



# Prestidigitator Press

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Logan Pritchett Ring 29  
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July 2006

## History of Magic Lecture on July 6<sup>th</sup> at Baptist

Just a reminder that dues are due now. Cost is \$15 through the end of July. Beginning August 1, dues become \$20. Please make checks out to I.B.M. Ring 29 and send your dues to James Kinsey 8901 Merryman Road Sherwood, AR 72120.

### July Meeting

You do not want to miss the July 6th meeting "History of Magic". Longtime Ring 29 historian, Mike Curtis, has been working for months to prepare a presentation on the History of our Ring. He has not only pictures and documents, but videos and tricks. Also ring members will be performing illusions favored by some of our earlier ring members. Some of the earliest ring 29 members are returning for this special presentation to share their part in forming our great Ring. This one time presentation will be in the Sheffield Auditorium at Baptist Hospital, 6:45pm, Thursday, July 6th.



Pres. Don Baer continues to amaze us with his magic!

### Docc Hilford Lecture

Make plans to attend the Thursday, July 20th, Docc Hilford Lecture. Because of this special lecture (see details following), only Ring 29 members or I.B.M. members are allowed to attend (no spouses or guests). Cost is \$10 for each attendee. The lecture will be held at Baptist Hospital in the Sheffield Auditorium beginning at 6:45pm.

Many professionals refuse to perform their "A" material if there are magicians in the

audience; they don't want their private effects to get out. This is understandable, but what if a professional mentalist was to give a special lecture that explained every detail of his entire act, the act he's presenting around the world? Would you miss it? Or would you eagerly run as fast as you could to get the real secrets?

Docc Hilford's special lecture will teach his complete act! This isn't an act that was popular in the past; it's the act he's using today. It has been a hit at private parties and theaters across the U.S., England, Scotland, Brazil, and the Aladdin Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

**In this lecture, nothing will be held back.**

**You'll learn:**

1. **Jaks Room:** Combining the effects of *The 16 Digit Trick*, *Koran's Medallion* and *Annemann's Swami Test* into the perfect opening. (Unpublished)

Got Magic News? Email Gerry Bailey: [clown1941@hotmail.com](mailto:clown1941@hotmail.com)  
Newsletter Ed. Tyler Vodehnal

2. **The Ultimate Magazine Test:** full routine with no less than EIGHT climaxes! It's a theater piece that can stand alone and is guaranteed to generate publicity. (Unpublished)

3. **Smoke Pictures on Glass:** A thought is expressed as a beautiful picture in smoke. (Unpublished)

**And much, much more!**

**“The Complete Nite Club Act”:** A fast-paced, multi-trick, 15 minute act designed for dance floors in hotel nite clubs.

The effects in this act are so clever, Docc won't reveal them outside of his special lecture. The opening test is worth the entire lecture.

**“Buddha Billet Tests”:** These are the three billet tests Docc uses to sell his act. *The Whispering Buddha*, *The Wish* and *Buddha's Message* are pieces that bring beauty to selling the act. (All unpublished)

You'll get all the patter, bits of comedy and tips to perform these acts. Most of the material is unpublished, for the obvious reason that it's not been released. The lecture is over 2 hours long!"



**Also attend the Docc Hilford Workshop on Friday evening, July 21**

As you have read above, Docc Hilford will be lecturing here in Little Rock on July 20<sup>th</sup>. The following evening he will be doing a special workshop. Only the first 6 people who contact James Kinsey may attend this special workshop. Cost is \$35 per person. Participants will receive the full secrets listed below, as well as a CD version of the classic book, One Man Mind Reading Secrets by Ralph Read. This is one of the textbooks for mentalists. It covers billet work and advanced mind reading techniques. Also included are two books by mentalist Ted Annemann, Annemann's Buried Treasures, Annemann's Mental Mysteries. These rare books include everything from needle swallowing to mental tests. And a special 5,000 word report, The Most Powerful Approach to Personal Success in Show Business. **The books and report are FREE.**

So, the workshop is **over 3 hours long**, you'll learn the top three secrets including Docc's special Q&A act, and you will receive all the above mentioned books.

**Here is what you'll learn in this workshop:**

♣ **Secret Number 1 Real Work on Billets**

How entertain from 1 to 1,000 people with a couple of slips of paper. This is really inside stuff.

♦ **Secret Number 2 Where to Get the Cash**

Places to earn at least \$1,000 a show with what you've learned.

♥ **Secret Number 3 The Perfect Question and Answer Act**

Q and A that can be performed anywhere, anytime!

The question and answer routine has long been the mainstay of mentalism. Those who actually perform it make great fees. Those who don't struggle. Over 15 years ago Docc Hilford invented a method of Q&A where **NOTHING IS WRITTEN yet 15 or 20 specific questions are answered**. No pre-show work or anything like it. You just walk on and start working! Docc used this act to earn the money that bought his first home. The effect is remarkable to an audience, but the professional mentalists who learned the secret claimed it to be the best they ever used.

So contact James Kinsey immediately if you would like to attend this special workshop.

[Jamesk39@swbell.net](mailto:Jamesk39@swbell.net) or call 501-834-7456.

**Make plans to attend!!!**

♦ **Installation Banquet:** Mark your calendars for July 28 at 6:30 p.m. Ring 29 officers will be installed at the *Brown's Country Kitchen* at exit 118 off I30 in Benton, AR. There will be food, fun, and magical entertainment. Family and friends are welcome to attend. Come out and support your

new officers. Cost will run around \$12.56 for a buffet including drink and dessert. Call Jim at Mr. Magic at 501-455-6242 if you have questions.

♣ **August Meeting:** Plan to attend the August meeting on August 3. The theme will be "Kids Magic". There will be more information in the August newsletter.

♥ **Ring Report:**

We had a great turnout to our June meeting for the Gospel themed night. The meeting was held at Little Rock's magic shop, Mr. Magic, with 26 people present. President **Don Baer** served as M.C. for the evening. **Jon Bucher** entertained us with his Gospel version of Tearing the Ticket where he made a cross out of paper. Following his performance Don performed a different version of Tearing the Ticket with the same result of a cross. **Pam Medrez** did an outstanding performance involving four volunteers from the group. She pulled multicolored silks representing different talents from a Change Bag handing individual silks to the volunteers. When putting the individual silks back in the bag, they became a long multicolored silk. It was a wonderful object lesson. Pam is also multitalented. She presented to us her new ventriloquist mouse with cheese. We look forward to seeing more of her ventriloquism. **Dennis Schick** showed his vest that he uses

for doing walk arounds. He demonstrated Slush Powder with a Gospel routine and performed People We Meet with the picture of Jesus as the ending, teaching his audience about making right choices. Ending his performance, he performed Card Castle except he produced a Card Cross. **Kelly Presson** performed his version of Professor's Nitemare teaching that all sins are equal. Next, **Christy Henson** performed Choice is Yours telling the Bible story of the Rich Young Ruler and then continued in Don's place as M.C. The Resurrection of Christ story followed with **James Kinsey's** Disappearing Card Case. Following James' performance, **Tyler Vodehnal** continued with a shuffled deck of cards and told stories about God's Creation using each card from the deck. **Gerry Bailey** then performed a great version of Cut and Restored Rope. With numerous knots in the rope appearing and disappearing, Gerry told of Christ's reappearing after His resurrection. **Dane Dover** demonstrated the Bottle Trick with his upside down filled coke bottle. Ending the evening of magic was **Jim Henson**. He performed the Multiplying Bunnies except using loaves and fishes which multiplied in the hand of a spectator. He then produced silks from a foot tall wooden church. Continuing his performance he shared Cross Reference and Square to Cross. Telling the story of Noah and the Ark, he demonstrated the Gospel Gag Bag. Concluding

the magic meeting, Jim showed the Gospel Coloring Book and the Samson Pad. We had a great time filled with wonderful Gospel Magic. **Christy Henson**



**Otis Dougan**

♠ **Blast From the Past: The date of the following Little Rock ring report for the Linking Ring is July 1947 (59 years ago this month)**

**NECROMANCERS RING NO. 29 – Little Rock, Ark.**

Meets first Thursday of each month at Albert Pike Hotel, 7:30 p.m. **CHAS C. PRICE**, President. 805 Johnson St. **J. LEE McNATT**, Secretary 916 McGowan

Necromancers at Albert Pike Hotel June 5, held the most unusual meeting to date. Annual picnic will be held July 10 for members, their families and friends. Visiting magicians will be welcome. Otis Dougan moved that we offer our services for a benefit show to be held in Pine Bluff, Ark., for homeless storm refugees. We are submitting this to the mayor of that city, where thousands are homeless because of a tornado. We also agreed to do a show this fall for

veterans at Army-Navy-Hospital in Hot Spring, Ark.

U.F. Grant's motion picture is set for August 27 at a special meeting for this occasion. Otis Dougan started the fun before the business meeting. He greeted each member with the hand-shaker-buzzer, then distributed exploding matches at strategic places and President Price was the first victim right in the most serious part of the business session.

After-meeting show was highlighted by Charlie Price acting the part of the embarrassed president, Andrew Dennis "just checking up" and Otis Dougan doing a pitchman's act.

Some member went to Pine Bluff May 12 to see the Virgil show and all agree he is first rate. We only wish that more professionals would come this way. - J. Lee McNatt

## Magic Matters



**Gerry and Judy  
Bailey As Doc n Sassy**

### ♣ *Monthly Bio:*

This is one of a trio of characters Managed by Keeley-Bailey Associates. The others are HIRE'M and FIRE'M the Magic Clowns and the Mr. and Mrs. Santa Clowns

Gerry started in magic as a Barber in Fort Wayne, IN. In 1962 while as a barber he met Boyd a magician and a member of the local ring. He was also selling Tupper Ware and looking for a way to sell the product different. His customer Boyd helped assemble a magic show featuring the Magician "Mr. Tupper", using a large square circle as the focus of the show for producing the Tupperware. It was so popular that "Mr. Tupper" put on shows for other dealers for a commission of what was sold.

Following the demise of the Tupperware magic he went on to use the same equipment with a change in the paint job to do magic shows during the holidays. Finding this very rewarding, continued to do magic as an entertainment for many parties and company functions.

In 1980 he changed jobs that required a lot of time and caused the magic to become placed on the shelf for a while. Gerry is from Indiana and moved to Arkansas to escape the snow!! Though considered the high school clown, only seriously pursued being a clown after arriving in Little Rock in 2000. Gerry has been performing magic shows since 1963 and returned to magic seriously in 2000. He has performed at the Soup Sunday at Cajun's Wharf, and has performed Santa Clown at Grace Bible Church during the Christmas program. As a professional Auctioneer, Gerry has performed at charity auctions. Gerry is also a member of Laffmaster of Arkansas, Clown Alley and International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring 29, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Judy is an Arkansan, growing up in Hope, Arkansas. She attended Hendrix College and UCA in Conway. Judy was a theatre and drama major. She has performed with the Community Theatre of Little Rock, UALR Drama Department and Natchez, Mississippi Players during the Pilgrimage for 5 years. She performed in the play "Southern Exposure" playing the "maid" of a gentile southern family. She has had an interest in clowning since

childhood but only seriously pursued becoming a clown/magician in 2002. Judy is a member of Laffmaster of Arkansas, Clown Alley and International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring 29, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Gerry and Judy met on the internet finding out they lived about 6 blocks apart. The attraction was the clowns, but migrated to magic after finding that there was more interest in magic, then clowns became number 2. They were married on June 25, 2004. They have visited hospitals as Hire'M the Magic Clown, does Grand Openings of commercial businesses, and Gerry and Judy both opened for several county music stars at a Memorial Day function at Jasper, Arkansas at the Owl Lyon Ranch. . For the Christmas Concert V 2003 with Music Director Lin Chang at Woolly Auditorium, The Arkansas School for the blind where they will perform as the opening act along with UALR Community School String Program, Arkansas Festival Ballet and Academy, Little Rock Christian Academy Warrior Band, friends and special guests. As a couple they have also performed for the Underwriters for Health Insurance of Arkansas. - By Gerry B.

♥ **IBM Convention in Miami:** Several Arkansans were in Miami, June 27- July 1, for the annual International Brotherhood of Magicians Convention. **Larry Bean, Jim Henson, and Christy Henson** are three who attended this great convention. Look for a report about the convention in next month's newsletter.

♠ **Theron and Gloria Nunley** are in Colorado again this summer and will be back to Arkansas at the end of July. Theron is scheduled to do a show at the Gunnison Library while there.

◆ **Kelly Presson** recently spent eleven days in Bosnia/Herzegovina on a mission trip. The mission was to teach teams from B.H., Croatia, and Serbia a program for children called "Kids Quest". The area is still war-torn and most families are very poor. Kelly spent his days teaching gospel illusions and clowning, both of which were a huge part of the program. He says the performances went very well and they definitely have some interested beginning magicians on the teams. The four clowns that he helped to train did very well and took to performing like a fish to water.

♣ **Lance Howell** performed in June at his company's picnic and everyone seemed to have a good time and enjoyed the show. He performed for about 20 minutes. This was the first time that he performed for this group and there were about 200-250 people. The day after the performance everyone told him that he did a great job. Their comments were "I didn't know you were so funny." He had several people that said his showmanship and quick wit at comebacks and adlibs were the best. Lance stated, "This just goes to show that magic is more about the showmanship than the tricks. It is about entertaining folks instead of fooling them." He is already scheduled to perform at two birthday parties in July.

♥ **Don Baer** is staying busy performing this summer. In June he performed at the

Athletic club, and he also did balloons at the Grand Opening of the Main Street Library in North Little Rock.



**Dane at the gospel meeting.**

♠ **Derrick Rose** performed magic and hosted the main stage at the 50th Annual Pink Tomato Festival on the 2nd weekend of June. According to Derrick, "Not only did I see Don Bear making the coolest balloon animals but also every politician running for office in Arkansas. I exited the festival Saturday afternoon and then promptly left for Las Vegas the next morning. I had a great time and was able to make a few magic shows while I was there.

On my first night I saw the Amazing Jonathan and it was just as I had been told it would be. He has a very funny, sick, twisted, expletive laden show. Don't take the kids and expect to be offended in one-way or the other and you will have a good time.

The next day I went to see the Mac King show. It was my favorite. He puts on a show that can be performed in front of any crowd. In fact, I'd love to take my Mom. While there are naughty bits thrown in here and there, it is only because your imagination takes you over the line, which he then innocently brings you right back. I thought he was brilliant and would recommend it as the "don't miss show" in Vegas to any visiting magicians.

Late that night I went to see "Hypnosis Gone Wild". What can I say but that it was definitely hypnosis gone wrong err...wild. It was eight or so people on stage that imagine their favorite body parts have disappeared, grown to enormous proportions and more of the same.

Anyway, I've returned from Las Vegas with a renewed desire to improve my show and write more original material.

On Monday, June 26, 2006, I'll be performing at the Maumelle Country Club at the 2006 Make A Wish Celebrity Golf Classic. Appearing at the event will be celebrities like Angelica Bridges who just finished a guest-starring role on Veronica Mars; Donnie Most, Ralph Malph on Happy Days; Elke Sommer and a whole bunch of others.

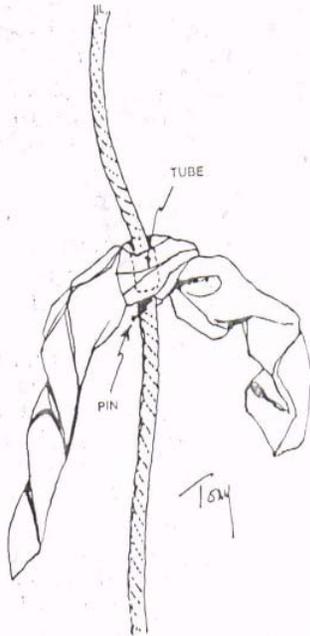
On July 4th, my wife Julie and I will be performing our music and magic act at the 2006 Maumelle 4th Fest. If you

enjoyed our Christmas performance of Old McDonald then come on out to Maumelle and see it again.

Also in July I'll be performing for Emmanuel Baptist Church and The Farm Bureau."

◆ **Pam Medrez** aka Mommy Magic aka Patriotic Pamy has performed for the Arkansas Baptist Convention and a few school carnivals. This month she will be performing for North Point Toyota and Carver YMCA Daycamps. She has been filling in with birthday parties as well. Dilliard's has booked her again for a couple of kid's shows which are repeats. In August she has scheduled a few shows as Patriotic Pamy, so she and Annie will be doing what they love to do most -Showing their patriotism by performing for military family activities.

## Trick Time



## SCARF APPEARANCE ON ROPE

Ron London

Effect: A rope is held vertically in front of the performer. Suddenly, a silk scarf appears knotted around its center!

Set-Up: Get a piece of rope around three feet long. Push a straight pin at right angles through its center.

Knit a scarf around a piece of 1/2" tubing (plastic cold water piping is ideal). You want the tube to slide freely on the rope, yet be small enough to be concealed by the knotted scarf.

Slip the tube over one end of the rope. Roll the silk around the tube and put something on it to keep it in place until you pick it up.

Presentation: Pick up the rope by the end, keeping the scarf concealed. Hold the rope vertically and give it a snap, releasing the scarf and tube. The tube will slide down to the center of the rope where it will be stopped by the pin and the silk will instantly appear on the center of the rope.

Comment: It is easy enough to pull the pin from the rope and hide the small piece of tubing in the hand as you unknot the silk. Slide the tube off the rope while running the rope through your hand. The pin can simply be dropped on the floor, while the tube could be dropped into your breast coat pocket under the cover of draping the silk over your shoulder as you use the rope for a knot effect, etc. While I haven't tried this, I can see no reason why this shouldn't be very effective.

-PRW

## President's Corner

Hello Fellow Magicians! Thank you for the opportunity to allow me to serve as president of Ring 29 for the 2006-2007 year. I have many plans for this year and am looking forward to sharing them with you. First, I want to thank Don Baer for his service as president for the past two

years. He will remain on the board as past president. One of the most immediate changes is the Ring 29 monthly newsletter as you can already see. Communication is one of the most important aspects in keeping Ring 29 alive and growing. My goal is for each magic meeting to be filled with magic and entertainment and to involve all members of the ring, but I will need your help. I look forward to seeing you at the July 6 meeting. Suggestions and comments are always welcome. [Cih0914@aol.com](mailto:Cih0914@aol.com) Christy Henson

## Ring Ramblings

♠ **TAOM:** Texas Association of Magicians Convention will be September 1 - 4 in Dallas. Rene Levand will be one of many performers presenting at TAOM. A group of Ring 29 magicians are already making plans to attend. If you are interested in attending and would like to caravan please call Jim at Mr. Magic 501-455-6242. He can also give you more information about the convention.



♥ There are books on DVD now available at Mr. Magic for loan to Ring 29 members. See Jim at the magic shop. Books on DVD are listed below. Books on DVD have been provided by **John Wofford**.

*The Jinx*

*The Phoenix*

*Bill Malone on the Loose* Vol. 1, 2, 4

*Encyclopedia of Coin Sleight* by Rubenstein Vol. 1

*Tommy Wonder Visions of Wonder* Vol. 1

*McBride Magic on Stage* Vol. 1 -2

*Jeff Sheridan Genius at Work* Vol.1-2

*Royal Road to Card Magic* Vol. 1-4

*Max Maven Video Mind* Vol. 1

*Eugene Burger Magical Voyages* Vol. 1-3

*Jamy Ian Swiss Live in London*

*Ninja Rings*

*Learn to Levitate*

#### ♦ **July Birthdays:**

\* July 21 **Theron Nunley, Jr.**

\* July 24 **Lance Howell**

\* July 26 **Dr. Chris Westfall**

\* July 27 **James Kinsey**

#### ♥ **Conventions:**

July 10<sup>th</sup>: Fellowship of **Christian Magicians Int'l Convention.**

[www.fcm.org](http://www.fcm.org)

August 3<sup>rd</sup>: **SEAM**

August 17<sup>th</sup>: **The Midwest Magic Jubilee**

[www.mmjubilee.com](http://www.mmjubilee.com)

September 1<sup>st</sup>: **TAOM**

#### ♣ **Calendar:**

July 6<sup>th</sup> – **History of Magic**

July 20<sup>th</sup> – **Docc Hilford**

**Lecture**

July 28<sup>th</sup> – **Installation**

**Banquet**

August 3<sup>rd</sup> – **Kid Magic**

September 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> - **TAOM**

September 7<sup>th</sup> – **Back to**

**School Teaching Session**

September ? – **Picnic**

#### ♠ **Ring 29 Magic Meeting Themes for 2006- 2007:**

**July** - History of Magic Meeting, Docc Hilford Lecture and Workshop, Installation Banquet

**August-** Kids Magic

**September-** Back to School Teaching Session

**October-** Halloween Magic

**November-** Great Turkey Flop- Tribute to Ballantine

**December-** Holiday Magic

**January-** Christmas Party

**February-** Annual Auction

**March-** Ring 29 Close-Up Competition

**April-** Mentalism

**May-** Silk and Cabaret Magic

**June-** Ring 29 Platform and Stage Competition



**Mary Ann Campbell**

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**How many Ring members do  
you recognize?**