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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE MEMBERS OF
LITTLE ROCK MAGIC RING 29

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS



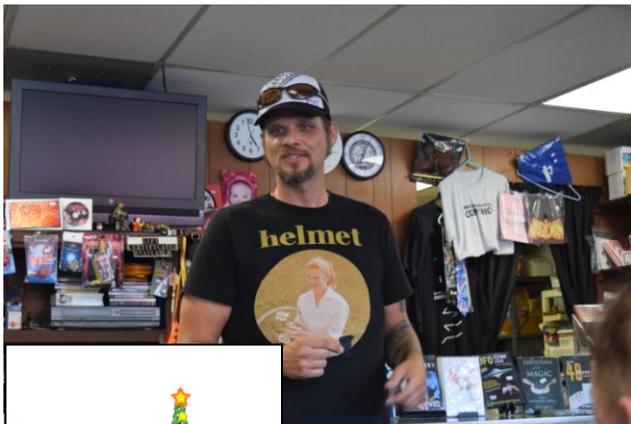
Ring 29 meets at 6:45 on first Thursday of the month at Baptist Hospital.
Call Mr. Magic or a Ring 29 Officer for changes (see back page).

December Theme: Holiday Party

December 2016

Reminder

Christmas is just around the corner and a new year will soon be ushered in. As mentioned in previous reminders there will be a close-up and stage competition here before you know it. Have you taken the hint and worked on that award winning act? If you have, you are in a good position to refine, tighten and enhance it. If you haven't, then there is still time to get going. Just don't wait much longer.



Upcoming Magic Themes

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 Magician Friends:

Thanksgiving is over and Christmas will be here soon! Everyone is busy with shows and parties, gatherings with family and friends! Hopefully, some of that involves doing magic.

We had a very good time at the November Teach-in! Due to some unforeseen circumstances two of our magic teachers had to cancel just prior to our meeting. Thankfully, Dennis Schick came prepared to do the whole teach-in! Thank you, Dennis, for your presentation of magic using everyday objects! You were a lifesaver and we learned several things to do at restaurants, and just having fun with friends and family.

Our December Christmas Party is at Jim and Brenda Henson's. We want to thank them for opening up their home to us for food, fellowship, and magical fun!

Our Annual Christmas Magic Show will be in Jacksonville at the Community Center on January 16. We will have BBQ and all the trimmings. We ask that you bring a dessert to help us hold the costs down. It will be January 16th. Please come and bring all your friends and family. Please send an email or call James Kinsey, Aaron Acosta or me so that we can get a head count. We want to have plenty of food, but not so much that we lose money on the event!

Thank you to all of you who have been supportive and an encouragement to me. I am having a great time being your president! I look forward to the New Year!

I wish all of you a very Magical Christmas and New Year! You are the best! You make people happy, amazed, laugh, etc.!

AND don't forget the Reason for the Season!!!

Magically yours,
Jo Jones

Ring Report

Ring 29 met November 3rd in classroom #1 at Baptist Hospital. As per usual, the night started off with club President, Jo Jones, presiding over the meeting. Thirteen club members were present for the meeting.

The first item on the agenda was a reminder of our upcoming lecture with Kieron Johnson March 23rd, 2017. Kieron has been featured on Scott Wells' 'The Magic Word Podcast' episode 292 if you are interested in learning more about him. It should be noted that Kieron is not only a magician but also a regurgitator so that should make for a very interesting lecture.

Next on the agenda was mention of the Ring 29 Holiday party to be held at Jim Henson's house. He has graciously offered up his residence for the gathering and as of last count there were 10 slots left. The party is slated for the evening of December 3rd.

As many of you know, Jim Henson is the proprietor of Mr. Magic, once the largest brick and mortar magic store in the nation. He has recently transitioned into phone and online sales and is currently building a new warehouse to serve as his distribution center. He has over 15,000 effects in stock. If you have a trick you are interested in, it's a pretty good bet that Jim has it. Don't hesitate to call him! There was also mention that he might even be considering setting aside an area of the warehouse that friends can come hang out and talk magic. Wouldn't that be cool?!

Last order of business is that there will be no December or January Ring 29 club meetings. The Ring 29 holiday party and the Tri-Ring Holiday party are taking the place of our normal Ring 29 meetings for December and January.

Following the meeting announcements and club matters, the meeting transitioned to a Mini Lecture by club member, Dennis Schick. Dennis is our resident roving reporter of all things magic. He currently writes for the Linking Ring magazine and has plenty to offer up regarding his own story with magic.

The theme for Dennis' lecture was centered around tricks that are easy to perform in a casual environment such as a dinner setting. Moreover, the tricks can be presented in the Gospel style or in a secular manner as well. Just as interesting as the tricks themselves though was the backstory that Dennis told regarding each trick.

His first effect was one he picked up at the 2016 IBM Convention in San Antonio. Mike Powers, author of The Card Corner in the linking ring taught this one as a wrap up to his lecture. The effect is simple. Balance a straw on a salt shaker. The straw magically rotates on the shaker like a helicopter blade. As simple as this is, it becomes a great crowd pleaser and astonishes everyone at the table.

The second effect he taught was Loop de Loop presented by Pastor Tom Gibson at the Fellowship of Christian Magicians conference in Nashville, TN. This effect uses two different colored bands. One is wrapped around the thumb and locked in place by the second band. Pulling on one band causes the bands to magically exchange places. Our club's vice president, Cedric Morley, added a final phase to the effect where using 'magician's choice' one of the bands can be removed completely from the pair of interlocking bands! It should be noted that the Fellowship Of Christian Magicians convention will be held in Indianapolis for 2017.

The third and final effect taught was "The Door" also known as the "Wonder Bill". For this effect, a small 'door' is cut into a dollar bill. The spectator holds onto the flap while the magician performs a series of folds to the bill. Once folded, the magician then unfolds the bill at which point the spectator discovers the magician has completely reversed the side of the bill facing him/her.

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This effect is made even more powerful when using the "Jesus" bill available from Dock Haley Magic at www.gospelmagic.com. With this bill, the magician can explain how Jesus is the 'only way' for one to receive eternal salvation. The patter fits perfectly with the design of the bill. These bill can then be handed out as a reminder of the presentation.

Following the Mini Lecture, club member and Secretary, Gary Fambrough, brought the meeting to an end by demonstrating a simple 'pen through bill' effect.

All in all, another wonderful night of magic, fellowship, and fun. Ring 29 wishes everyone happy holidays!
Gary Fambrough

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Ring History

We will look back 20 years this month to the December, 1996 meeting of the Ring. The report was a summary of several noteworthy events for the year. The President that year was James Kinsey and the Secretary was Bill Fulton. The Ring met monthly at the Baptist Medical Center, Room 20.

"It has been an exciting year for Ring 29. Several of our Ring members have performed for charitable causes, and many have been employed at commercial events. **Jim Henson** and **Tony Moore** have opened a new magic store at 828 S. Pine in Harrison, Arkansas.

Maxwell Blade, an accomplished magician, has converted an old Malco Movie Theater on Central Ave into a performing center in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Blade's "Theater of Magic" is the Spa City's first magic show in recent history, and has become a very popular attraction.

The Ring members have filled our meeting room each month and presented new and some of the classics of magic. The annual state meeting of all the rings was a most successful gathering that created much fellowship. The annual Ozark Magic Conference in Eureka Springs was well attended, and the conference organizer was able to get Jim Henson to present a lecture and serve as a magic dealer.

We have been most fortunate to have **Bill Spooner**, **Dan Fleshman**, and **Daryl** as lecturers this year. These visiting magicians are some of the best performers and lecturers on the circuit. We are looking forward to a lecture by Jay Sankey on January 3, 1997. Those of us that own some of Sankey's tapes have been letting the other magicians know what a funny and talented guest that we will get to see. What a wonderful way to start the new year.

The Ring 29 annual Christmas Party takes place January 11. Yes, we always hold our Christmas party at a later time so that we can all be there. We hope your year was a magic one."

This season end report gave us a glimpse into the magical happenings around the Ring in 1996 which appeared to be a very active year for the Ring. The traditional January Christmas party was enjoyed then as it will be again this next January, so don't forget to mark your calendar. It's not too far off. How the year as flown by! We're already talking about Christmas and a new year. Here is an early wish for you and your family for a joyous holiday Christmas season.

Until next time, don't forget that the past is always there holding those special memories for you. You just need to take a moment to reflect.

Your humble historian, Mike Curtis.



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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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Theme Details

Holiday party



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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