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Little Rock Ring 29 Newsletter
Little Rock, Arkansas

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December 2019



The Performer

Merry Christmas Everyone!

It is this time of year when bright-eyed kids of all ages are filled with wonder and expectations of the holiday. Schools are closed, sometimes there is snow (in Arkansas), decorations are lighting up homes and trees along with the smell of pumpkin spice in the air.

Families like to travel, often great distances, to be with their loved ones and celebrate. That will be my case...heading for sunny Florida to be with the grandkids.

Christmas is a magical time of year, so whatever your plans are for this year, please, be safe and have a great time. Remember, we are able to freely celebrate this holiday because of the brave men and women defending our great country. As you enjoy the season keep these heroes in your hearts and minds and hope they will return safely to their families waiting ever so patiently.

One last request, please keep **Larry and Anne Bean** in your prayers for a quick recovery and return home.

From my family to yours:

Merry Christmas and a very peaceful-safe New Year!

Marty, Tammy, Casey, Kyle, Clint, Natalee and Daniel



International Brotherhood of Magicians
Little Rock Ring 29

MAGIC SHOW

Jacksonville Community Center

January 11, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.
Jacksonville Community Center
Jacksonville, Arkansas

Admission: Adults \$10
Children under twelve: \$7

There will be desserts available before the show and is included with admission

WHERE THE MAGIC BEGINS
IBM Ring 29

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEETINGS & LECTURES

Christmas Show: January 11, 2020

Jon Bucher "Emcee", David Scott, Joey Williams, Herb Hodde, Randall Eller, Jimmy Rhodes and Rocky Clements

Lecturer: Paul Prater (TBA)



Jo Jones and James Kinsey



Derrick Rose

President's Corner

by Jo Baker, Ring 29 President

The December meeting attendance was much improved! We had 21 present including 3 visitors/non-members. Thank you to all who attended. We had a very good time with members doing Christmas magic. We also had some great magic props given to each one present. So, thanks goes to Jim Henson and Shawn Miller

The January Christmas show will be on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at the Jacksonville Community Center. Doors will open at 6:00pm, so that you can get some dessert before the show at 7:00pm. We are trying desserts instead of a meal because we lost money on the show last year. Marty Haughn has created posters that will be placed in many areas so that we can get information out about the show.

Jim Henson has put together a great show for all to see.

Members are asked to bring desserts for our guests and members. Please watch for information on our newsletter and website and Facebook page to find who to contact about what you will be bringing.. We would like to have a variety of choices.

The February meeting will be February 6, 2020, at Baptist Hospital in Classroom #1. Our calendar says the theme will be mentalism. We also have dollar-store bags made up. We will divide up into groups and create magic tricks to share. Those who do not do mentalism will be able to participate in the magic portion of the meeting. By all means, if you want to perform mentalism, please come prepared to do so. I hope that you all have a Very Merry Magical Christmas and a Happy New Year.

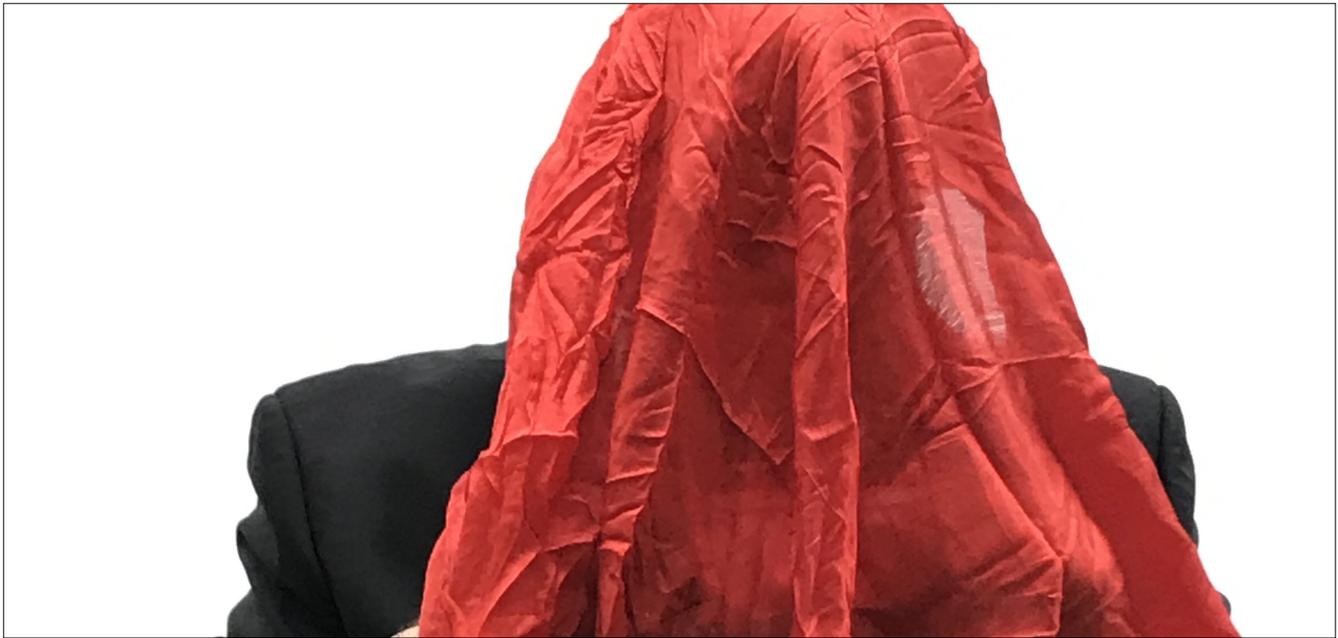
See you in 2020!!!! Wow, time is moving so quickly!

Magically Yours,

Jo



Jo Jones, President



Derrick? Of course it is!

For the Record

by Gary Fambrough, Ring 29 Secretary

RING 29, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Ring 29 members and guests met on Thursday, December 5th at 6:45 pm at Baptist Hospital in Little Rock, Arkansas, in classroom #1.

First off, I'd like to thank those that attended for supporting the club with your presence. We had 20 plus in attendance which was a nice rebound from the November meeting. The theme for the night was going to be Dollar Tree night but we are postponing that theme for the February meeting. Instead, we had several members wanting to perform their own flavor of tricks and effects. A motion to move the theme was made and approved by all present.

Jo Jones presided this week. Glad to have her with us as night time driving isn't her favorite thing to do. We were also fortunate to have her husband, Mike, with us as well. He was able to apparently take the night off from his job to join in the fun.

Announcements included a short discussion about the Christmas show to be held January 11th. Doors will open at 6:00 pm with a show to start at 7:00 pm. We have reserved the Jacksonville community center for this event and will serve desserts. A meal will not be provided this year. There will be a few stand up performing stations as you enter the space instead of the traditional walk-around table performers.

Jo Jones returned Rabbit E Lee with her addition. She loves performing with silks so she added a silk to the rabbit's hand. Jim will present Rabbit E Lee at the Christmas show to the next recipient as Jo and Mike will be sailing the high seas during that weekend.

Last but not least, James handed out a couple of club pens to those that haven't received them. Just as James was handing out pens, a couple of surprise guests



Gary Fambrough



showed up. Christy Vodehnal showed up with her absolutely adorable baby, Phoebe. Christy is Jim Henson's daughter and lives in Florida. Everyone was happy to see her and her newborn. This meet and greet concluded the business portion of our meeting.

Next up we had 7 performers. To start the second half of our meeting was Ralph Felder with a sponge ball routine. He managed to take a classic idea and renew it by re-inventing the sponge balls as tomatoes! This made his routine great for children and adults alike! Following Ralph was one of our resident coin maestros by the name of Cedric Morley. With this assistance of his son, Trey, he performed a great version of coins across.

Next up was none other than Dan Dover. We took a short break to pray for Larry Bean and his wife, Anne, at this point in our meeting. Larry is our territorial vice president. Larry and his wife were in a serious car accident recently and remain laid up out west in the hospital. We are praying for a full and speedy recovery. After prayers, Dane resumed his performance.

Dane's assistant, Shawn Miller, mixed up a stack of 25 cards. Out of these cards, Shawn selected one of them after a series of cuts. Laying all the cards down in rows and columns of 5, Dane was able to accurately select the chosen card. For a hint on how to do this, read up on magician, Si Stebbins.

Derrick Rose, performed next, and showed us a Christmas delight based on torn and restored newspaper. The difference? Derrick used a Christmas light banner. Oh, and just when we all thought we knew how he did it, he fooled us again by producing a completely different banner with the words 'Merry Christmas' written across.

We were all ready for some give-a-ways next and Shawn Miller didn't disappoint. Show performed a water cup trick, a strong and weak paper tear trick, a Christmas card corner tear trick, and a mini version of Dan Hecke's Observation. All were strong performances but the corner tear trick was truly delightful as the corner appeared magically imprinted inside the card and after a squeeze and a little Christmas breath. Shawn graciously offered each person in attendance a tear pad, a Christmas card, and the cups used for his water trick. Thanks Shawn!

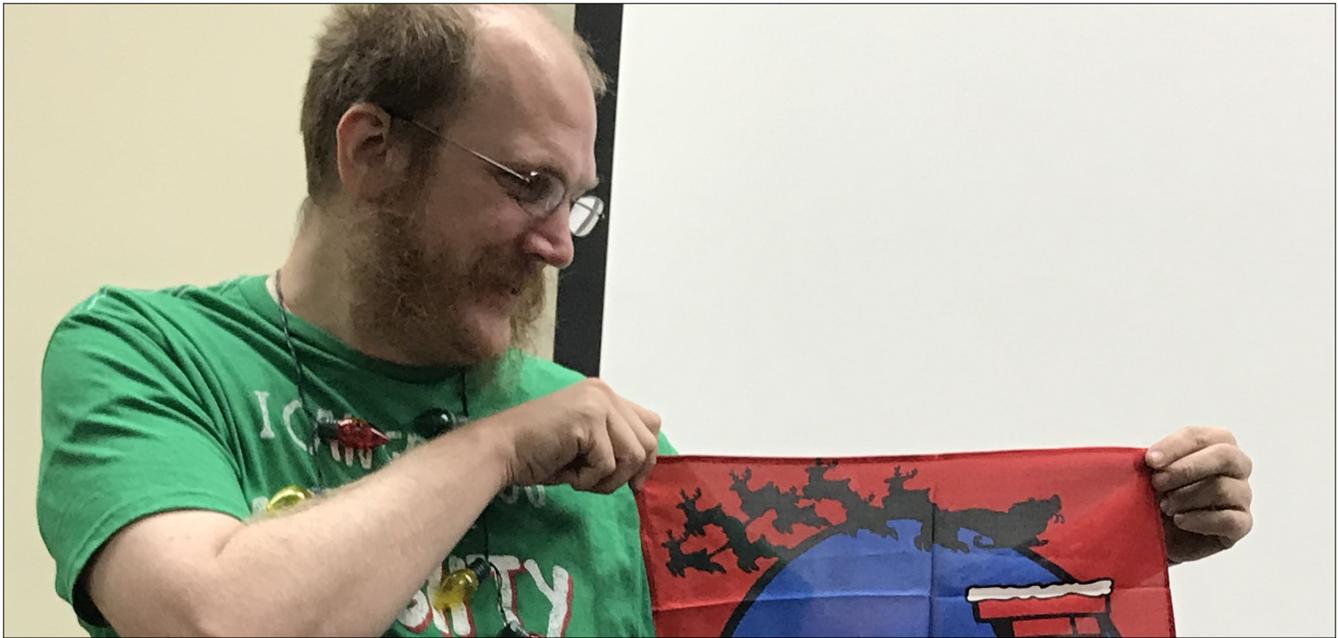
Another run of tricks was performed by Jim Henson. He produced candy canes from an empty silk with the help of Sue Felder. Jan Hecke then assisted by coloring a half a page of a reindeer Christmas image. After a little presto and elven dust, the other half of the image was magically colored in full. Next, 3 cards consisting of 2 elves and one Santa were placed into an envelope. When retrieved, the Santa card magically transformed in a 'Merry Christmas' card. Santa was nowhere to be found. Jim's generosity rounded out his performances with a give-a-way of 'ring and chain' for everyone present.

To complete our night of magic, James Kinsey was our last performer. Jo Jones assisted by holding a coin behind her back and placed it into one of her hands. When brought around in front, James had to predict which hand the coin was in. He selected her left hand. At this point everyone thought he was wrong since the coin was actually in her right hand. However, when asked to read the fine print on the coin, it was revealed to read, "I knew you would choose your right hand"! For his second trick, he asked Jo to cut a card deck 60% to one stack, and 40% to the other. Well, you can guess Jo didn't follow these instructions exactly. However, James got the best of her as he pointed out she still cut the deck 60/40 because the cards at the split were a 6 and a 4!

All the performances put everyone in a great Christmas mood. Ring 29 would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and happy New Year. Remember, our January meeting is the Christmas show in Jacksonville and regular meetings will resume at Baptist in February of next year.

Be safe and Happy Holidays to all!

Gary Fambrough



Blast from the Past

by Mike Curtis, Ring 29 Historian

This month is a glance back 30 years to the January, 1990 meeting of the Ring. The President at that time was Fred Hartman and the Secretary was Elson Bihm. The Ring met monthly at C.A.R.T.I. In Little Rock.

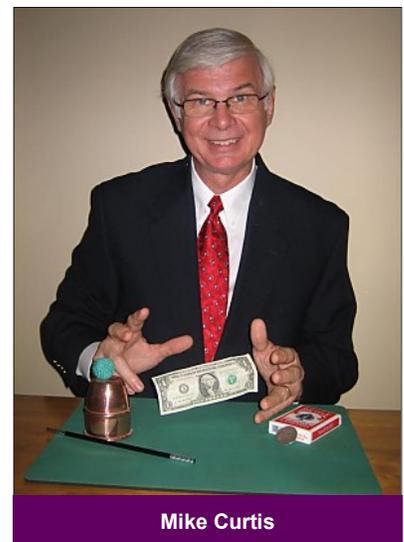
“Ring 29 had its traditional late Christmas party on January 13th. Members and guests dined on excellent food at Julie’s Place.

After everyone was fully satisfied with fine food and conversation, the evening turned to magic. Mike Curtis served as the MC and introduced a new convert to our magical fraternity, Jesus Rivera, as the first performer. He started off with a ring and ribbon routine and an excellent matrix routine and then did a clever card routine in which double backed cards printed faces in a magical way. He climaxed his performance with a strong mental effect in which a word selected from a dictionary was found printed on a selected card.

Dr. Henry Johnson entertained all with a clever routine using a razorback hog puppet in a top hat to dig out a selected card after several humorous misses. Mary Ann Campbell treated everyone to an amazing transposition of two guests’ borrowed rings, thus demonstrating how the power of gold makes her do strange things.

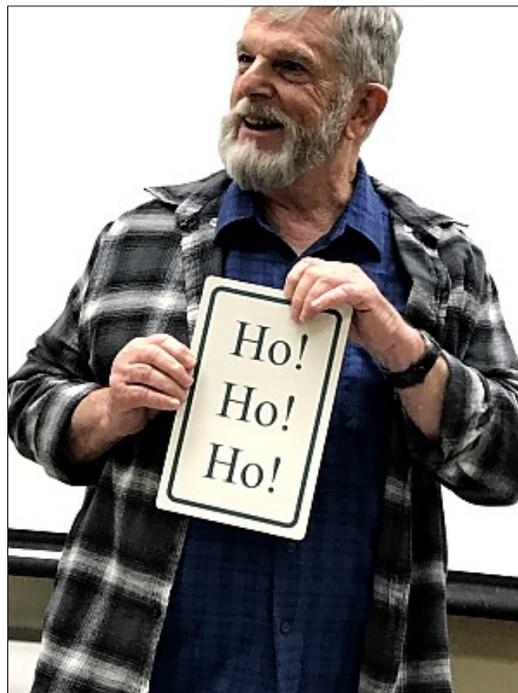
Jim Henson amused and entertained the group with a couple of classic effects—the multiplying rabbits and the \$1.35 trick. The fireman still has what it takes! Dr. Harold Langston demonstrated his ability to make ashes pass through a spectator’s hand and his power over matches by causing a burnt match to vanish and reappear in the matchbook from which it was torn. Since everyone enjoyed it so much, he immediately repeated the feat.

The MC closed the magical evening with a card effect in which a packet of four cards reversed themselves one at a time and then the backs changed colors



Everyone departed happy and entertained. When in Little Rock, say hello and share our magic." Over the years the annual Ring Christmas Party has grown from a small gathering of Ring members and their families who could fit into a small restaurant side room into a much larger event that often requires event seating for over 100 guests. The popularity of the annual affair seems to keep expanding and the large group of family and friends are always welcomed to enjoy a magic extravaganza that never fails to amaze, amuse and entertain. This year's production again promises to deliver thrills and surprises. Be sure to be there so you won't be disappointed to find out that you missed a great evening of magic!

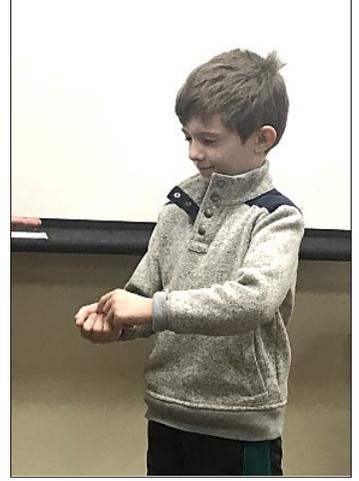
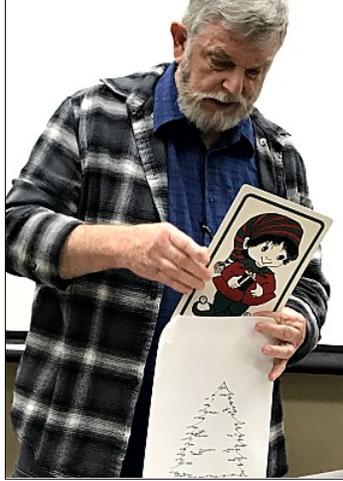
Until next time, remember that we now have the opportunity to turn those mistakes of the past into corrected successes of today.



DECEMBER PERFORMERS



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MAGICAL PAST



Brother John Charles Hamman S.M. (September 3, 1927 – December 5, 2000) was a close-up magician and Marianist Brother. The tricks he invented are still an integral part of many close-up magician's repertoire. Hamman was world-renowned in the magic community. His initial interest in the art started as a child. As he recuperated from polio, he spent hours learning, practicing and inventing card tricks and other magic involving sleight-of-hand. In many cases, he "reinvented" classic maneuvers or streamlined them. He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, the Catholic Magicians' Guild and the Society of American Magicians.

Hamman created more than 100 card magic tricks throughout his career. Among the many tricks he invented, he is best known for the Hamman Count, a sleight-of-hand in which cards are falsely counted to give the impression that the magician holds more, or less, than he actually does. He authored many books and videos on magic and was invited to many local, national and international level (including FISM) magician gatherings to display his prowess and ability with cards.

In 1995, Br. Hamman was the first living magician to be honored during the first St. Louis Magical Heritage Awards, the "Hall of Fame" for local magicians. Professional magicians referred to Br. Hamman as the "Magical Marianist". In his acceptance speech, he explained the key to a successful magic performance:

The object of magic is misdirection. Audiences are more apt to believe what they hear than what they see, and intelligent people are the easiest to fool because they don't expect me to use some childish gimmick to deceive them. On the other hand, children are hard to fool, because they watch closely and don't listen.

His first major publication was "The Card Magic of Bro. John Hamman, S.M.," published by Paul LePaul in 1958. In his foreword, LePaul wrote,

Brother John Hamman leads you down the garden path to the exact spot where he wants you and then, he turns on the sprinkler.

Among magicians, Br. Hamman is still known as a Magician's Magician. The highest honor the magic community can bestow on one of its own, it refers to one's ability to amaze even fellow conjurers. Despite this, his first love was doing magic for his students.

Br. Hamman was also a skilled Gospel Magician. He frequently used his magic to teach some important aspect of Catholic catechism to his students.

source: Wikipedia

Treasurer's Report

December 2019

Beginning Balance	Checking	2504.32	Expenses		
	Dues Collected	25.00		Ending Balance Checking	2275.83
	Total Balance Checking	2529.32		Ending Balance Savings	970.33
	Total Balance Checking	2629.32			
	Total Balance Savings	970.33			

39 members have paid dues.

8 members from last year are past due.

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

jamesk39@gmail.com



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 Magic	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	N/A	Jon Bucher
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

**** To enter Ring 29 competitions you must be a paid up member of the IBM.**

****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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Membership

All members of Ring 29 must first be a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. I.B.M. Applications can be obtained 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 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.

Ring 29 is proud to endorse and support Little Rock's world class ONLINE Magic Store, "Mr. Magic" Mr. Magic is owned and operated by retired Fire Chief Jim Henson and is a primary contact for Ring 29.

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