



The Performer

*Little Rock Ring 29 Newsletter
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It's all about the Magic...



Ring 75 Live/Online Auction

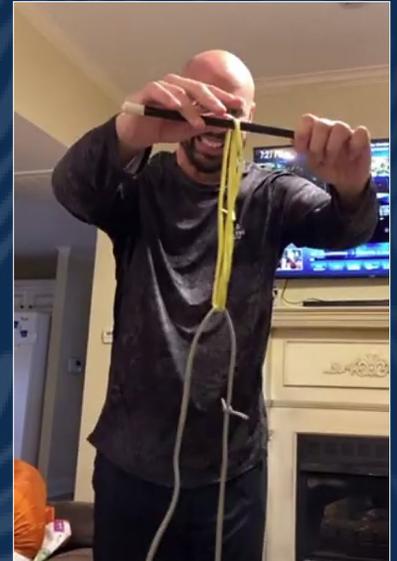
Ring 29's President Marty Haughn and Secretary Shawn Miller took off on an adventurous field trip to Ft. Smith, Arkansas. The purpose was to attend Ring 75's annual magic auction.

We arrived early enough to meet Jim Henson and Jimmy Rhodes at the Catfish House for a little dinner and sat around telling jokes and wild stories. Then it was time for the auction.

Host and auctioneer for the evening was none other than Larry Bean our territorial Vice President. Larry and his comedic charm kept everyone in laughs.

There was quite the turnout with representatives from all three Arkansas Rings present. Surprisingly, there were more in person participants than there were online. This is a good sign.

Special thanks goes out to Ring 75's Ron Ingram for the use of his church as well as his audio/video skills. These arrangements allowed us to maintain social distancing and keep everyone safe. Most everything brought in for auction were sold leaving the buyers feeling pleased about their purchases. We look forward to the next auction.



Updates

Earlier this month the board opted to send out an email asking members if they would be interested in an in person meeting for September. Those who were interested replied back with their choice. There are a few seats left but we will stop at twenty members. You still have time to join in on the fun. Reply by August 31, 2020.

With the number of members interested we have decided that the meeting will be held in person.

For those attending, your temperatures will be taken, you must wear a mask and will maintain a safe distance from others where ever possible.

The meeting will be September 3, 2020 at Jim Henson's Father's home. Jim has assured me that those who attend will be pleasantly surprised as he has plenty of giveaways and door prizes. There will also be a **special 15 minute show** presented by one of our lifetime members! Be prepared to do some magic and have a great time. See you all then.

Members who choose to remain vigilant and stay home will have the opportunity to join in on the fun via Zoom. Watch for an email with instructions and the link.



Meetings

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

Upcoming Events

September/October: Possible in person picnic Meeting/ Installation (TBA)

"A Magician is not a Magician because he knows tricks, but because he knows Magic - the principles, the fundamentals."

— Harlan Tarbell—





President's Corner

Marty Haughn



Fellow Magicians,

Here we are in yet another month of “lock-down” and using Zoom for our meeting contact. Although the meetings have been interesting it just isn’t the same as meeting in person. This brings me to the first topic at hand.

Recently I put out an email asking that if we held an in-person meeting for September, who would be interested in attending. The meeting would be held at Jim Henson’s Father’s home. If the heat drops some we could possibly have it outside. Otherwise, we would have it inside the house.

In case you missed the email, there were a few stipulations to the meeting. Everyone must wear a mask and we must remain socially distant (as best as possible). Next, due to the location we are asking everyone to RSVP before August 31, 2020 as we are going to limit the number of attendees to twenty, for safety reasons. It is important to let us know if you are going to attend so we know when we have reached capacity.

With respect to those who choose to remain at home, your decision will be respected and every effort will be made to include everyone by setting up Zoom so you may be a part of the meeting.

I, like many others, hope this virus will find its end very soon so everyone can get back to some sense of normal, whatever that will be.

Our meeting this month was a good one and had several attendees via Zoom. Of course magic was the topic and during the meeting things went to the kids, so to speak. Shawn Miller will have the details in his report.

Until we are able to meet again, please take good care of each other and stay safe.

V/r

Marty





For the Record

Shawn Miller



The Ring held its monthly meeting on August 6th with several members joining in on Zoom.

Ring business was conducted which covered the possibility of a September in person meeting along with an update on the newly designed website. Business was concluded and we drifted off into the wonderland of magic.

Things got off to a slow start with no one wanting to be first. We began with some magic by David Duggie who entertained with an interesting card trick. It was good to see David again.

Dane Dover and Bob Bullock both performed for a one person audience. Matt Seibert's girl friend (Becky Sweet) was in attendance and became our audience for the rest of the meeting. Many baffling tricks came along with more performances by David Duggie, Dane Dover and Bob Bullock. Dane presented a mind breaking card routine that made you do some thinking.

When the standard magic ran out we saw a sudden slide into children's magic. Matt Seibert got involved and had a little fun with everyone by performing a rope routine where they were tied to a wand and magically changed places. Bob Bullock came out with his D'Lite routine and had Becky intrigued as to how this was done. Next came Bob's multiplying bananas and had everyone laughing as the darn things kept coming back over and over and over...well, you get the idea.

Although we had seven members and one audience member in attendance, we all had yet another great time with magic. In attendance, but without magic, were James Kinsey, Marty Haughn and Shawn Miller. Maybe next time we will see some magic from these three magicians.

Until next time, BE SAFE and STAY HEALTHY!





Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis



This month we journey back 47 years to the September, 1973 meeting of the Ring. The President at that time was Dr. W. Myers Smith M.D. and the Secretary was Col. F. M. Seymour. The Ring met monthly at Grace Lutheran Church in Little Rock.

“We had a September meeting in spite of back to school, last minute trips etc. For the first time in 2 years only one-half of membership was present. It seems that we are losing a member or two to the professional ranks. Frank Caple and his amazing illusion show is now booked and flying from date to date playing House Shows. Logan Pritchett, besides being a dealer to many conventions, is booked for a 4-day stand at our newest Mall, following Carroll Fox. Having been on the road for 18 years I know the thrill of seeing years of preparation finally being jelled into a show that is salable. Our best wishes go along with these fine performers; watch for them when they play near you.

We followed out tradition of putting into our two libraries books in the names of our passed-on-members. The latest of these is Dr. W. Myers Smith, our last President, who passed away in office.

The spice of our program, besides the card tricks and pets that members discovered this last month, was a slide presentation by Rev. Bird who is acting president. As with Gene Walther our president, his fame as a sheriff requires him to travel a lot. Rev. Bird showed slides of personalities he snapped during our Swami Convention and the Miami Convention.

It was very interesting to see again sights we enjoyed seeing, and picking out the faces and names of those who for a fleeting moment in our lives brought us magical pleasures. There are a lot of shows going on this month, including the Little Rock Magic Circle, and our own Junior Magic club sponsored by Ring 29. They have 3 Charity shows this month and two in Oct. already booked. The Membership in our youth Club has grown to 21, so our Ring has lots of future members.”

The Ring celebrated the professional success of two of its members but also had to sadly remember the unfortunate passing of Dr. W. Myers Smith who had been a loyal key figure in the Ring. But beyond the sadness of the loss of Dr. Smith there was inspiration for the future of the Ring in the growth and magical energy and activity found in the Junior Magic Club which boasted 21 members. It's through our youth and new memberships that we can look forward to a thriving growing Ring.

Until next time, remember, the past is passed but its influence can help us pass through the present and possess the future.





August Performers





Treasurer's Report

James Kinsey

August 2020



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

31 Members have paid dues.

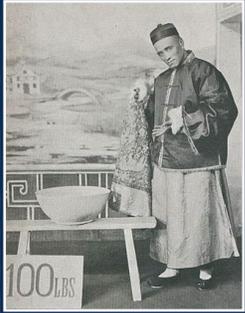
If you are not sure about your membership status, email James at:

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Magical History



Ching Ling Foo (Chinese: 金陵福; pinyin: Jīn Língfú) was the stage name of the Chinese magician Chee Ling Qua (Chinese: 朱連魁; pinyin: Zhū Liánkuí, 1854–1922). He is credited with being the first modern East Asian magician to achieve world fame. Born in Beijing, Ching Ling Foo studied traditional Chinese magic and was a well-respected performer in his homeland.

During a typical performance, he stunned the audience by breathing smoke and fire or producing ribbons and a 15-foot-long (4.6 m) pole from his mouth. One of his sensational tricks had Foo using a sword to cut the head of a serving boy off at the shoulders. Then, to the amazement of the audience, the “beheaded” boy turns and exits the stage.

Another trick involved producing a huge bowl, full to the brim with water, from out of an empty cloth. He would then pull a small child from the bowl. When he brought his show to the United States in 1898, he began offering a \$1,000 reward to anyone who could reproduce his water trick.

New York-born William Robinson, who worked occasionally as a magician, decided to try for the \$1,000. Foo rebuffed him. Unable to claim the \$1,000, Robinson developed a Chinese-style show of his own and recreated himself as Chung Ling Soo. Robinson, in the guise of Soo, traveled to Europe and a deep rivalry was begun between the two men.

A group of Chinese women with bound feet, including Foo's wife, accompanied the magician outside China and was shown as another attraction. Other members of Foo's family would also participate in his act. He would often conjure his daughter, Chee Toy, onto the stage while his son would perform acrobatics and juggling.

Ching Ling Foo died in Shanghai in 1922.

Source: Wikipedia





Event Calendar

Date	Meeting	Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
July	Zoom	Home	Free for All	N/A	Dane Dover
August	TBA - ZOOM	TBA - HOME	First Learned Trick	N/A	Dane Dover
September	In Person	Henson Home	Free for All	N/A	Jim Henson Marty Haughn
October	TBA	TBA	Halloween Magic	TBA	James Kinsey
November	TBA	TBD	Stage Competition	N/A	Adrian Steelman
December	TBA	TBA	Christmas Magic	TBA	Jo Jones
January	TBA	TBD	Christmas Show	N/A	TBA
February	TBA	TBA	Favorite Card Magic	Mini-Lecture TBA	Gary Fambrough
March	TBA	TBD	Auction Time!	N/A	TBA
April	TBA	TBA	Ring 29 "Fool Us"	N/A	Marty Haughn
May	TBA	TBA	Close-up Competition	N/A	Derrick Rose
June	TBA	TBA	Free for All	Mini-Lecture	Mike Curtis

There are a lot of TBAs here on this calendar. Once the State of Arkansas begins to loosen things up a bit changes to this calendar will begin to happen.

EVERYTHING on this calendar is tentative but we need to continue planning the future as if we will be back to some resemblance of normal soon.

These are our normal meeting gatherings. Any additional activity throughout the month will be listed on the website beginning in August.



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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*.

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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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