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International Brotherhood of Magicians, Logan Pritchett Ring 29
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August 2006

“Kids Magic” Meeting on August 3rd at Baptist



Ring 29 History of Magic Meeting July 6, 2006

Dues are now past due. As of August 1, dues are \$20 and can be paid to James Kinsey: 8901 Merryman Road, Sherwood, AR 72120.

August Meeting

Make plans to attend the August 3rd Ring 29 monthly meeting at Baptist Hospital in the Shuffield Auditorium beginning at 6:45 pm. The theme is “Kids Magic”. Some Ring 29 children’s performers will be sharing their experiences of working with

kids as well as sharing some great magical effects. If you have some kid magic you use in your performances, bring it and perform for us.

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♥ *Ring Report:*

"History is the witness that testifies to the passing of time; it illuminates reality, vitalizes memory, provides guidance in daily life, and brings us tidings of antiquity." – Cicero.

Ring 29's July meeting was a unique and wonderful experience for both our young and old members. The meeting followed the theme history of magic and was attended by approximately 36 members, including some of the charter members of our Ring! Historian **Mike Curtis** served as our guide throughout the evening on our walk down memory lane.

Members were given the opportunity to start the evening by perusing a plethora of Ring 29 memorabilia generously supplied by Mike Curtis, **Christy Henson**, **Jim Henson**, and **Mary Ann Campbell**. Memorabilia included newspaper clippings of the Ring's namesake Logan Pritchett, Linking Ring magazines featuring Ring members, a multitude of past photos and even tricks that past member's used to perform.

The second excursion on our trip down memory lane included a wonderfully made video by Mike Curtis showing clips of past performances by Logan Pritchett, Jon McCullough Smith, Mary Ann

Campbell, Dr. Johnson, Andy Stephens, Chief Langston, Fred Hartman, Tom Leggett and Master of the Wand Jon Bucher, all early members of Ring 29. Seriously why Mike is not a Hollywood producer we may never know!

Throughout the evening some of the favorite tricks of our long time members were performed. Mike Curtis performed the Eureka Vanishing Silver Dollar routine. Mary Ann Campbell did a startling rendition of Don Allen's Big Deal that left the audience scratching their heads in confusion. **Don Baer** then did a masterful comedy performance of the dreaded Finger Guillotine of death that left us all grateful that we met in a hospital. President Christy Henson then executed Mental Photography before showing us how to cut calories by vanishing salt in a silk handkerchief. Jim Henson demonstrated Terry Seabrook's Cigarette in Coat routine, with a fake cigarette of course, as well as a phenomenal rendition of Magical Filtration of Four Coins. **Tom Leggett** taught the audience a surprising topology trick that many cannot wait to try. **And Andy Stirman** finished the trick session with a beautifully done Egg and the Matt routine.

The evening ended on the perfect note with past international president and charter member of Ring 29 **Bill Pitts** sharing stories of his life with Ring 29 and how much magic has meant to him and

his wife **Ruth**. Everyone was very honored for Bill's presence. The meeting was brought to a close by members young and old reminiscing about their found memories of the Ring. Truly if those that don't learn from history are doomed to repeat it, here is hoping that we will never learn.

Lotta H. Story



Al Houpt

♠ *Blast From the Past:* Taken from Ring 29 Ring Report, April 1987

Those of you who attended the July Historical meeting will note this ring report as one that Mike shared in video.

NO. 29, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS - Logan Pritchett Ring

Meets 1st Thurs. each month, 7:30 p.m., CARTI (Central Arkansas Radiation Therapy Institute), Markham at University, Little Rock, AR. Call Logan, 663-5552, for information. DR. HENRY JOHNSON, President 500 S University, Little Rock. AR 72204 LOGAN PRITCHETT Secretary 1 White Oak St., Little Rock, AR 72207

Our belated Christmas party was held in January at the beautiful home of Mary Ann and Guy Campbell, who are wonderful and gracious hosts. LOGAN PRITCHETT once again served as master of ceremonies, with his inimitable style and wit.

DR. JOHN McCOLLOUGH SMITH vanished a silver dollar in his bare hands, "tore" a dollar bill into two dollar bills, performed an excellent "money count" with the assistance of delightful (and delighted) Polly Pritchett. Dr. Smith, whose talents are always entertaining, then presented Garcia's 10 count with two sponge balls, and he finished with the color changing silks. Logan delighted the audience with the Gozinta Boxes.

DR. HENRY JOHNSON borrowed a coat and pushed a lit cigarette through the coat while asking, "Is this a smoking jacket?" (This got a big laugh!) Naturally, the coat was returned unharmed to the owner. FRANK CAPLE presented a very smooth and professional routine which combined the needle thru balloon and the sword thru neck. His ability to take two well-known effects and turn them into a theatrical presentation with much humor and drama was quite evident in this routine.

Logan, with the assistance of lovely Dee Dee Curtis, presented a mind reading effect with cards and a large poster with eyes. After selecting a card, I was asked to sit on the card and keep my eye

on it. Of course, the volunteer mind reader's talents were augmented somewhat by Logan. MIKE CURTIS demonstrated an intriguing telekinesis effect by commanding a spinning plastic object to suddenly reverse its spin — amazing. He then concluded with the interlocking rubber bands.

The high point of the evening came during Al Houpt's hilarious version of the Professor's Nightmare, which had a great patter line about his performing this for the "Queen of England." He had us all in stitches. Great job, Al. MARY ANN CAMPBELL, with her typical grace and stage presence, mended a cut string with a magic kiss from an eager volunteer from the audience. After Logan presented a brief example of thought control by having a volunteer choose a red backed card from a deck of blue backed cards, DR. HAROLD LANGSTON concluded by introducing us to his hyperactive pet rat.

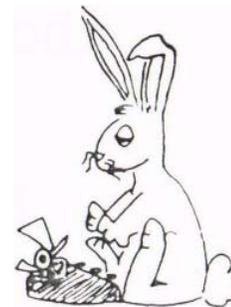
After the magic, we all sat back and watched Mike Curtis' videotape of the show and laughed even louder the second time.

♠ *Blast From the Past – Deja Veux?*

"I once had Deja Veux about having Deja Veux, I thought that I had thought something had happened before." – **Jon Bucher**

Below is the former well known column in the Linking Ring called "Elwood Rabbit

Rites". This article was published April 1987, p. 59



Elwood" Rabbit Rites

*Carefully edited by
Van Cleve*

Sometimes it seems like all Dead Ma-jicians are Great ... and all the Great Ma-jicians are Dead. Some days I dont feel so well myself.

No matter what you think, PALM SUNDAY is not a One-dav Week-end Majic Convention.

I thought I'd be real friendly and wave at the Auctioneer. My mistake. After the auction, I found out I had bought two GLORPIES, one ZOMBIE, three chairs, and an ELECTRIC DECK. The last was the most shocking!

Those who dont like dull, boring CARD TRICKS are wrong. I dont like WATCHING dull boring Card Tricks!

Majician GENE ANDERSON looks a lot like Majician HARRY ANDERSON except one of them is a lot shorter. The other isnt!

I know me a majician who does ASBESTOS MAJIC! He does it Asbestos as he can!

Bird Manipulators use DOVE soap ... and well they should said Tom Interval. RIDLE

ANSER: Ruffing fluid.

RIDLE: What does a barking dog drink?

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Elwood

Magic Matters

♣ *Monthly Bio:*



Christy Henson, President of Ring 29, has been around magic for as long as she can remember. She remembers seeing a thumb lying around the house and never understood its purpose until she began performing magic. Some of the earliest tricks she remembers seeing are the vanishing dollar, multiplying rabbits, and \$1.35. The very first trick she performed was Spiked Coin. Without reading the instructions, she put a spike through the coin and was shocked when it really went through. She thought she had performed a true magic trick. Her strong interest in magic began at the age of eleven when her family opened the magic shop, Mr. Magic, in Benton, Arkansas. She began running the magic store by herself at the age of eleven and continues to work there today. The first performance she gave was at her parents' house when she was twelve. Her sister, Summer, and her performed

for their family. They both wore top hats and used wands and truly looked the magic part.

Throughout school and college Christy used magic as she studied to become a teacher. She will begin her fourth year teaching this fall; her third year at Pulaski Academy teaching 6th World History and English and 7th grade English. She also has traveled throughout many countries as a missionary. She served one year in the Czech Republic and used magic as an object lesson. She has performed in many places in Europe as well as Cambodia, Costa Rica, and Micronesia. She has also served three years on the International Brotherhood of Magicians Convention Committee and is taking on more responsibility with the I.B.M.

Christy has been privileged to have spent time with many well known magicians. She has assisted Walter Zaney Blaney, John Calvert, David Copperfield, Billy McComb, Rich Bloch, Gene Anderson, and many others. She met Harry Blackstone Jr. shortly before he died. Over the last few years, she has also had the opportunity to visit with Marshall Brodien, Gary Oulette, Jay Marshall, Lee Grabel and others.

In January, Christy was named Ring 29 Magician of the Year for 2005. She says she has been so blessed to have grown up around so many great magicians right here in central Arkansas. She is looking

forward to serving Ring 29 as president and in helping to strengthen the magic community.

♥ *IBM Convention in Miami:* International Brotherhood of Magicians Convention in Miami, Florida

On June 26, Dad (**Jim**) and I flew to Miami, Florida for the International Brotherhood of Magicians Convention. Jim served his second year as part of the convention staff and I served my third year as part of the convention committee. Basically that means we worked like crazy the entire time.... But we enjoyed it. Also from Arkansas was Territorial Vice President Larry Bean from Ring 75 and his wife, Anne, as well as a junior magician Paul McGrath and his parents. Each year, some I.B.M. members perform for a hospital in the convention city. Dad along with Ron London and several others performed at Miami Children's Hospital. Dad even got his picture in the daily convention newspaper the *Daily Prophet*. There were four evening shows each of which were all wonderful. There was a large variety of performers. The Master of Ceremonies for the evening shows were Bev Bergeron, Aldo Colombini, Rich Bloch, and John Ekin with Michael Close on the piano every night. During the day was the Gold Cup Close-up Competition and the Gold Medal Stage Competition. There were nearly thirty contestants in Stage and over

thirty in Close-up. The Friday evening show was the Stage competition. Neither the coveted Gold Medal nor the Gold Cups were awarded for outstanding performances. Yours truly was on stage Friday night for the presentation of awards. If you are interested, ask me about Michael Close's imitation of me at the Saturday evening show. Dad assisted on stage in the Saturday evening show when he was chosen from the audience to participate in a hilarious magic act of alliteration in the letter of "P". During the day also were the lectures; Fantasio, Charlie Frye and Sherry, Joshua Jay, Chuck Hickok, Jack Kodell were just some of the dozen lecturers throughout the week. There were also close-up shows each day with Joshua Jay, Ivan Amodei (winner of 2005 IBM and SAM Close-up competitions), Jim "Jimmy Cards" Molinari, John Ekin, and Terry Ward. I saw the 2 hour close-up show with these performers three different times, and I still could have watched it again. The Saturday morning Order of Merlin Banquet speaker was Cesario, founder of Le Grade, from Massachusetts. The evening Grand Banquet speaker was Simon Lovell who as usual did a great job with the entertainment in his version of Card in Mouth. Michael Ammar and his wife even flew in for the banquet and evening show to celebrate his 50th birthday. The convention really was a great week of magic and was stated

by many of the old timers in magic that this was one of the best conventions they have ever attended. Allow me to encourage you to consider a trip to Reno next July 4th weekend for the 79th annual convention for the I..B.M.

***Christy Henson**



♠ **Michael Wilkinson** has just finished shooting a DVD titled *Illusions and Mentalism*. The video is being produced by Suspect Studios and was released July 31st. The DVD is a performance only presentation. There are no explanations on the DVD as to how the effects are done. It contains both street magic and restaurant magic performances. It was filmed in various locations around the Little Rock area including the River Market district, Hooters restaurant, and Lone Star Steakhouse. There will be a premiere party for the DVD on Saturday, August 19, at 7:00 p.m. at the Easy Street Cabaret at 7th and Center in Little Rock. The DVD will be projected on the theater's 10 foot screen. All IBM members and their guests are invited. There will be no admission charge to the party. Michael wants to fill the theater, so come early and bring all your friends that are interested in magic. There is more information about the DVD,

along with photos, at www.wilkinsonmagic.com

◆ Past International Brotherhood of Magicians President, **Bob Escher**, recently had major hip surgery but is doing great. Bob is a good friend of Ring 29 and visits us a couple of times a year from Louisville, Kentucky. Bob is doing so well that he is considering training as an Irish Folk dancer. However, we of Ring 29 would like for Bob to reconsider this decision and continue to be a great magician, grandfather, and friend. Get well soon Bob!

♣ **Derrick Rose** is staying busy performing at birthday parties as well as several other venues. He performed July 12 at Immanuel Baptist Church's summer school classes. He also performed Saturday, July 29, with his wife Julie at the Farm Bureau's state convention. Look for him Saturday, August 9, performing walk around magic at Dillard's in North Little Rock from 1 P.M. to 4 P.M.

♥ **Melvin Brown** performed at Clinton, Missouri on July 1st and at Mayfield, Kentucky on the 4th. He was in Spearfish, South Dakota on the 15th, Yarmouth, Maine on the 19th, Farmerville, Louisiana on the 29th, and he will be in Wilsonville, Oregon on August 6th.

♠ James Kinsey has set up a photo album for Ring 29. You can view pictures from Ring

29 events at the website:
www.littlerockmagic.org/copper

♣ **Maxwell Blade** is performing at his theater in Hot Springs. He is open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Tickets are \$14.00 per person. He has added some new illusions to his show so if you have never been or have not been in awhile, be sure to go see Maxwell this summer. Call for reservations and remember to tell them you are a member of Ring 29.

♦ Ring 29 member **Lance Howell** performed in mid July for a birthday party and has more shows lined up in the coming months.



Mr. Magic at Work

Trick Time

Taken from February 1976 issue of Linking Ring p. 77

GAMBLER CLOCK

Clock routines have been standard card men's fare for years, and gambling effects

remain audience pleasers. A combination of these two ideas result in a splendid patterful effect. The basic idea is by Pat Martin; the embellishments are my own.

Effect: The four Aces, or any chosen four-of-a-kind, appear at the twelve, three, six and nine o'clock positions on a clock dial of cards.

Preparation: The four Aces are on top, OR ask the spectator his favorite four of a kind and place them on top. Have the four Aces on top anyway. Often the spectator will say Aces and you are all set. If he states any other set, cull them out, casually drop them on top the deck while patterning: "The . . . are a good choice. They happen to be my favorites too." Then do a few false shuffles and cuts before beginning the effect.

Method: The magician gives the deck several false shuffles and cuts to retain the top four cards. ("I once ran up against a Mississippi gambler. I knew he was a gambler because he already had twenty five of my dollars.") The magician deals out four cards in a diamond shape, the twelve, three, six and nine o'clock positions of a clock dial ("This gambler played round the clock, from twelve to three to six to nine and back again, twenty four hours a day. To represent that let's deal out those twenty-four hours.") Quickly deal four piles of six cards each, and drop one on each of the four cards in the diamond.

Gather up the four piles by stacking them in any order.

("Let's go back to that clock dial. He worked, as I said, from twelve, to three, to six to nine . . .") Deal out four cards in diamond position again. ("Every hour, every minute, every second of the day . . .") As you say "hour," deal a card into the center of the diamond,

another for "minute," and a third for "second." Continue to deal out the rest of the cards in the packet in this fashion: twelve, three, six, nine, hour, minute, second, and so on until all the cards are exhausted. ("As I said, all day long.")

Square up the center pile. ("Let's deal out a full clock dial.") Deal out the twelve cards from the center pile, beginning with the twelve position on the dial, then one o'clock and so on through eleven o'clock.

Pick up all of the cards except for the twelve, three, six and nine piles. Drop them onto the remainder of the deck. ("And do you know why that gambler was able to win my money? Because he always kept control, you guess it, of those . . ." Turn over the top card on each of the four packets of the dial. ("Four Aces."))

President's Corner

I was pleased to see a great turnout at July's History of Magic meeting. It was great to see some faces we have not seen in awhile and to see some magic of our past members. A big thanks goes to Ring 29 Historian, Mike Curtis, for spending so much time preparing the video, magic, pictures, and documents for this meeting. We will have to hold a second History of Magic meeting before too long because there just was not enough time to see it all. Ring 29 is rich in magic history. I hope you are enjoying the newsletter with the "Blast from

the Past” ring report each month.

While in Miami at the I.B.M. convention, I talked with quite a few people from around the world about their local rings. We here in Little Rock have one of the largest Rings of active members. I have been told by some of our older members about a time when a Ring 29 magic meeting consisted of two magicians sitting at a restaurant talking magic. The times have changed, and we are continuing to grow. New faces are showing up at each meeting looking to be a part of this great community of magic. The board has come up with an exciting plan of magic themes and other magical events for the next year. We are looking forward to a magical year filled with, of course, magic and fellowship. Suggestions are always welcome. Christy Henson cih0914@aol.com

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 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 list includes:

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

♦ **August Birthdays:**

August 17 **John West**

♥ **Conventions:**

August 3rd: **SEAM**

August 17th: **The Midwest Magic Jubilee**

www.mmjubilee.com

September 1st: **TAOM**

♣ **Calendar:**

August 3rd – **Kid Magic**

August 3 – **Southeast Association of Magicians Convention in Birmingham, AL**

August 17 – **Midwest Magic Jubilee**

September 1st – 4th - **TAOM**

September 7th – **Back to School Teaching Session**

September TBA – **Annual**

Ring 29 Picnic

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

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

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