

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

October Theme: Brown Bag Magic

**October 2016**

## Reminder

Is Fall already here? October is upon us. Have you started working on that award winning act for our 2017 Ring close-up and stage competitions? A great flawless act takes time and practice. Fall is a good season to use to develop that act.

### Teach in for Oct meeting

I will do a bit of mathematical magic, ask everyone to bring a deck of cards. Purpose is these are self working tricks you can do with a borrowed deck or on the fly. So the next time you are at a friend's house and they ask you to show them something you will be ready.

Dan Hecke



Happy  
Halloween

### Upcoming Magic Themes

October-brown bag magic(bring small easy magic trick)

November-Teach-in

December-holiday party

January-Christmas party

February- Thumb tip/cups and balls magic/sanada sponge balls magic

March-Birthday magic

April-?

May-close-up

June-stage

July-instillation



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## Ring Report



Little Rock Magic Club, Ring 29, met at Baptist Hospital on September 1, 2016, with 18 members present.

President Jo Jones made announcements of upcoming lectures by Garrett Thomas and Kozmo. She recognized Dennis Schick for his diligence in informing members through the club website about various magical events occurring so members can attend or watch.

Dennis Schick shared additional magic events coming up in Arkansas, including *Maxwell Blade's Festival of Magic*, September 30-October 2. He reminded us of the IBM/SAM Combined Convention in Louisville. He shared that member Ralph Felder was highlighted in the Linking Ring "Parade" section.

Following the announcements, Jo introduced our mini-lecturer for the evening. Dan Dover, a member of Ring 29 and Ring 75, shared his magical knowledge and skills in performing the *Linking Rings*. He performed one of his routines, shared information about sizes and kinds of rings, and gave us tips on making the *Linking Rings* easier to use in a performance. Thank you, Dane, for a great lecture.

Mike Jones, who attended last month's mini-lecture on "How to Be an Emcee," used his newly acquired skills to introduce our performers for the evening. Good job, Mike!

The theme for the evening of magic was Halloween magic. Our first performer was Jon Bucher and his audience assistant, Janie Nicholson. Jon had 7 Tarot cards, which had various meanings appropriate for the theme. The cards were randomly attached to different clips and placed on a table standing up in a line. Janie with the use of a can and a die, shook the can to come up with a number. Each number eliminated a card. The card left was the "Joy" card, so all of the macabre cards were eliminated. Wow, Jon!

Jo Jones performed her humorous version of *Grave Mistake*. She wanted to plan her husband's funeral, but each option was entirely too much. She would be single after her husband was gone and spending the money on his funeral was not part of her future agenda.

Past President Aaron Acosta did an awesome job performing his routine of *Linking Rings* using a small set of rings. Very skillfully done, Aaron!

Mike Jones, assisted by Ralph Felder, performed *Card Collector*. Mike put two Kings face up on the table and told Ralph to choose a card, look at it and put it back in the deck. Mike shuffled and cut the cards and Ralph put one King in the top one-third of the deck and the other in the bottom third of the deck. Mike then spread the cards out on the table. The card Ralph selected was found between the two Kings.

Dan Hecke, spooked us with a letter written by Lizzy Borden claiming her innocence in killing her parents. This effect is called *Lizzy's Hand*. Great job, Dan!

Ralph Felder, with the help of Jo Jones, did a good job performing the *Coin Retention Vanish*. He shared a good way to disappear the coin to make it look very believable. He also shared that the coin needed to re-appear for a solid finish.

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Larry Bean, our Territorial Vice-President, using audience member, Diane, had her divide the deck in half and let her choose which half she wanted. Larry then flipped over the number of cards she named until all were flipped over. Larry did the same with his half of the deck. After mixing the cards in this method, Larry took the two piles of cards and turned the top card of each pile over. They were matching cards. They matched all the way to the end of the two piles! Awesome!

When the magic ended, fellowship began by discussing *Linking Rings*, *Coin Retention* *Vanish* moves and magic!

If you are ever in Little Rock when we have a meeting, please stop by and enjoy the fun!  
Jo

## Presidents Corner

Hello Fellow Magicians!

Our numbers for each meeting have been increasing! And the new format for the meetings has been well received by our members.

I would like to thank Dane Dover for his mini-lecture on Linking Rings. He did a great job! He shared with us one of his routines, talked about different sizes and kinds of rings, and gave us tips for making the Linking Rings easier to use in a performance. Thank you, Dane, for sharing your magical knowledge and skills with us.

Mike Jones used his recently acquired emcee skills from our first mini-lecture to introduce those who performed magic during the meeting. Good job, Mike!  
Dan Hecke has agreed to do a mini-lecture for the October meeting. Please come and support Dan.

Remember that we have two lectures coming up in the near future. Garrett Thomas will be here on Monday, September 19, and Kozmo will be here on Monday, October 10.

Our Christmas party in December will be at the home of Jim and Brenda Henson on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you plan to attend, please call Jim. The number is limited to 40.

I want to thank those who faithfully attend the meetings! If you are an occasional attendee or you haven't been in months or even years, please put the first Thursday of each month on your calendar as "magic night." We need each of you to come join us.

See you Thursday, October 6!

Magically yours,  
Jo Jones



## Ring History

We look back 30 years this month to the October, 1986 meeting of the Ring. It was a special meeting at a special location as we picnicked, fellowshiped and "magicked" at Dr. Henry and Lucile Johnson's home in September and a meeting with 100% performance participation in October. The President that year was Dr. Henry Johnson and the Secretary was Logan Pritchett. The Ring met C.A.R.T.I.

"Our annual picnic on September 9, 1986 was at the home of Dr. HENRY JOHNSON and his lovely wife Lucile. After grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, the group performed magic late into the night. LOGAN PRITCHETT deftly acted as master-of-ceremonies as well as performing a humorous mental effect with baby pictures.

ED ROCKWELL, performed Stratospheres, Silk Cylinder, and Passe Passe Bottles. MIKE CURTIS presented the thumb thru shirt as well as an interesting card location. DR. JOHN McCOLLOUGH-SMITH performed that complex conundrum Cube Libra. DR. HENRY JOHNSON demonstrated an insurance policy effect and the 20th Century Bra Trick with a lovely assistant from the audience who exclaimed at the end, "I've always wanted to do this!" CHARLIE ROARK explained a bill swindle and delighted with a series of card effects dealing with numerology, fortune telling, and Aces and eights. FRANK CAPLE did a color changing handkerchief routine, and ELSON BIHM performed the Professor's Nightmare with a "Say no" patter line, the Egg Bag, the Paper Tree and Ladder, and the Giant Paper Tree.

Five dedicated members attended the October meeting, with 100% of those attending performing magic! AL HOUPPT demonstrated and revealed the mysterious Endless Chain. ELSON BIHM presented Orvette's Repeat Knots (using only one knot). MIKE CURTIS entertained with a well presented version of Roy Walton's Cascade, color changing deck, and four Ace trick. DR. HENRY JOHNSON performed the disappearing match, burnt match transportation, a deft ring off rope effect, and the linking rings with three cards; the good doctor also demonstrated and discussed various card forces as well as Matt Schulien card moves, and concluded with a card under the seat effect as well as demonstrating how to reveal a card by looking at the tonsils!

Drop by when you're in our area."

It was a memorable evening at the Johnson household in 1986 as good entertainment and feasting was shared by all those present. The annual picnic was greatly enhanced by their generous hospitality. Sadly, several of those who were at the meeting are no longer with us but their magical spirits and memories continues with the Ring.

Until next time, remember to let the bright memories of the past illuminate your path forward.  
Your humble historian, Mike Curtis.



## Upcoming MAGIC



**The Workshop (Memphis)**  
October 5-8



**Kozmo**  
October 10<sup>th</sup>



**Justin Flom @ Harding**  
October 25th



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

## Ralph Felder Book in progress:

‘Mapping Miracles: Workable Ways Meaningful Magic’

Please help by answering this question. Your ideas are for the book (your names are not required although welcomed). Consideration of previous experience with failures and mistakes and the inclusion of contingencies for dealing with them is what we need.

### Contingency Survey:

- Think about specific failure occurrences you’ve experienced performing magic.
- What was the incident?
- How was it handled (recovery)?
- What adjustments did you (if any) make because of the problem?
- What did you learn from the experience?
- What methods do you use to evaluate your success in entertaining your audiences?

### Examples;

What do you do if you drop the coin?

What do you do if you lose track of the card count?

What do you do if the spectator completes the cut when he’s not supposed to?

What do you do if the spectator forgets their chosen card?

What do you do if one of your birds dies in the middle of producing him?

Send all replies to

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## Magically Delicious Sunny



## KOZMO!

Lecture: Little Rock. Oct. 10th

Ted Brainard is the creator of Kozmo Magic, which is recognized as one of today's premier magic video production companies. His "Reel Magic Magazine" continues to be the benchmark in the video magic industry. Ted's alter ego, Kozmo, is acknowledged to be one of the top street performers in the world today. Kozmo performed at the 2015 FISM Gala Close-Up Show in Rimini, Italy and headlined at the Magic Castle to several standing ovations! He has also toured China and the U.K.

Kozmo will begin his lecture with a performance of his professional street act. This is a treat in and of itself. Kozmo will proceed to explain each effect in his street act. Kozmo pushes the envelope by teaching you why he has chosen each effect and why he has placed each effect where it is in his act. You will hear Kozmo talk about conditions on the street. He will give you his thoughts on how to make your "hats" bigger. You will laugh at some of the anecdotes you will hear, including a great story about Harry Anderson.

Kozmo will show you how the principles of performing in the street can also be applied to the restaurant magic venue as well as the trade-show floor.

You may well jump for joy, as there is **ONLY ONE** card trick in the lecture. To some of you this may be your motivation to attend the lecture.

### What You Will Learn At Kozmo's Lecture:

- Translocation Coins – The reasons why Kozmo opens with this effect
- Coins In The Cup – You will learn how to make this effect play big rather than play small
- A Card Trick – How to make this trick play big or play small
- The Sugar Packet Trick – Why this effect plays so strong
- Chop Cup Routine – Kozmo's complete routine with all its nuances
- The Jar – A brand new switching device that will be introduced later this summer

Learn how to make your magic play stronger, and learn a lesson in psychology, magic, and audience management!

Plus much much more!!!

"Kozmo is what magicians need to be -- ENTERTAINING!" - Karl Norman

"All magicians need to see you work". -- Obie O'Brien

"Thanks, Kozmo, for a great lecture. The best we've had in two years! I enjoyed your message of connecting with your audience and focusing on the fun in magic." -- Bill, IBM 4 / SAM 47, Rochester, NY

"Performance is always about the audience, but being able to gather and energize an audience is a First Principle that Kozmo understands in spades. I watched him work the hard-scrabble streets of the Big Easy. He is the best I've seen in the trenches, bar none!" -- Jon Racherbaumer

Here is the schedule for when he will be in or near your city (please note whether he is **CONFIRMED**. If your city is just listed and not designated with "CONFIRMED" by the name, then he will **NOT** be appearing in your city unless you contact Scott Wells):

**Monday, October 10, 2016 Little Rock, AR - CONFIRMED**

\*copied from Kozmo FB.



## Justin Flom

Show: Harding University Oct 25th

Justin Flom's path to crafting his own unique brand of magic has taken a circuitous route from his home town of Eden Prairie, Minnesota to Branson, Missouri to the Syfy Channel to some of the largest arenas in the country to being one of the first magicians to focus on social media on his way to becoming one of America's most sought-after magicians – surpassing entertaining 100,000,000 fans in 2015.

Online giant about.com listed Justin as one of their “Ten Magicians to Watch in 2015,” saying: “Along with his Wizard Wars television series, Flom's career has soared with his ability to create a presence on social media and publish entertaining videos that go viral. Here's another magician who will increase his mainstream presence.”

What sets him apart from most other magicians is the simplicity of his magic and the fact that he cracked the code on doing close-up magic on giant stages. He holds the distinction of being the first magician ever to perform card tricks for a sold out crowd at the fabled Madison Square Garden.

“My magic is organic,” says Justin. “That means all of my magic uses ordinary objects. You're not gonna see any big magic boxes that can only be built in Las Vegas. It's close up magic. You're gonna see cans of Pringles, candy nerds, Life Savers, dollar bills, and I love to incorporate music into my magic.”

Such was the case of superstar duo Florida Georgia Line just over a year ago. Justin performed some magic for the guys backstage prior to one of their concerts, and they invited him on the spot to come tour with them. Throughout 2015, he opened the shows, performing magic on stage and in the crowd for hundreds of thousands of fans in upwards of 60 cities.

“What's most important to me is to go out and see the fans, see the people who want to see the magic in person.”

That desire was engrained in him at an early age, almost from birth. “My dad, my uncle, my brothers, my little sister are all magicians, so I've been performing from the age of two.” While the family did some touring, the magic bug bit Justin just a little deeper.



Some of the magicians from Ring 29 went to see him last year and had a great time.

\*Contact Harding University for more info.



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## Trick Question

The answer to last month's Trick Question was sent in by Jimmy Rhodes. He said it was **ultimate 3 card monte** by Micheal Skinner. Congratulations I believe he is correct!

The next trick question is, another packet trick. It has 2H,2S,2C,2c,2H. The duplicate 2C is the only one with a normal back, the rest have credit cards as the backs. I do remember someone buying this trick at a magic auction some time back for a large sum. Send your answers to [cedricmorley@yahoo.com](mailto:cedricmorley@yahoo.com)

## Using Ring 29 Email Group

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## Theme Details

Brown Bag Magic-Bring a small easy trick. We will swap bags and try to perform each other's tricks. If you want your trick back after, put your name on the bag.



## 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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