get in contact with Jim just shoot me a email and let me know you are coming and how many of you will be attending. In February and March we will be meeting at Bob Whites club house then in April we are going back to the Baptist Hospital where we used to meet.



## Letter from the Editor

It was five years ago that I first walked into Jims shop. I had heard about it from a little pawn shop in Batesville that had a small magic section. He told me about the coolest magic store in Little Rock, there was magic stuff everywhere and the owner was pretty cool he said. He was right. I had only imagined such a store in my dreams. Mr Magic and Novelties was an enchanting place, it looked like something out of a movie. Magic tricks of all types and sizes, vintage magic, new magic, hard to find and collectable magic. Magic books, magazines, pamphlets, and dvds! The place even smelled magic. There was so much to look at, famous magicians pictures with autographs, spongeballs of every shape and color, coins and gimmicks I could only imagine. But all that cool stuff was not what really made Mr Magic and Novelties. Jim Henson, the friendly, smiling man behind the counter, who instantly made you feel welcome. I am not sure how many tricks he showed my wife and I that first day we came into his shop. It was like a private little magic show. Quite a few of the items he performed I came home with that day. But when he was performing the tricks for me, I never felt like he was trying to just sell me something. He really was just showing me something he thought was cool, he enjoyed performing and playing with, and I might as well. He didn't show me anything that was outrageously priced. It was a bunch of, I don't want to say cheap tricks, but they were inexpensive tricks, but massively fun to play with. I still perform some of the tricks I bought that first day I went into Jims shop. Before we left the shop that day he told us about the magic club there in Little Rock. He said that Ring 29 would be having a magic competition and we should come and watch. That day literally changed me and my family's life.

I was hooked onto magic. Seeing how kind everyone was, and sharing really made an impact. I am sure that little shop has impacted many lives. Little Rock will be a little dimmer without Mr. Magic's light shining. I wonder where new people will find magic. Online? Youtube? CableTV? Sure, but it will never be the same as walking into that shop and watching a bunch of magicians standing around showing of a slight, a cardtrick, or a coin trick. Being able to come into the shop and get advice on something you are working of that you can't get just right. I will miss the fellowship that Jims shop offered. Standing there and hearing Jim tell stories, standing at the side and watching him perform magic to some new people that just discovered his shop. I am sad that my son will not get a chance to go to Jr Magician meetings. I am glad my daughter got to be a part of them.

With all that being said, I am sad, but I am also happy. I am happy for Jim and his family for being able to do what they need to do. Jim will be able to be a dealer at conventions, and they are starting an online store, which I plan on still purchasing magic from Jim through his online store.

As a magic community, we have lost a great resource. The store front was a great way to bring in new people into the magic community. Without it I am not sure what we will do. In closing I just want to say Thank you Mr. Magic, thank you Jim. Thank you for the fun times in your shop, for being a cornerstone in the magic community. No telling how many people are involved in magic because of you and your store. Good Luck in your future endeavors.

-Cedric Morley





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## Ring History

We take another 40 year look back this month to the January, 1976 meeting of the Ring because I couldn't find any other 10 year interval reports. The President that year was Randy Irwin and the Secretary-Treasurer was Don Terry. The Ring met monthly at the Metropolitan Bank.

"Our January meeting had a low attendance due to some extremely cold temperatures for this time of year. The main order of business was a new meeting place and time. We are now meeting on the 1st Thursday of each month and our new location is the Doctor's Building on University Ave. We are meeting in their cafeteria meeting room which means we can come early and have dinner.

Our Annual Public show has been moved to Feb. It is to be held at the auditorium for the Arkansas School of the Deaf. Logan was appointed producer of the show.

We had a wonderful time at our Christmas party in Dec. Had a great turnout of members and most of those attending did some great magic.

Come back to Little Rock!!!!"

We can certainly relate to the issue of finding a place to meet that our earlier members faced. We have bounced around to several places but have always been fortunate to be able to meet and perform in some outstanding locations. This has been due to the hospitality of some of our members and the persistence and hard work of other members. Be sure to come to another of those great locations for the annual Christmas party to be held this January in Jacksonville.

Until next time, remember, the past reminds that we can always do better.

Your humble historian, Mike Curtis.



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Diamond Jim Tyler has practiced magic since he was five years old and performed it professionally since 1986. DJT is the creator of effects sold worldwide and the author and publisher of the best-selling magic books Bamboozlers and Pockets Full of Miracles.

The Marvelous Misfits variety show is composed of a rotating cast of performers. Each month we put on shows to entertain, delight and titillate. The shows feature acts such as juggling, hooping, magic, mentalist, comedy, theater, singing, burlesques, burlesque, sideshow and dancing. The show is different each month, with a rotating cast of performers. Shows are at the Public Theater at 616 center st. downtown Little Rock. –Paul Prater

## Upcoming MAGIC

Paul Prater's Marvelous Misfits  
<http://www.marvelousmisfits.com/>

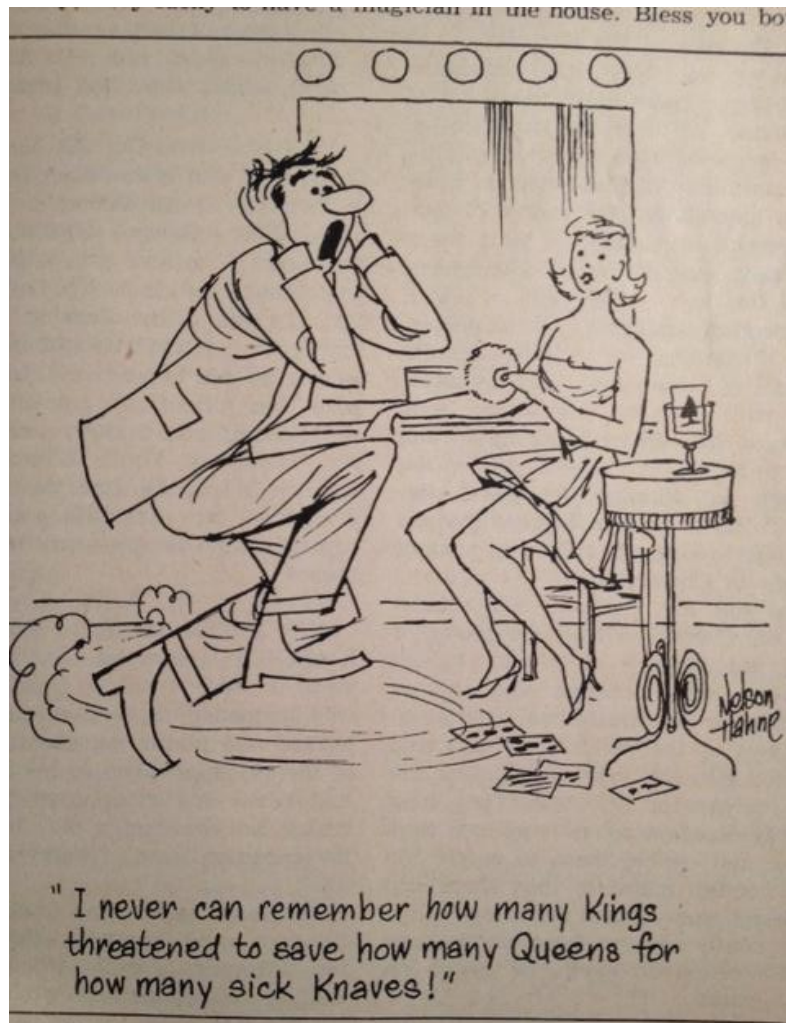
Jan 28th

Diamond Jim Lecture

Feb 12th

If you know of any upcoming shows or magic events please contact the editor Cedric Morley at [morleyfamilymagic@gmail.com](mailto:morleyfamilymagic@gmail.com) and it will be added to the list.

## Magically Delicious Sunny



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## **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](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.net**

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.

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**501-455-6242**  
<http://mrmagicstore.com/>