

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: Teach-In

November 2016

Reminder

Well, we have Halloween in October and Thanksgiving in November as reminders of special occasions. The very special occasions that we certainly don't want to forget are the close-up and stage competitions that will be here before you know it. Have you started practicing yet?



Upcoming Magic Themes

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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Presidents Corner



Hello Fellow Magicians!

We have had some really great meetings. Those of you who are not attending are missing out on a lot of magical fun. At the October meeting, Dan Hecke presented our mini-lecture on mathematical magic. Best of all he gave out FREE lecture notes! Thanks, Dan!

After the mini-lecture, we all took part in Brown Bag Magic. Everyone present brought one or more bags of magic. Each person chose a bag, tried to figure out how it worked, and then presented his/her magic trick to the audience. We had a lot of fun and laughter! We have some very creative magicians among us!

We have had two very good lecturers, Garrett Thomas in September and Kozmo in October. They were both awesome magicians! We learned a lot from their lectures. Hopefully, you will see some amazing magic, purchased from Garrett and Kozmo, performed by our own members in the upcoming months.

The November 3rd meeting will be our teach-in. We always have a lot of magical fun and we go home with new tricks or ideas to add to our magic tool box. We have some great magicians lined up to teach you some magic they do well.

Please come join us. We need to support our club and our presenting magicians. Remember to put the first Thursday of each month on your calendar as a day of magic sharing and fellowship.

See you November 3rd at Baptist Hospital in the Gilbreath Center Room 22. Go into the building through the double doors located in front of the parking deck. Go down the stairs and go right through the doors and we will be in the room on the left.

Thanks to all who attend the meetings! Encourage others to come.

Magically yours,

Jo Jones

Ring Report

RING 29, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS -

Little Rock Magic Ring

Meets the 1st Thur. each month, 6:45 pm Conference Center at Baptist Hospital, Little Rock, AR / Web site: www.LittleRockMagic.org

Gary Fambrough, Secretary

Ring 29 met Oct 6th in the Conference Center at Baptist Hospital. The night started off with club President, Jo Jones, presiding over the meeting. Twelve club members were present for the meeting.

The first item on the agenda was a reminder of our upcoming lecture with Kosmo on Oct 10th. Kosmo returns to Little Rock following Garrett Thomas just several weeks back. Together they are collaborating on some new ideas so it will be interesting to see what Kosmo brings as part of his lecture series.

Next up was a a round of discussion regarding Maxwell Blade's Festival of Magic in Hot Springs, Arkansas the first weekend of October. On the national level, Shawn Farquhar, Daryl, Ariann Black, and Michael Finney were among the participants providing shows and lectures to attendees. There were also a handful of excellent regional and local talent performing including Scott Davis, Paul Prater, and Derrick Rose. All of the shows and lectures were fantastic! It was a great opportunity for learning and entertainment.

Following the meeting announcements and club matters, the meeting transitioned to a Mini Lecture by Dan Hecke. Dan presented three tricks involving numerical wonders and offered an explanation of each.

The first trick named "27 not 21" involved laying out 27 cards in 3 rows. Club member, John Wofford, selected a card in his mind from those displayed and was asked to identify the column. Several iterations of gathering the cards and redisplaying them followed; each time asking John to identify the column. Finally, Dan was able to determine John's chosen card.

For the second trick Dan was blindfolded and then began with his instructions. He asked volunteers, Jon Bucher and Sam Hager, to lay out a 5 x 5 matrix of cards with a mixture of face up and face down cards. Next, they were asked to turn one card over. Dan then removed his blindfold and mysteriously pointed out the card that was turned over.

For Dan's final trick he presented three books. Volunteers Dennis Schick, Gary Fambrough, and Dane Dover, each selected a book. In secret, each volunteer then chose their own 3 digit number. Next, they performed some mathematical computations at the direction of Dan. The result would be a number and a word count. Again in secret, each volunteer opened their book to the page number revealed by their result and counted to a particular word on the page also revealed by their result. Dan was then able to mysteriously and accurately announce the word selected in each book.

Following the Mini Lecture, members selected a trick to perform from a table of brown bags. The trick was not known until the bag was opened by the performer.

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Jo Jones started things off with the mysterious Wonderful Cube trick. Next up was Gary Fambrough with Melting Spoon. Dane Dover followed this up with a comedic rendition of Endless Water Jug. Next was Mike Jones with a presentation of Zombie Ball that delighted the crowd. Jon Bucher then interjected his comedy touch on Professor's nightmare. Not to be outdone, Joel Nicholson then performed a hilarious dice change to mini dice. Along with some interesting travel notes, Dennis Schick performed a card deck vanish. John Wofford showed off his card prediction skills using the infamous riffle shuffle. Sam Hager convinced spectators in the room to pass a paper ball around and then used his keen psychic abilities to find the ball while blindfolded. Last but not least, Dan Hecke amazed the masses with the Ring on Chain.

As if this weren't enough to make for a great evening, Joel Nicholson rounded out the evening with some great gospel magic hints using the drawer box and a zig-zag.

All in all, a wonderful night of magic and fun.
Gary Fambrough

Ring History

For this month's report we take a journey back 60 years to the November, 1956 meeting of the Ring. The President that year was Frank Caple and the Secretary was Dr. W. Myers Smith. The Ring met at the Albert Pike Hotel.

"November meeting was business, practice, and Magic for Magicians only. Arrangements were made for a monthly charity show at Veterans Administration Hospital and Christmas party. The Ring voted to buy a reservation for the annual meeting of IBM Convention in Houston, Texas. This reservation will be presented to a member who will be selected later. Dr. John McCollough Smith reported he had an effect in mind for which he needed a silk printed with the ace of spades and one with the deuce of clubs. His dealer sent silks with the six of spades and the eight of clubs. Dr. Smith's magic was insufficient to change the six to the ace or the eight in the deuce. He then presented Unbelievable and the Corey Levitator. "Zuko" Logan Pritchett showed Three Little Pigs. Joe Poch returned to the first meeting since his heart attack, presented Ring Pagoda and an effect in which a ribbon was threaded back and forth through a slotted glass and matching slots in a metal bar on a frame. The glass was immediately removed and the "cooking looked clean". Professor Scott presented a number of recent publications and the evening closed with several group jam sessions.

Buying a reservation for the IBM convention and presenting it to a member...hmm. Sounds interesting. Not sure that was ever repeated, but there is always hope. Certainly reservation fees were not nearly as high back in 1956 but the dollar was worth a lot more also. Food for thought. See you at the next meeting and remember to bring a trick.

Until next time, don't forget that the past tells a lot about who we have become.
Your humble historian, Mike Curtis.



Upcoming MAGIC



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.

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?

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Trick Question

The answer to last month's Trick Question was sent in by Bob White. He said it was Charge-it! Congratulations I believe he is correct!

David Copperfield did a trick where you stick your hands out in front of you and turn your hands palm to palm, but crossed over one another, interlace your fingers and then try to turn your hands back over, however the magician is the only one who can. What book is that trick in?

Send your answers to cedricmorley@yahoo.com

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Theme Details

Teach In!



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.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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