



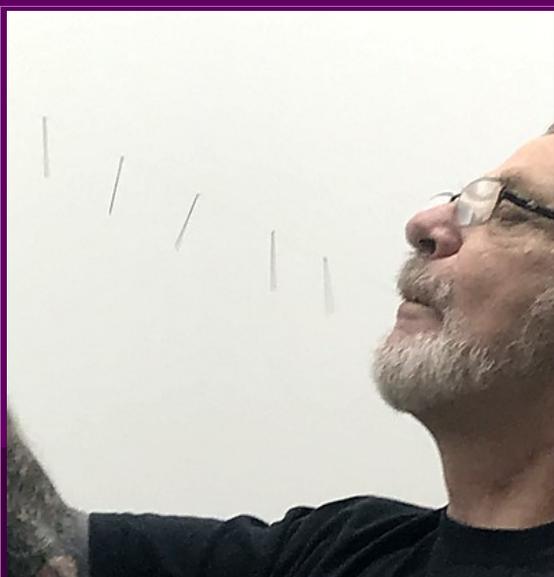
Little Rock Ring 29 Newsletter
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October 2019



The Performer



Dan Fleshman Lecture



Dan Fleshman currently is the resident Magician at the Chop House Restaurant in Beaver Creek and Vail, Colorado since 2009. Dan adds a different twist to the table-side magic combo and has quickly become a valued member of the Chop House team! Working as a writer, producer, speaker and instructor in the industry throughout his time performing, Dan has done a little bit of everything and the broad base of experience is overly apparent in his magic. Over his many years of experience performing throughout the country, and around the world, Dan has perfected a wide array of mind-boggling magic, creating a performance not to be missed!

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WHAT IS IN THE DAN FLESHMAN LECTURE?

- Effects that are both visually appealing as well as highly commercial & entertaining
- Effects pertaining to cards, coins, rope routines, and misc. magic
- Tips on routining, timing, and the use of body language
- Dan's thought process behind the selection of his effects
- Tips on working in restaurants today

The lecture is scheduled for November 1, 2019 @ 6:45 p.m. located at Baptist Hospital, Classroom #1.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEETINGS & LECTURES

Meeting: November 7, 2019

Lecturer: Paul Prater (TBA)

Lecturer: Dan Fleshman November 1



Jo having a little fun with the audience

President's Corner

by Jo Baker, Ring 29 President

The holiday season is certainly underway! The retail stores have promoted Christmas for several weeks. Halloween will be OUR next priority. Hopefully, many of you will share your skills with lots of spooky shows in the next couple of weeks, then on to Thanksgiving and Christmas shows.

We had lots of fun at the October meeting. We showed our amazing scary Halloween magic. We had several return who have been absent for the past few meetings. We are hoping to see more of you in the near future.

Please read your newsletter, check the website, and our Facebook page for updates on upcoming lectures. We have a couple already confirmed. You do not want to miss any of them.

Our next Ring 29 meeting will be on Thursday, November 7th, at 6:45pm in Classroom #1 at Baptist Hospital. "Dollar Tree Grab Bags" will be the magic portion of the meeting. You do not have to bring your magic case, just show up for lots of fun. We will divide up into small teams, grab a bag and create a short routine from the contents in the bag. We have had a lot of fun with this in the past. Please come and give it a try. You will be glad you did!

Ring 29 needs your support! We want our club to stay around for many years to come. We have new people joining and we have some young people who have joined. They are quite talented, but they need your support, suggestions, expertise, mentoring, etc., as well as the rest of us.

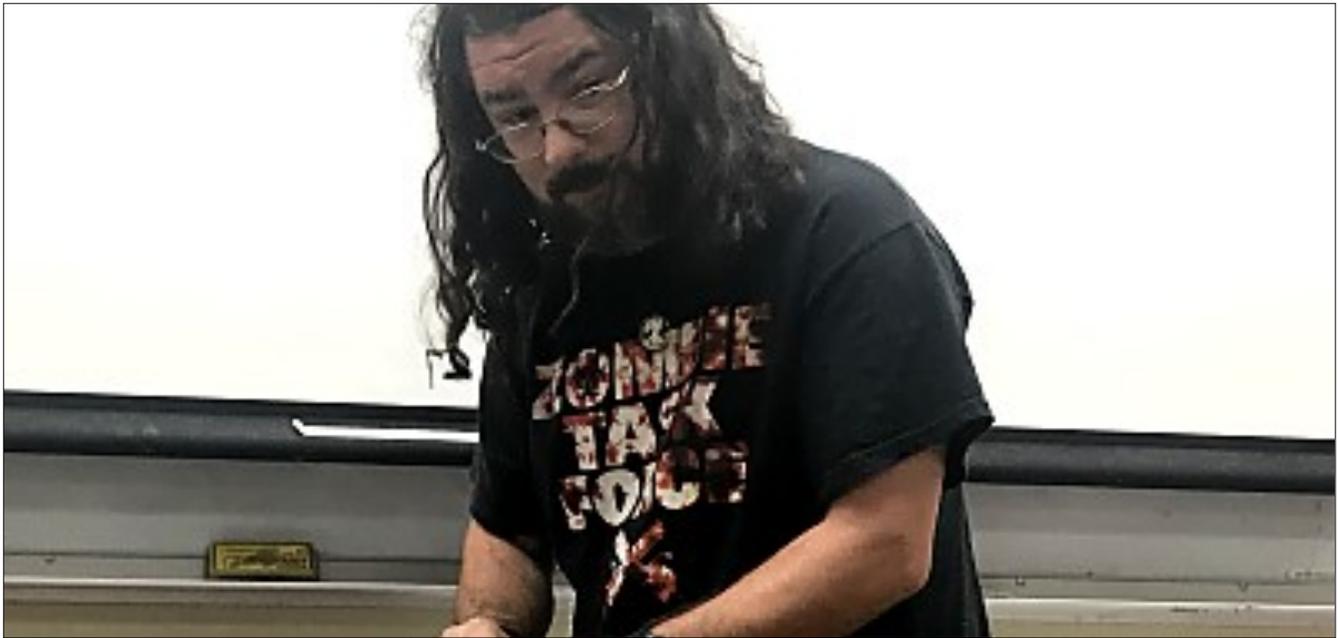
Make Ring 29 a priority on your calendar!!!

Magically Yours,

Jo



Jo Jones, President



With that mysterious and spooky look, Cedric entertains with his "Spooky Box" of trinkets

For the Record

by Marty Haughn, Ring 29 Newsletter Editor

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Marty Haughn here sitting in for Gary this month. Gary has promised to be back at the next meeting. In the meantime, enjoy...Ring President Jo Jones began the meeting with business in regard to upcoming lectures. The first lecture will be from Dan Fleshman on Friday, November 1st at 6:45 p.m. in Classroom #1 at Baptist Hospital. Mark your calendars as this should be a good lecture. More information will be available through our media outlets, the Newsletter and Facebook.

The plan for November's meeting is to do the grab bag magic. If you are not familiar with this, there will be a host of bags filled with miscellaneous items, those of the likes found at at Dollar Store, and all present members will be placed into groups then produce some sort of magic with the provided props. This was done several years ago and the end result was not only entertaining but extremely funny. It is amazing what a group of magicians can come up with when provided random items. You don't want to miss this!

The business portion came to a close and proceeded to the magic. This month's theme was Halloween Magic. We began with "JO'S AWESOME TRICK" she admittedly pulled from that online tube thing.

Jo began by describing her "spooky bottle" and a "spooky pencil". In describing the pencil Jo pointed out that there were ghosts and witches and spiders, OH MY! on the pencil. She then dropped the pencil into the bottle to see what may happen. Suddenly, the pencil began to "mysteriously" rise! The audience oooed and awwwed with this display of diabolic wizardry. Jo treated us to a repeat performance and received a roaring round of applause! Nice job Jo!

Our king coin manipulator and Vice President, Cedric Morely, was next but surprised us all with a "spooky little box". Residing inside his little box was a spooky



Gary Fambrough

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piece of paper, a “spooky coin”, a “spooky little crystal”, and a “spooky key”. All the items were said to have come from a haunted house. Things were said to have moved in unnatural ways...then the coin LEPT UPWARD to an awaiting hand! This coin was spooky as it had just defied gravity! Then the key was placed into Cedric’s waiting hand. It too began to mysteriously move by slowing rolling over in his hand then back again! Thing got even scarier, Cedric needed a volunteer to come up and after some hesitation one brave volunteer approached the spooky little box and its owner. Shawn Miller, or newest member, (he’ll learn one of these days not to be so quick in volunteering) came forward and was asked to pick any one of the items from the spooky little box. Shawn was further instructed to take one more spooky item from the spooky box. The items he chose were the key and the crystal which left the coin for Cedric and the piece of paper remaining on the table. It was then Cedric noted that the paper had been in view the entire time and began to unravel it to read. On it was written that Cedric would be left with the coin and Shawn would be left with the key and crystal! No way did that just happen!

Our outstanding Historian Mike Curtis was up to perform. You never know what may be “up his sleeve”. (see what I did there?!) Mike stood in front of the audience holding a small and unusual straw basket which was mysteriously covered with a cloth. Mike stated that he had given some thought about what to present tonight as it was a Halloween theme and so he decided to tell us about what had happened at Magic Live. Halloween and Magic Live? (wait for it...)

As the story goes, opening night at Magic Live happened to be costume night for Halloween and people had dressed up for the party. Well, Mike really didn’t want to dress up too much so he came sort of looking like Indiana Jones with a whip on his side and the hat and the basket he now holds before us. There were a lot of people with some interesting outfits. Mike said he would walk around the room and as he did people would ask him what was in the basket. He would say, “Before I show you what is in the basket I need to share with you a sad story.”

“I was working with a traveling group that traveled into the Amazon jungle. While we were there we came across the Bigary (???) tribe that seemed like a pretty good group of folks. We decided we would stay there for a bit and perform for them. Everything was good up until the point where I vanished the Chief! Before I could bring him back they were all over us! They had separated us into different places and none of us knew what our fate would be! Luckily, I was able to escape with our guide, Jumba. We were able to make it out of the jungle and there was never any contact made afterwards. But you asked me what was in the basket. Well, I’ll share with you what is in the basket.”

As Mike fidgets with the cover and the contents of the basket...a bit of a purposeful delay I am sure. Mike announced, “Jumba, come on out and say hello! How do they say it? OMG! Out popped the shrunken head of Jumba floating in front of the basket! And that is what happened at Magic Live.

Jo then introduced our Newsletter Editor, Marty Haughn to the front. In his hands were two items, a purple bag obviously filled with items and a purple pumpkin. Hmmm, already off to an odd start! Marty began by saying that he tried to keep with the theme of Halloween by putting “lipstick on a pig”. Meaning, the trick he had, although mysterious, really wasn’t for Halloween. So, what did the lipstick look like? A purple pumpkin filled with skulls each with numbers written on them. Along with the skulls was a sealed envelope sporting an alien face on the front. This was handed to Jo for safe keeping. At this point, across the top row of squares, Marty wrote a random number.

It was explained that the trick was going to be performed in two similar but different ways to show just how random a number selection can determine the prediction.

Marty gave the purple pumpkin first to Ralph Felder and Ralph’s job was to pull out a few numbered skulls. As each number was called out it was written in one of four squares running horizontally across a small dry-erase board. Ralph not only randomly selected numbers but was able to select which square the number was written. As the numbers were written, someone in the audience punched that four digit number into a calculator and was to keep tabs on all of the numbers. Marty then added some random numbers below Ralph’s. Next the purple pumpkin was handed to Mike Curtis. Mike was to repeat the same steps as Ralph as did Marty with some more random numbers.

It was at this point, Aaron Acosta tallied up the numbers and came up with a total and announced what he came up with. Jo was then asked to open the envelope and reveal the “prediction” and behold they matched.

Method two started with someone else picking the first numbers then running the same cycle as done before. Marty had written a prediction on a sheet of paper taped to the back of his board. When Aaron announced the total, once again the skulls had prevailed and provided yet another successful number matched prediction!

Ring 29's favorite author, Ralph Felder, stepped up next with a card routine *Wild Card* pulled straight from his book "*Mapping Miracles*" that spoke of ideas and how to convince others to like those ideas. Ralph first displayed several cards face up and some face down each representing all the people with the same idea, each were a seven of hearts of the same back color. The next card displayed was the two of spades representing you with a different idea.

Now, according to Ralph's story, it is important to truly believe in your idea if you expect to convince others into liking your idea. As the routine began to unfold it went something like this...

"Eight identical seven of hearts were casually shown, front and back. Four of those cards were dealt face up in a row and the remaining face down in a second row. A ninth card, the two of spades, is tapped on each of the face down cards and magically changed them into the two of spades. As the cards are gathered, squared then spread across the table it is discovered the four remaining sevens of hearts have turned face down. The cards were then dealt from the top the face down cards were shown to have turned into the two of spades as well!" If you are interested in learning this card trick, Ralph has complete illustrated instructions on how to perform with the story line included in his book, *Mapping Miracles*, beginning on page A-6. Very well executed Ralph!

Following Ralph was a performer we have not seen in a while, David Duggie. David began by telling everyone that he was going to show us what got him started in magic. He said, "There was this old man (referring to Mike Jones) who said he would teach me a simple little game that uses four cards." Continuing the story, "Said he had used these cards for so long that the faces were all worn off (showing blank faced cards) and the object of the game was to follow the location of the Queen of Diamonds, now displayed.

After squaring the cards and making a little gesture the question was now, where is the Queen of Diamonds? Of course, David was wrong and was told he now owed the "old man" a dollar. This trend continued to the point of David owing. Through it all the "old man" said, being the fair man I am I'll sell you these cards for fifty dollars! So David bought the cards and realized the "old man" had been cheating by using marked cards. Thanks David, Elmsley's Four Card Trick was a smash!

Not to be out-done, the "old man" Mike Jones told of his earlier adventures of sword swallowing and the mishap that had occurred. Mike had to convince Jo to let him do something dangerous once again assuring her it was perfectly safe. Then, out come the needles!

As Mike moved around the audience all the needles were plucked from the tomato pin holder and placed into a glass filled with water. Being the dare-devil he is, Mike then began to slowly drink the ENTIRE contents of the glass! At this point he was getting some moans and groans and even a few Oh No's! from the audience. Yes the weak stomachs began to surface! Finally, the contents of the glass was empty and Mike pulled out a spool of thread. All you magicians know what happens next. A length of thread was removed from the spool then balled up and placed into his mouth. A few seconds later after some serious concentration, Mike reached for the end of the thread and began to pull. From his mouth came a full-length of thread with needles hanging from it! Quite the performance! Nicely done Mike.

Aaron Acosta was introduced next and treated everyone to a well rounded card trick that had everyone fooled, especially his called upon assistant, Shawn Miller. Aaron begins with four spooky cards, sticking with the Halloween theme, the four Aces. As each card was shown Aaron asked audience members which card to begin with and as each Ace was chosen it was cut somewhere into the deck. As the final card, the Ace of clubs, is cut into the deck and lost, Aaron gives the top of the deck a little rub then magically, ALL FOUR ACES have come to the top!

In steps Shawn. Aaron then mixes the cards and states that SOMETIMES one could cut out one of the Aces... uh nope...you know, he did say sometimes. On the next attempt, sure enough out comes an Ace then showing that one off in either direction presented a different card besides an Ace. Another shuffle and then an attempt at another Ace and out it comes. The final ace is still lost into the deck somewhere and Aaron states that he can cut out the Ace at the twentieth position. As the cards were counted out he stops at number nineteen. The claim that card number twenty was the final Ace is made, the card turned over and there it was...the final Ace! Now that is control. Very well done Aaron.

Last but surely not least is our newest member Shawn Miller. As you may already know Shawn is known for inventing his own magic and props, such as his portable magic cart. Well, this month Shawn took a page from last month's performance by Dan Hecke's "Observation" and made a few cosmetic changes to the cards and storyline. Shawn calls his version "Card Camping Magic."

The artwork on the "special" card is very well done and the storyline makes sense and is entertaining, especially when it comes to the final kicker. Shawn didn't stop there. Using the same principle and a few alterations he also created a Gospel version of the card trick. I cannot wait to see what he comes up with next!

Well folks that is all. We had a full lineup of performers and look forward to seeing you all in November!



Mike "The Great Story Teller" Curtis spinning a tale of the Amazon

Blast from the Past

by Mike Curtis, Ring 29 Historian

This month we turn the clock back again 20 years to the November, 1999 meeting of the Ring. The President at that time was Damon Reinbold and the Secretary was Bill Fulton. The Ring met monthly at Baptist Medical Center, Room 20.

Bill Fulton opened the meeting with a discussion on the Annual Christmas Party to be held in January. The Board is proposing two dates to the membership, 15th or 16th. Jim Henson announced that the first Junior Magician Program would be held on November 20th.

The Ring has started a telephone tree to contact members about lectures. We now have a suggestion box located at our headquarters and it will be present at each monthly meeting. All new members will be installed at the Christmas Party.

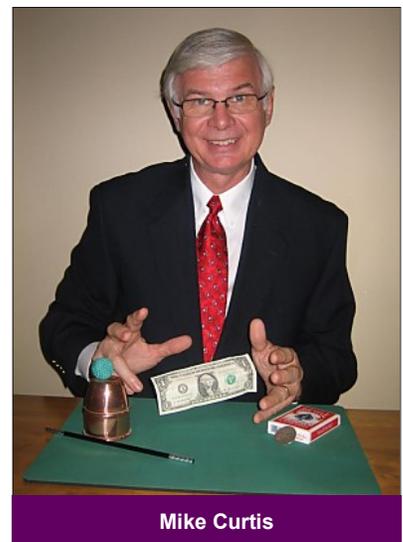
In our New Magic Review, Bob Owen showed us Larry West's Passing the Buck. Michael Strobel gave us a review of Dave Arch's book Showmanship for Presenters. Our Ring has been discussing holding teach-ins on improving individual's performances. Jim Henson presented an overview and demonstration of our evening's theme on "Thumb tips, Pulls, and Dye Tubes."

Andy Stirman acted as MC and started with a silk appear effect using a Thumb Tip. Theron Nunley followed with a demonstration and talk on vanishing money with a Thumb Tip and an explanation of

Dick Berry's fish appearance in a wine glass using a small Thumb Tip and a Beta (small fish). Grant Ludder showed us how to cause a string of pearls to become a miniature poodle. Greg Gillis performed a long and very funny routine with cards, Thumb Tip and salt. This was a must see performance. Don Thompson changed a silk to money using a Thumb Tip. Chris Westfall did a wonderful \$100 Bill Switch. Kyle Hamsher produced silks and vanished them for our final act.

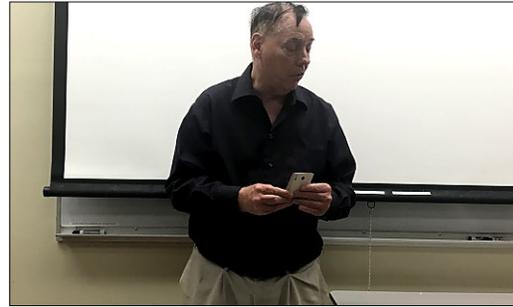
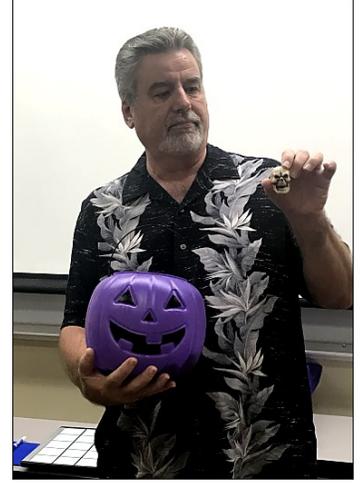
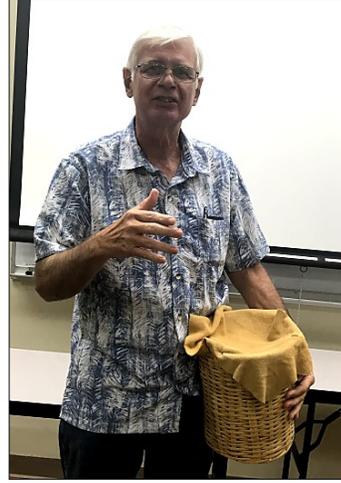
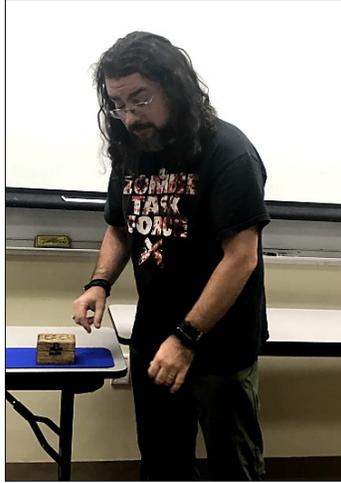
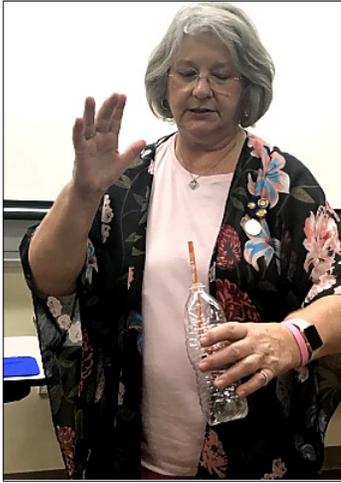
The Ring made plans for the Christmas show which serves as a reminder for us that Christmas will be here before we know it. Time rushes on! The holidays are upon us and it's time to start practicing on those seasonal magical effects. Everyone ready for a new year? It will be here soon, ready or not.

Until next time, remember that memories of the past help us shape our present (with hopefully improved results).

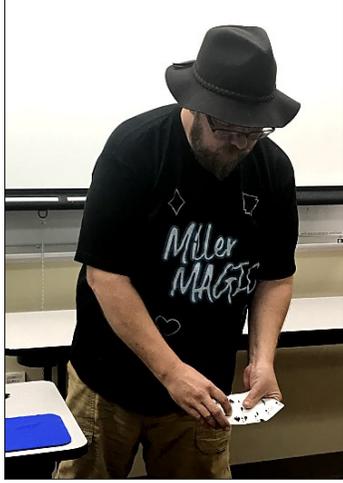
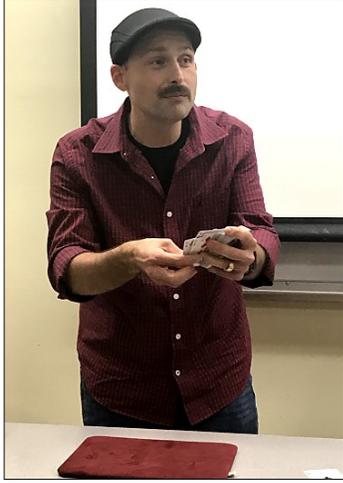
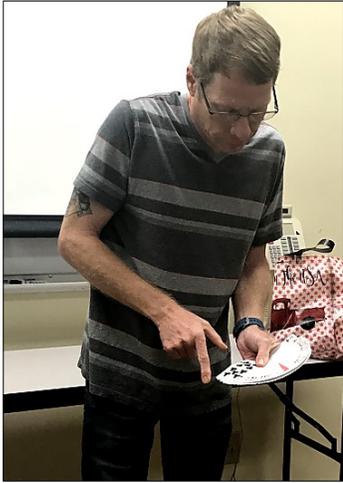


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MAGICAL PAST



Richard Valentine Pitchford (Cardini) was born on November 24, 1895, in the town of Swansea in Wales. As is the case with many magicians, Cardini gained an interest in magic after watching someone perform tricks while he was a young child.

A man named Chung Ling Soo performed a number of cigarette tricks that truly captivated the Cardini's attention. As he grew into a young man, he began to learn basic magic tricks and practice them.

World War I broke out in the early part of the 20th century and Cardini joined the British army. The Great War was known for its grotesque trench warfare. To pass the time in the trenches, Cardini performed card tricks. He was injured in the war and spent even more time practicing from his hospital bed.

Cardini developed amazing dexterity due to all of his time practicing. As a result, he built up and perfected his sleight of hand techniques. Also, practicing card tricks in the trenches while wearing really thick gloves may have contributed to the enhancement of this skill, which is necessary for being a great magician.

The career launched by Cardini was not successful from the beginning. He traveled around to nightclubs and along the performance circuit in England for a short while and was not very well-received. In fact, he was faltering so miserably that he had to leave Great Britain. He relocated to Australia where he was much more successful. Audiences in Australia found him entertaining.

He did not work under his known name from the UK as Cardini. Instead, he selected the stage name of Val Raymond during his Australian performances. Card tricks were a major part of his performance as he was a master of them.

Magicians had to move on and tour in order to earn a decent income. Going to a new territory with an unseen in that location generally meant good ticket sales. From Australia, Cardini traveled to Canada. From there, he entered the United States and then started working across the country.

In Chicago, he was a major hit. Eventually, he made his way to New York City. In New York, Cardini was a massive success. Audiences had never seen anything like the card tricks that he performed. And since New York City was the epicenter of live performances during the early half of the 20th century, he was really making a name for himself by being successful there.

He played at The Palace and Radio City Music Hall. Cardini was able to mix sleight of hand tricks with synchronized music to great effect and this helped make him a huge box office draw. Cardini even made a famous appearance on television in 1957 and this further garnered him great fame.

After a long career, Cardini (Richard Valentine Pitchford) passed away in 1973.



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Treasurer's Report

October 2019

Beginning Balance	Checking	2504.32	Expenses		
	Dues Collected	25.00		Ending Balance Checking	2529.32
	Total Balance Checking	2529.32		Ending Balance Savings	970.33
	Total Balance Savings	970.33			

38 members have paid dues.

9 members from last year are past due.

If you are not sure about your membership status email me at:

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Ring 29 Meetings 2019-2020

Date	Meeting	Location	Theme	Lecturer	Emcee
August 1, 2019	Regular	Baptist Classroom #1	Children's Magic	TBA	TBA
September 5, 2019	Regular	Baptist Classroom #1	Basic Magic	TBA	TBA
October 3, 2019	Regular	Baptist Classroom #1	Halloween	TBA	TBA
November 7, 2019	Regular	Baptist Classroom #1	Dollar Store Grab Bag	TBA	TBA
December 5, 2019	Regular	Baptist Classroom #1	Christmas Magic	TBA	TBA
January—TBA	Christmas Show	TBA	Walk-Around and Stage Magic	TBA	TBA
February 6, 2020	Regular	Baptist Classroom #1	Mentalism	TBA	TBA
March 5, 2020	Auction	TBA	Auction	TBA	TBA
April 2, 2020	Regular	TBA	Teach-In	TBA	TBA
May 7, 2020	Regular	TBA	Coins and Cards	TBA	TBA
June 4, 2020	Stage Competition	TBA	Stage Competition	TBA	TBA
July 2020 Date TBA	Installation	TBA	Officers Performing	TBA	TBA

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****Lecture dates not included as James Kinsey is currently working on scheduling.**

****Watch for emails for those dates, times and locations.**

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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*.

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