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International Brotherhood of Magicians, Logan Pritchett Ring 29
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November 2006

“The Greatest Turkey Flop” Meeting on November 2nd at UAMS

Happy Veterans Day!
Happy Thanksgiving!

Calendar:

November 2 - Ring 29 Meeting
“Greatest Turkey Flop” @ UAMS
6:45pm
November 3–4 – Easy Street
Cabaret Magic Show in Little Rock
November 5 – Junior Magic
Meeting @ Mr. Magic 2pm
November 17 – Ring 308
Holiday of Lights Show in Searcy
November 19 – Tri-Ring
Meeting @ Russellville 2pm
December 7 – Ring 29 meeting
“Holiday Magic” @ Mr. Magic
6:45pm
January – Christmas Party TBA

November Meeting

Make plans to attend the November 2nd meeting. The theme is the “Greatest Turkey Flop” so this is a great meeting to bring a trick and mess it up. Sucker tricks are also welcome. It will be a fun evening of magic! Meeting will be held at 6:45pm in the Reynolds Center at UAMS. We have not met in this building before but it is easier to get to and parking is in the lot directly beside the entrance to the building. Directions are below. Feel free to meet at the magic shop by 6 pm and follow Jim.



Dan 'The Mad Scientist' Hecke

Directions to Nov. 2 meeting: Go toward UAMS on 630. If east bound on 630, Take Cedar – Pine Street exit (exit 3b). Make a left on Pine. Go over the interstate and through the first stop light. Take the left at the next traffic light onto 7th street. Go two blocks to Jack Stephens Drive (previously called Elm Street). Take a right on Stephens drive and then another immediate right into the parking lot. That is the Reynolds Center parking lot across from the VA hospital. Walk through entrance to Reynolds building to the Jo Ellen Ford Auditorium, G/204. If you would like a map, come by the magic shop.

Got Magic News? Email Gerry Bailey: clown1941@hotmail.com
Newsletter Ed. Tyler Vodehnal

♥ **Ring Report:**

Little Rock, Arkansas’ ring meeting for October was none other than a Halloween theme. Twenty-four magicians were present including two guests; **Ezekiel Jump** from Springfield, Illinois and **Bernard Mitchell**, a local who is getting interested in magic.

Yours truly served as mistress of ceremonies. Ring member **Dan Hecke** began the evening with a great Halloween act. Dressed as a mad scientist, he performed the Zombie routine beautifully with a skull. His performance certainly set the mood. **Dane Dover** performed a coin prediction trick with the assistance of several volunteers; **Jim Henson, Michael Wilkinson, and Mike Curtis**. Of course the prediction was correct and Dane received the well deserved applause.

Jon Bucher continued the Halloween theme with Rub a Dub Dub story, a pirate’s costume, and a cups and balls routine with skulls and glasses. This is one trick you just had to be there to truly appreciate. **Scott Hill** continued the evening of magic with balloon swallowing. This was the first time some present had ever seen a balloon swallow performed. **Don Baer** performed the Christmas

Present, a creative routine changing coal into diamonds. Springfield guest **Ezekiel Jump** performed a multiplying money routine.

Derrick Rose followed with the spooky Changing Portrait trick and then followed that with an even more spooky trick, the Web. **Gerry** and **Judy Bailey** modified a routine they performed earlier this year using an Appearing Candle and produced Fire From Palms. Gerry passed fire from his hands to his wife Judy. **Jim Henson** ended the evening performing his own routine with Glorpy and the Haunted Feather. He also performed Spirit Slates and the Haunted Pack. Jim ended the evening of magic with the production of Halloween candy from a Drawer Box. If you are traveling through, be sure to give us a call. There's always something magical going on in Little Rock.

Christy Henson

Bob Owen

ROBERT DIXON OWEN, 76, of Little Rock, Ark., died in Hospice Home Care Center following complications from cancer and COPD. He was born August 27, 1930, at Stillwell, Okla., and grew up as a preacher's kid in Beebe, where he graduated from high school and Beebe Junior College, now ASU-Beebe. He was a member of the Arkansas National Guard, and was an employee of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company in Little Rock for 40 years. He served as a deacon at Grace Presbyterian Church, where he was a charter member. In retirement he was an active magician in Logan Pritchett Ring 29.

Survivors include Janie, his wife of 56 years; his daughter, Lisa Turner; and grandchildren, Leigh and Lane Turner of Tulsa, Okla.; his sister, Doris Owen Ward of Haines, Alaska; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, September 25, 2006, at Antioch Cemetery, directed by Rev. Charles McDonald, followed by a memorial service at Grace Presbyterian Church, 9301 Rodney Parham Road, Little Rock, Ark. 72227 at 1 p.m. Monday. Memorials may be made to Grace Presbyterian Church. www.westbrookfuneralhome.com.

▲ From **Janie Owen**: Thank you for your kindness and sympathy during this difficult time. Thank you also for the potted plant and your support during Bob's illness.

Tri-Ring Meeting

Come support Arkansas magicians! This will be the first time in many years that Arkansas' rings' 29 in Little Rock, 75 in Fort Smith, and 308 in Searcy will be gathering for a Tri-Ring meeting. At our last one years' ago, there was a great representation of the magicians from the state of Arkansas. So it is about time for another one! This great gathering will be held on Sunday at 2pm on November 19, in Russellville, Arkansas at Ryan's Steakhouse. Yes, there will be lots of magic. So, yes, bring something to perform! There will also be a silent magic auction so dust off your old magic boxes and bring some magic to auction. If you would like to caravan to Russellville, please call Jim at the magic shop by Thursday, November 16th. 501-455-6242 Check out the flyer in this newsletter. There is a map included. Questions? Contact Christy cih0914@aol.com

Junior Magic

Thanks to **Dennis Schick** and **Lance Howell** for coming to the September Junior Magic Meeting. Jim Henson talked about magic and taught the ten juniors in attendance basic shuffling, Three Card Monte, and Two Card Monte with the assistance of Christy Henson. The next **Junior Magic Meeting will be Sunday at 2pm on November 5 at Mr. Magic**. Make plans to come out and support these new magicians. See pictures in this newsletter.

Lectures



Diamond Jim Tyler

If you missed the two lectures held in October then you missed two great evenings of magic. Diamond Jim Tyler lectured on the 6th. He performed Fire Ball, Animated Card Box, a Ring and String Routine, New Age Spellbound as well as many others. Aaron Fisher lectured on October 16th. His lecture was an interactive lecture in which everyone practiced and learned some card magic by the end of the evening. He showed a twist to Disappearing Card Case, taught the Bluff Pass, explained Bicycle Thief, and taught a Color Change. Both lectures were enjoyable and all attendees left with some new knowledge and insight to magic.



Aaron Fisher



Jon 'One-Eye' Bucher

♠ ***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-
Necrommancers
Meets 1st Thursday each month at Grace Lutheran Church Hillcrest at Kavanaugh Blvd.
Dr. W. Meyers Smith, M.D. President
3320 Lakeview Road, No. Little Rock, Arkansas 72116
Col. EM Seymour Secretary
P.O. Box 4016 Asher Station, Little Rock, AR 72204.**

Our July Meeting was with mixed emotions. Our retiring President Dr. Myers Smith passed away in June. Vice President John McCoulagh Smith presided during the election of new officers.

Gene Walther was elected new President and took over the meeting, full of vinegar and magic and may be the shot in the arm that our club needs.

Col. Seymour was re-elected Secretary, mainly because no one wanted the job.

Rev. R.E. Bird was elected Vice President in charge of Vice. L.D. Boyer was reflected Treasurer the

umpteenth time, a job he seems to fill with ease.

Our meeting was cut short so we could have the Arnold Furstlecture, whose tours throughout the world and especially Japan were refreshing and different. He gave the Japan version of the trick then performed it with USA patter and then explained how to do it. Most attending, 16 magicians and would be magicians, stayed for his lecture. Everyone learned new moves and tricks.

Before we adjourned, Logan Pritchett reported that the Swami Convention held in Little Rock this June was a success and brought quite a few stars and dignitaries, who thought it was a good convention also. Col. Seymour

♠ ***Blast From the Past – Have we seen this before?***



Elwood" Rabit Rites

*Carefully edited by
Van Cleve*

I'd like to give you the Inside Dope on majic . . . but our "dope" inside Majic is on vacation.

Its tuff to be the youngest one in a Ma-jical Family. Nobody likes hand-me-down mouth coils!

Dont buy a cut-rate ARM CHOPPER from a majic dealer named 'Lefty' or a BULLET-CATCHING trick that comes with a lifetime guarantee!

Then there was the Wizard who ate only PENTA-GRAHAM crackers.

Some Majicians leave so much junk on the floor, the stage can be cleaned quicker with a Leaf Blower.

RIDLE

ANSER: Low Trickery.

RIDLE: What do you call a Majic Shop in a Basement?

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Elwood

Linking Ring June 1990

Magic Matters

♣ **Monthly Bio:**



James Kinsey

I would like to introduce you to one of the most colorful characters in our ring, our treasurer James Kinsey. He got his start at the age of 7 after watching magic on TV (My guess black and white). The local Drug Store put in a rack of magic tricks like, Mr. Magic has in his store. He purchased the Spike through the Coin and was hooked on the art of Magic, an art he has practiced for the last 36 years.

Using his favorite type of magic it has served him well in the profession of photography for 25 years. Close-up magic as an example helped while photographing school kids which were his primary job both in the school and on the sports fields. While photographing a group of kindergarten kids the teacher made the comment to a colleague that the chances of this photographer being able to take a group photo of these kids was slim. James' secret was he had promised to do magic for them if they would set still. Following the photographing

session he performed the streamer from the thumb tip and turned and smiled at the teacher and told her what a wonderful class she had. Magic has helped in many situations of this kind many, many times and still brings smiles to James' face in remembrances.

James has had many accomplishments as a 16 year member of Ring 29, having been Vice President once, President twice, Treasurer for 9 years, and has served as the Territorial Vice President for the last 9 years. Of the many awards James has received the Rabbit E Lee 3 times, Magician of the year in 1998 as last but not least Wizards Award from the IBM in 2003.

He loves close-up magic, and his favorite illusion is the Zombie Ball. He acknowledges that magicians from David Copperfield to Criss Angel and Lance Burton are his favorite Magicians. In his future he indicates that remaining in magic is very important to him, and being encouraged by his fellow members of Ring 29, which he is proud to be part of.

James has been married to Christy for 21 great and wonderful years, and they share their spare time with Kita, their Akita-Chow mix.

James, we count it a blessing to be part of your circle of friends, Ring 29.

Gerry Bailey, Secretary

♥ **January Christmas Party:** Following tradition, the Ring 29 Christmas Party will be held in January. Date, time, and location will be announced later.

♣ Ring 308 is having their 12th annual Holiday of Lights Magic Show on Friday, November 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Searcy High School Auditorium. Tickets are free with the show being sponsored by area businesses. The

show is titled a "Victorian Christmas". They are using the sets from the Searcy High School's "Hello Dolly" production and hope to have another show with both old and new tricks and illusions. Scheduled performers include **John Patterson, Jimmy Rhodes, Rocky Clements, Joe Mansfield, and Mike Jones. Ron Stevens** is co-directing and working the video. Let's get a group together to go and support Ring 308. Contact Jim at Mr. Magic if you would like to go. 501-455-6242



Scott Hill

♦ **Michael Wilkinson** stayed busy through the month of October. He was live on B98.5 FM for a full hour on the Jeff Matthews Morning Show on October 12. On Halloween morning he was on KARK Channel 4, and Halloween night he performed at the City of Sherwood Halloween Carnival.

♣ On October 22, Fate the Magician AKA **Andy Stirman** performed at a birthday party in Mayflower.

♥ **Mike Curtis'** report on Texas Association of Magicians Convention: I thought the TAOM convention was excellent. The talent roster was exceptional and most of the performances and lectures were outstanding. I particularly enjoyed David

Williamson's performance and lecture. It just doesn't get much more "off the wall" than that. John Carney and Banachek's presentations also had the "wow" factor for me, and I thought Levent's lecture and tribute to Roy Benson was great. Oh yeah, there was also the brilliant comedy of Mike Caveney, finger flinging by Eric DeCamps and Jon Armstrong and the amazing Rafael Benatar lecture. Bill Palmer's history of the cups and balls was very informative, and it was good to see Johnny Thompson's performance again. There was also an abundance of magic spilling over into the dealer's room and into the hotel lobby. Did I mention the grace of Rene Lavand's performance? There were several other highlights also that made the convention so memorable. The evening shows, the camaraderie, good fun, good food, good friends and new friends all made for a great time. I'm glad I went.

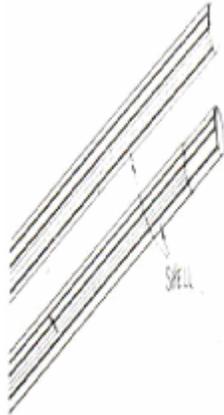
♣ **Margaret LeClair** competed in Ontario, CA at the end of September at the national Escape Artist Convention and won first place. Congratulations to Margaret! On October 28, she held a Murder Mystery at the Game Room in Little Rock

♣ In mid-October, **Derrick Rose** performed at the Big Cruise Fest in Little Rock.

♦ On November 3- 4 at the Easy Street Cabaret, several Ring 29 magicians will be performing including **Bill Fulton, Richard Knoll, and Joey Williams**



Trick Time



Repeating Straw Trick

Effect: Four plastic soda straws are counted out in front of the audience. One is removed and the straws are recounted. There are still four. This is repeated three more times.

Method: The visible straws are each a set of two straws. One straw is slit along its length to form a sleeve. The sleeve straw is placed over the regular straw, but about one-fourth to one-half inch of the regular straw should be allowed to extend from the end of the sleeve.

A full set consists of four sleeve straws and four unmodified straws. One of the sleeves is placed on each of the unmodifieds to give the appearance of only four straws. If there are markings on the straws, they should be matched up to the extent possible to continue the illusion of single, continuous straws.

Presentation: Any of the presentations for the "Six Card Repeat" and related items can be adapted for use with these straws. In my presentation, I start by picking up the straws with my left hand or pull them from a pocket so that the straws start with the protruding part of the ordinary straws up and the joints hidden between thumb and first fingers.

The count is from the left hand to the right with the right first finger and thumb grasping each straw at the joint and sliding it into a grip similar to that of the left hand. At the completion or the count, the straws are transferred *as* a group to the left hand, and gripped as at the beginning, for the

start of the next cycle. Do not even out the ends of the straws, for at the end of each count you will wind up with one or more straws that are not of equal length. You do not want to attract attention to the shorter straws.

The basic story should be simple and the whole effect done quickly. To play this up as a world-stopping mystery reduces its casual nature and impact.

"When [was a youngster, my uncle once showed me four straws just like these. He showed me one, two, three, four straws.

"He then took one away, just like this." Discard the straw into a holder, bin, paper sack or pocket, as long as the audience is convinced that you got rid of it. Using a pocket is the least effective as some people believe you somehow are sending the straw up (or down) your sleeve ... even if you are wearing short sleeves ... and that the same straw is being reproduced.

"He then counted the straws ... one, two, three, four.... I was amazed, but that was before television, and it didn't take much to amaze us then. He wouldn't tell me how it was done.

' I went to magic shops and wise men everywhere and asked if they had seen a trick with one, two, three, four straws where one could be taken away and you would still have one, two, three and four straws?

"Believe it or not, they said there was no trick in existence which allowed one to count one, two, three, four straws, take one away, and still have one, two, three, four straws.

' After many years of searching, I found an old monastery in Tibet and the Grand Llama said, 'Yes, one could show one, two, three, four straws, take one away, and have one, two, three, four straws left.'

"So, after seven years of prayer, fasting and absolute celibacy (for children's shows, say, "seven years of no TV"), I think I have finally mastered it.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, for the first time ever, here *m* downtown (insert name of town, village or hamlet), I will show you the trick where you have one, two, three, four straws, take one away, and are left with one, two, three, and huh?

One, two, three. One, two, three. Seven years of celibacy down the drain.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, it still has not been done in downtown (city)!"

March, 1991 The Linking Ring

President's Corner

Ring 29 has a lot going on right now magic related. With the Junior Magicians program up and running, our monthly ring meetings, and our Tri-ring meeting this month in Russellville, Ring 29 is staying busy. The board has asked ring members to fill out a survey asking how we can improve the Ring. One thing that most ring members asked was that we have more lecturers. During the month of October, Ring 29 invited two lecturers; however, at the two lectures, we had an average of 14 attendees. In the past on average we usually have 25. Ring 29 lost money on both lectures due to a lack of support by our ring members. So the board is asking the question "What can we do to get your support at lectures?" If there are certain people you would like to invite to Ring 29 to lecture, please let the board know. We have another lecture we are scheduling for January. All suggestions are welcome. We hope to see you at the November meeting. Ring 75 and Ring 308 are looking forward to meeting with each other and us so make plans to attend this special event.

Christy Henson: cih0914@aol.com

Ring Ramblings

♠ Reminders and information about meetings and lectures are sent out through email several times a month via the Ring 29 email address. If you are not receiving these emails, please contact James Kinsey so he can add you. Jamesk39@swbell.net

♥ Calendars will be handed out at the next meeting showing Ring 29 activities for November and December. If you miss the meeting, you can pick up a calendar at the magic shop.



Gerry Bailey

♦ International Brotherhood of Magicians applications can be picked up at the magic shop, or ask an officer at a ring meeting.

♣ Ring 29 Board members have developed a survey asking questions of how to improve Ring 29. If you have not filled out a survey, please pick one up at the magic shop or ask an officer.

♥ **August Birthdays:**

November 5th **John Crippen**
 November 7th **Brad King**
 November 28th **Curtis Belin**

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

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

♦ **Advertisements:**

"Packet Killer" For those of you who have the blue universal deck, the DVD is now available that teaches

all the tricks to use with the gimmicked cards. Over forty different tricks with the deck is still available. DVD \$22.50 / DVD with Deck \$36.00 / Deck **alone \$18.00**

♣ **New Book-** Essentials
 Robert Houdin \$90.00

New Book- MagiTales
 (stories) \$36.00

New Book- Zoo Magic
 \$14.00 (see review in "Magic Magazine" Aug. 2006)

♦ **New DVD-** "Warp One"
 (Ultimate in card warp) \$27.00

♥ **Trick-** *Puncture* \$23.40 (see review in August "Magic Magazine" Aug 2006)

"Born Lucky"
By Bruce Plante



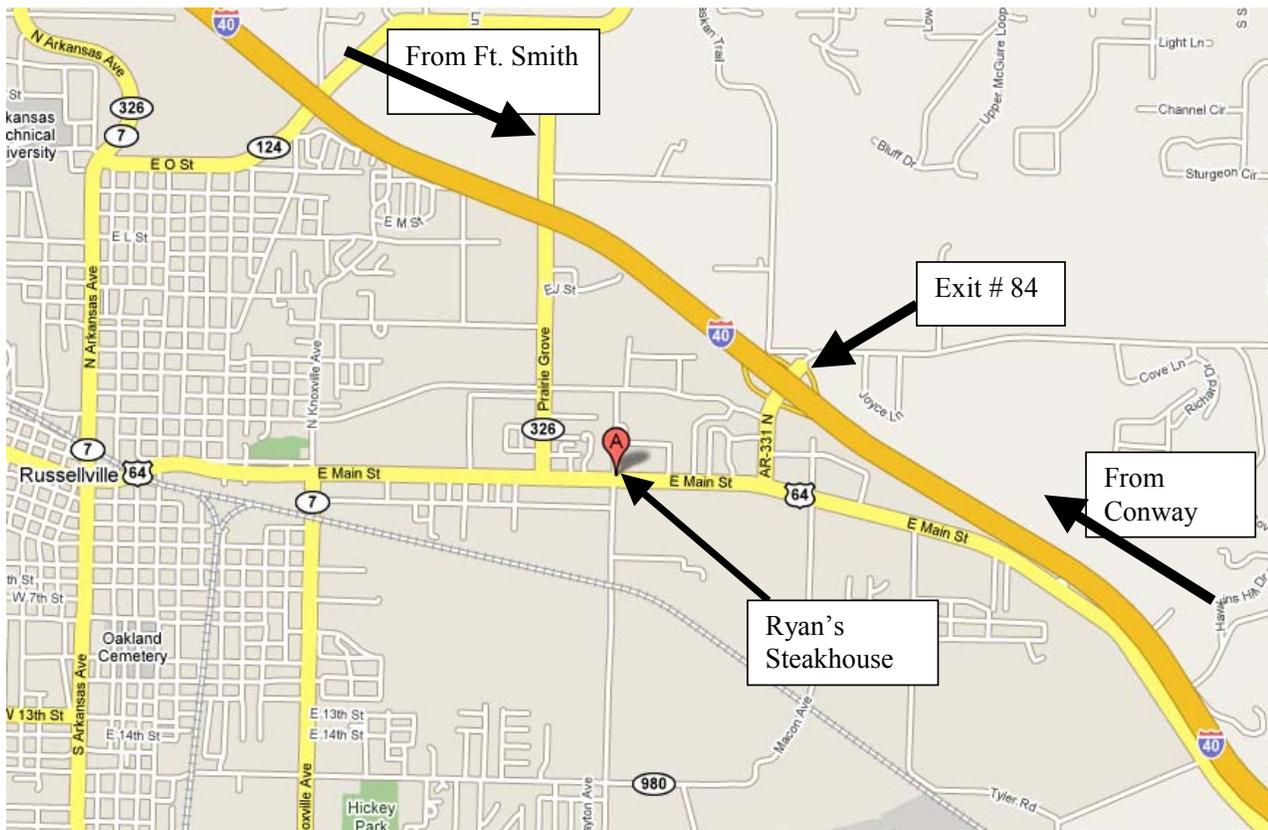


IBM Statewide Meeting – Combined Meetings of Rings 29, 75, & 308

Place: Ryan's Steakhouse, 107 N Elmira Ave., Russellville, AR 72802

Date: Sunday Afternoon, November 19th, 2006

Time: 2:00 PM



Directions: From I-40 take the AR-331 **exit # 84**. Turn left at AR-331 - go 0.4 mile. Turn right on US 64 W (Main Street). Shortly you will see (a few blocks) **Ryans Steakhouse** on the right (at the corner of Main Street and Elmira Ave. – there is a traffic light there as well). Address is above.

Agenda: We will have introductions between all in attendance. We will have different performers do magic for the group –details to follow. We will have a silent auction – be thinking about what you are wanting to part with. There may be other surprises – come and see. If you have any questions please call Larry Bean at 479-518-0958.

Note: We have the room reserved starting at 2:00 PM. We are utilizing this room at no charge to us. If you want to come early and eat before the meeting, Ryans is a wonderful family restaurant featuring steaks and/or a full buffet for a reasonable price. I expect the meeting to be 2 –3 hours in length, you may wish to stay and eat after the meeting.