

# 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 first Thursday of the month at Baptist Hospital.  
June 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Whole Hog Cafe, 12111 W Markham LR

June Theme: Installation banquet

June 2016



## Presidents Corner

Hello,

It's has been wonderful serving as your president for Ring 29 for the last two years since this is my last month as your president let me just say thanks for the opportunity to serve the club it was a honor.

**Remember** that this month there is no meeting on the first Thursday of the month we are having our installation banquet on June 10th starting at 6:00pm with eating and then with the installation of the officers and all the officers will perform for you. The installation Banquet will be held at the Whole Hog Cafe at 12111 W Markham St #364, Little Rock, AR 72211, it's in [Rock Creek Square Plaza Shopping Center](#).

I hope to see you at the Installation Banquet Also keep in the back of your mind about the lectures coming later this year we have booked Garret Thomas on September 19th, & Kozmo on October 10th, both of these lectures will be great. If you missed the Carl Andrews Lecture this past month you missed a really good lecture with some solid material.

Magically Yours,  
Aaron Acosta

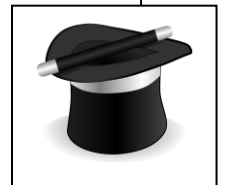
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## Upcoming Magic Themes

June: Installation banquet  
July: ???



## **Special Announcement!**

On June 11<sup>th</sup> for those adventurous types, there is going to be a river float trip. Contact Jimmy Rhodes for more details on the float.

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Outfitter. [www.wildbillsoutfitter.com/](http://www.wildbillsoutfitter.com/) You can also contact Wild Bill for pricing of canoes.

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Here is the address and phone number to our current meeting place!

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## Lectures, Classes, and Creative Counseling

Garrett has been giving presentations on the Art of Magic, Finding your Creative Potential, Magic for Magicians, Abstract Math, and Painting the Fourth Dimension since 1996. He is available to speak at your conference, for course lectures, and private evaluations. Magicians may also schedule a Skype session through the GT Magic School.

### Creative Counseling



Learning to think like a magician can make anything possible! Let Garrett help you reach your personal potential.

### Guest Speaker



Garrett invites you to join him on his quest for Real Magic. He is available to speak at your conference, for course lectures, and for private engagements.

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## Bio



Kozmo was born Ted Brainard in upstate New York. As a child, he was endlessly fascinated by the art of magic and at age 9, he made magic his hobby.

In the early 1980s, Brainard worked at Cornell University as a broadcast engineer. Brainard found himself unhappy in his career, discovering there was no passion in what he was doing and felt he needed a change.

One day he heard about a street festival and wanted to see if he could make some extra cash performing card tricks there. Unbeknownst to him, Brainard made out like a bandit. In just three days, he raked in nearly two thousand dollars.

In a state of disbelief in how much money he had accrued, Brainard wanted to test the streets out once again. So he brought his bag of tricks with him to the streets and performed - and again he yielded great results. Brainard was about to take his childhood hobby and turn it into a professional career.

Brainard went back to Cornell University to quit his job in order to pursue his career in street magic. He decided to seek out the best in the art of street performing, so he set his sights on legendary street magician [Jim Cellini](#).

He had heard Cellini was performing in New Orleans at the time, so Brainard took a 4 day road trip from New York to New Orleans to meet the master. Cellini delightfully took Brainard under his wing and began training him in the late 1990s through 2003.

Brainard, under the teaching of Cellini and the instruction of [Gazzo](#), adopted the stage name Kozmo, and went on to become one of the world's top street magicians.

He has also been the biggest voice in promoting Cellini's name in the United States and one of the biggest in promoting busking through various media.

In 2006, he started a company called "Kozmo Magic," which is recognized as one of today's premier magic video production companies.

A year later, he launched "[Reel Magic magazine](#)," a conjuring magazine sold in video format. The magazine is jam-packed with exclusive interviews, magic trick reviews and tantalizing articles. "Reel Magic Magazine" continues to be the benchmark in the video magic industry.

In December 2008, he used his earnings in busking to create a two-disc DVD set entitled, "Tales from the Street," which teaches the successful secrets of working and entertaining on the streets.

Aside from lecturing, performing and working with new artists, he is currently focused on the continual improvement and quality of "Reel Magic Magazine."



## Ring History

This month's Linking Ring report on the Ring was taken from 20 years ago. It was the June meeting held in 1996 and at least one member praised it as "one of our best Ring meetings". The President that year was James Kinsey and the Secretary was Joe Farrer. The Ring met monthly in room 20 of the Baptist Medical Center.

" The June meeting was an outstanding one with a performance and lecture by **Chris Hendrix** and several important announcements. First, a new baby boy was born to **Derrick** and **Tracy Rose** in May. **Jeff Hunter Rose** made his first appearance at the Ring's meeting.

**Timothy Lee** will be teaching a short course for the University of Arkansas at Little Rock during June and July entitled "The Mystery of Magic." Timothy has also created a new World Wide Web page for our Ring. We will publish the URL next month. Bill Spooner, Past President of I.B.M., will lecture to our Ring on July 26. **Bill Fulton** prepared a survey to see what topics might interest our members in getting together for lunch or a day for a training session. Bill held the first session at his house this month.

The following members were nominated for office: **James Kinsey**, President; **Don Baer**, Vice President; **Bill Fulton**, Secretary; **Greg Collett**, Assistant Secretary; **Mary Ann Campbell**, Treasurer, **Lisa Bolin**, Assistant Treasurer; **Mike Curtis**, Historian; and **Jim Henson**, Sergeant-at-Arms. These nominations will be voted on during the July Ring meeting.

Chris Hendrix, a member of Ring 1 but home from college, presented one of the most professional magic presentations and lectures Ring 29 has had. He presented effects from Darwin Ortiz, Darwin's Poker Deal, The Ultimate Card Shark, Vegas Shuffle, Darwins Wild Card, and others, Michael Ammar's Stand-up Cups ad Balls, Paul Gertner's Reversi, Derek Dingle's Collectors and John Bannon's The Birdman Revelation and Topsy, Turvy, and Aces. Chris had perfect patter and execution of all techniques because he worked six months on the routines, and it showed. Ring 1 can proudly claim him as a member, but his hometown folks are proud that he is from Little Rock. Chris is giving magic lessons here during the summer.

**Damon Reinhold** showed the Ring a mental effect using a Chinese food menu where he was able to predict the final cost of the meal. Damon also showed us a unique twist to the Breathalyzer by showing how a jewel could change colors. **Derrick Rose** demonstrated the self folding bill with great comedy, and **Bob Owen** showed us a different (perhaps older) version of a cut and restored rope trick.

After the show, Ring members reminisced about how they got into magic and some of their most embarrassing moments. **Earl Hughs** told us how he would lure young people to sing in his church by showing them magic tricks. Mary Ann Campbell described how she nearly set herself on fire in front of all the state's fire chiefs. **Derrick Rose** recounted how he used a Neck Popper, and the audience thought he was a chiropractor. James Kinsey finished the program with the Fire Trap effect where a coin was vanished and reappeared in a matchbook. This proved to be one of our best Ring meetings and we are looking forward to Bill Spooner's lecture and performance."

It certainly was a great meeting and lecture. The talent within our Ring has been and remains outstanding. Bring one of your great effects to share at the next meeting.

Until next time, remember, the past shows us who we were and the present shows us who we are but the future promises who we can be. How close is the resemblance?

Your humble historian, Mike Curtis.



## Upcoming MAGIC

Garret Thomas  
September 19th

Kozmo  
October 10th

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



"THIS IS NOT WHAT I MEANT WHEN I SAID WE NEEDED TO PUT THE MAGIC BACK INTO OUR MARRIAGE!"

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Happy Fathers Day!



## Theme Details

Installation Banquet

### 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.



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