



The Performer

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It's all about the Magic...



For your Information

Over the past several months we as a Ring have had Zoom meetings. Although it is so very different than meeting in person we are still able to talk magic and show off our latest skill. I offer an invitation to those who have not been able to join us in one of these online meetings and share in the fellowship of Ring 29.

The summer and quite possibly the fall will be impacted by this pandemic. With that said, I believe we would be safe in saying that a face-to-face meeting is in order for August or September. If we are able to meet in August, may I suggest a picnic for September or October. It has been a couple of years since we have had one and are well overdue.

As far as to where we might meet, it has been expressed to me that Jim Henson has graciously offered his father's home as our meeting place until things begin to simmer down. I will try to nail down some specifics about a meeting and let everyone know via email.



Updates

I would like to take a moment to extend a sincere apology for the delay in this newsletter. Computer issues, more along the lines of software issues, have prevented me from getting one written up, as short as it may be. Additionally, I have been lax with my duties in maintaining the Facebook page. Generally, I usually put the Newsletter on the page but want to include so much more. 20 lashes and I'll get back to work.

I HAVE been working diligently on our new website and I must say that things are coming along very well...up to a point. I am finding it a real challenge to come up with a reliable means of showing off our Ring photographs. My coding skills are fair but still limited. Bob has been a great help in keeping me organized and understanding how the site is set up on the host.

If anyone has skills with website building and has any suggestions toward a photo gallery that minimizes the work to maintenance I would be greatly in your debt! I foresee the site being up and ready by mid-August barring any issues.



Meetings

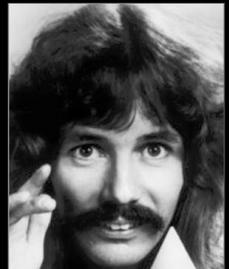
July: TBA - Watch for info via social media and email

Upcoming Events

August: Possible face-to-face meeting (TBA)

*"The hard must become habit.
The habit must become easy.
The easy must become beautiful."*

— Doug Henning —





For the Record *Gary Fambrough*



Ring 29 members and guests met on Thursday at 7:00 pm, June 4th, 2020, virtually in Little Rock, Arkansas via the Zoom Conferencing Solution. We had another small turnout but those that tuned in had a great time none-the-less. I might add that in addition to our regular club members, we also had Patrick join us from the Searcy ring.

Regarding our business meeting, we spoke about sending a card to Mary Ann Campbell's family with our condolences over the passing of Guy, Mary Ann's husband of 46 years. We also spoke about lifting Ralph Felder up in our prayers as he is battling an illness as well. Contact James Kinsey if you would like to know more about what the club has done or is doing in regards to these beloved members.

There was also some discussion about board members. Everyone belonging to the yahoo email group should have seen the email regarding officer elections. Please send in your votes as denoted in the email.

That concluded our short business meeting and the rest of our online fun was had demonstrating magic skills.

First up was Dane Dover demonstrating how he's got a new USB camera that can present a top down view of his mat. This was a great idea because he can flip fairly easily between views and cameras for presentations and discussion. Marty Haughn was up next with a bill illusion. As a dollar bill was passed behind his hand, it emerged in a different fold. Very cool. Mike Curtis followed up with a great card prediction. While Mike was originally having technical difficulties, I think this trick went down without a hitch. Patrick was up next with some awesome coin color changes to wow the online audience. Carlos Yang, a very talented teen magician, also entertained us by turning some ink blots on a card into the words "two of hearts". All of these were amazing feats.

Last but not least and featured this month was Cedrick Morley. Cedric volunteered next with a celebrity envelope prediction. He started out with a list of celebrity names written on an envelope and a paperclip. He slid the paperclip along-side the envelope until he was asked to stop by Carlos. Using this random method to select a name, it was revealed that the paperclip landed on Elvis Presley. Cedric then reached into the envelope and pulled out a sash and photo of Elvis! The paperclip could have stopped on any other celebrity. What are the odds? Incredible, right?!

Well, that concluded our meeting for June. Hopefully July will yield another great meeting. I'm hoping you all will tune in if possible. Until then, have a great June!

--Gary Fambrough





Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis



This month we look back 27 years to the July, 1993 meeting of the Ring. The President at that time was Andy Stirman and the Secretary was Theron Nunley. The Ring met monthly at C.A.R.T.I. in Little Rock. "The July meeting was held on June 29; we do things like that—our Christmas party is usually in January and our summer picnic has been known to be in late fall. This meeting lived up to the international portion of the name. Bob Hayden and friends visited from Ring 25 in Great Britain. Also visiting from Ring 75 in Fort Smith, Arkansas were Bill Pitts, Steve Leonard, and Ken Zelnick. Thanks to everyone for joining us.

After a brief business meeting consisting of installation of new officers--Jim Henson passed the reins (gavel, wand, ?) over to Andy Stirman--and discussion of the previously mentioned picnic—still no firm site—we got down to serious matters: magic.

Randal Eller and his assistant, Leigh Anna Gosser, demonstrated a levitation utilizing the theme of a visit to the Cathedral of Notre Dame. It was a beautifully orchestrated effect incorporating a dance with a painter who kept tourists from touring the Cathedral. Thanks for some great magic and creativity, Randal.

The Remainder of the meeting was provided by Bob Hayden, public relations officer of Ring 25. Bob shared several illuminating comments about the state of magic in Great Britain. It was interesting to discover the differences in the opportunities and approaches. And yes, Bob, several of us do a lot of children's magic here, too. Bob was kind enough to share some of the many fine publications from his home. His discussion was lively and filled with humor. After saying that he wasn't really a lecturer and only had a couple of things to share, Bob belied this by entertaining us extensively, pulling item after item out of a small satchel. He encouraged us to use presentation to enhance old ideas and proceeded to admirably demonstrate this by keeping the 40 plus magicians in the room highly interested throughout a five minute presentation of Clippo.

He continued this theme with presentations of a four color change and Bongo's Hat. We were enthralled with his presentations of these classics.

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Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis



Bob next discussed the importance of injecting new vigor into our magic by using combinations of props and effects we already own. Again, he put his own theories to practice by utilizing a changing bag for a knotting/unknotting silks non rope effect and combining some wonderful magic with a dove pan, silks and flowers.

Bob closed with presentations that followed his previous points and exhibited some of his favorite effects: color changing flowers and Blendo. We all learned some great pointers and enjoyed a great magician. Thanks, Bob, for taking time to share what's happening "across the pond." It was really outstanding to realize the differences and similarities of the state of magic in our two areas.

Thanks also to the forty-plus attending who made the meeting a success." What a treat for the Ring to have had visitors from both the Great Britain Ring and Ft. Smith Ring.

Then to enjoy a performance from our own Randal Eller followed by such an extensive presentation of so many effects by Mr. Hayden made the meeting special. Even more interesting was learning about the types and styles of magic popular in Bob and his friends' home country. There were so many differences yet so many similarities to magic here in the states.

The great turnout, helped by those from the Ft. Smith Ring, truly made it an evening to remember.

Until next time, remember, if done correctly, the secrets contained in the past can be unlocked to reveal just what you need for the present and the future.





Treasurer's Report
James Kinsey
May 2020



BEGINNING BALANCE-CHECKING:	\$3418.24
DUES COLLECTED:	\$25.00
TOTAL BALANCE-CHECKING:	\$3463.24
TOTAL BALANCE SAVINGS:	\$970.33
EXPENSES:	\$0.00
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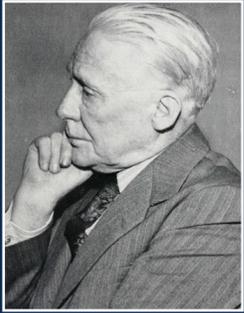
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Magical History

Marty Haughn



Jean Hugard was born John Gerard Rodney Boyce in Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia, the third son of John Alexander Boyce and Anne Brown. Educated at Toowoomba Grammar School, later he joined the staff of the Queensland National bank. After a late start and from a completely non-theatrical background he rose to become one of the world's great stage magicians, often dubbed the Dean of Magicians, and the last of a trio (Houdin-Hoffman-Hugard) of famed authors on the art of legerdemain.

Over the course of his life he performed as Oscar Kellmann, Chin Sun Loo, Ching Ling Foo, and Jean Hugarde. He was inspired in 1880 seeing a Haselmayer show. He eventually began his professional career in 1896.

In 1898 Gerard left the bank, and with several partners founded Burketown's Endeavour Meatworks (producing tinned beef) to solve the problem of getting Gulf Country cattle to market. The venture was a roaring success for several years, however drought, economic recession and some lack of expertise in the art of tinning ruined the Meatworks venture, and Gerard returned to Toowoomba to a series of temporary jobs, including a stint as secretary of the Toowoomba General Hospital. In that capacity he organized entertainments to raise funds, including himself on the bill as an increasingly expert conjurer.

Finally he deserted his wife and family in 1912, and in 1915 he moved to the USA and worked in vaudeville from 1916 until 1918. One of his feature attractions then was "Birth of the Sea Nymph."

One of his full evening shows presented on tour in Australia and New Zealand was a silent Chinese act. He also was known for his bullet catch routine he called "The Great Rifle Feat". He was the first to present it with modern-day guns at the time.

He owned and performed in a magic theater in Luna Park (at Coney Island) from 1919-1929. He also appeared in a Broadway Show in 1928 at the Forrest Theater called "The Squealer."

When he retired from performing, he moved to Brooklyn to write and edit magic publications. He wrote more than 30 books on magic. The death of John Northern Hilliard, who had written only the first chapter of his Greater Magic, a lot of manuscript was left to be completed. Carl Waring Jones, who had contracted for its publication, hired Jean Hugard in 1938 to complete and enlarge the text to over 1,000 pages. The book went on to become a standard textbook of magic, which author Henry Hay called "one of the best and largest books ever written about magic."

He was editor of Hugard's Magic Monthly starting in 1943. He was also named the fourth ever Society of American Magicians, Dean of Magicians in 1951. Near the end of his life, Hugard was blind, having lost the sight of both eyes following operations for the removal of cataracts. In spite of this handicap he continued to work in the magic field at his home in Brooklyn, NY.

He died in the United States in 1959 at the age of 87 and known far and wide as The Great Hugard.

Source: Wikipedia



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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.

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