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## *Little Rock Magic Ring 29* *Newsletter*

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## LITTLE ROCK MAGIC RING 29

*It's all about the Magic...*

### In the News:

February 25th, Nathan Kranzo will be lecturing in Little Rock.

The Cavalcade of Magic will return to Eureka Springs on March 26-27.

IBM Ring 29's 2026 Magic Show will perform May 1st. If you are interested in performing or emceeing, notify Marty by the March meeting.

If you have any news for future newsletters, email them to [markmulkerin@yahoo.com](mailto:markmulkerin@yahoo.com).

### Meeting Information

February 7th

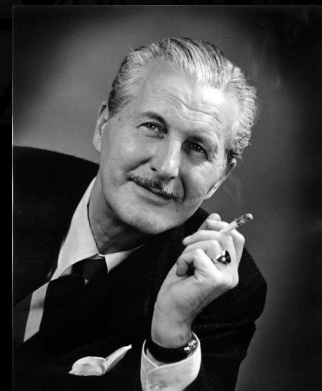
1:00 p.m.

First Community Bank Community  
Room

17820 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock

*"The mind is led on, step by step, to  
defeat its own logic."*

*Dai Vernon*



# President's Report

*Marty Haughn*

Our first meeting of the year was a fun one for sure. Plenty of magic, a new young magician, and some surprises from Jim Henson.

Let's make 2026 the year of bringing back former members as well as new potential members.

February brings us to a close on a project that has been in the works for several months.

Ring 29 now has an official challenge coin. To receive one you must be current with your dues. The coins will be given to current members who attend the February meeting.

Be on the lookout for more surprises throughout the year.

Until February, stay safe and warm.



# Secretary's Report

*Mark Mulkerin*

Little Rock Magic Ring 29 met Saturday, January 3, 2026 at the First Community Bank Community Room. President Marty Haughn presided.

The meeting began shortly after 1 pm. Marty began the meeting with official business soliciting performers for the annual show in May, discussing Nathan Kranzo's lecture in February, and updating members on the status of the challenge including the addition of color to the design.

Business completed, Marty welcomed a young magician, Joseph Sentany, who was attending with his parents. Joseph developed an interest in magic after visiting Branson and seeing a magician there. He then shared tricks and banter with Ring members including an appearing flower, a color changing silk, and a coin from a box.

Bob Bullock was the first member to perform sharing a story about two parrots and two cages on paddles that he had made himself followed by a demonstration of the Gemini Twins card trick for Joseph.

Sid Salman followed with a silk through smart phone a cup and dice prediction with Bob assisting. Mike Curtis then had Joseph's mother, Alyssa Sentany, mentally pick a card that was then discovered a specific number down.

Mark Mulkerin employed spirit slates to contact the spirit of his late grandmother to help identify a chosen card. Shawn Miller offered his take on Topsy Turvy bottles followed by a grains of sand prediction that ended with the sand transformed to seashells.

Melvin Brown then performed a number of comedic card shuffles before having Joseph pick card. After a few humorous diversions, Melvin then revealed the card in a surprising way. Melvin continued on to demonstrate a cork penetration followed by rope tying feats.

Next, Marty solicited Joseph for his signature on a blank using an oversized Sharpie. Jim Henson concluded the performances with a mentalism feat involving the discovery of a chosen item or person.

The meeting concluded with more of Jim's generosity as he demonstrated then gave away tricks from two card monte to spoon bending to bounce no bounce balls and more.

# Blast from the Past

*Bob Bullock*

## **Blast from the Past**

### **Ring 29 Officers (January 2011)**

- President: Tyler Vodehnal
- Vice-President: Jon Bucher
- Secretary: Kylan Mann
- Treasurer: James Kinsey
- Sergeant-at-arms: Pam Medrez
- Historian: Mike Curtis
- Webmaster: Bob Bullock

### **A Look Back at Ring 29 and the Magic World**

Happy New Year, Ring 29! As your current Historian, I've been digging through the archives to see what our magical family was up to fifteen years ago. Looking at the January 2011 edition of *The Prestiditator Press*, it's clear that love—and a fair amount of "neuromagic"—was in the air.

#### **Ring 29 Highlights: A Magical Wedding**

The big news back then was easily the wedding of our own President, Tyler Vodehnal, to Christy Henson on December 18, 2010. It was described as a truly "Magical Wedding," featuring Randall Eller performing his linking ring routine during the ceremony and Joey Williams producing a dove with the wedding ring attached to its foot. Even the bachelor party made history, with Tyler reportedly being forced into a pink bunny suit at Murray's Dinner Playhouse—a memory he surely cherishes!

On the performance front, Derrick Rose was busy as ever at Honda World, while Jon Bucher and Tyler Vodehnal continued their eight-year streak as the "Royal Wizards" for the Batesville Southside High School Madrigal Feaste. Our previous Historian, Mike Curtis, was also keeping busy by taking a "decade leap" back to 1951, proving that the tradition of looking back is one of our strongest anchors.

#### **The Magic Community in January 2011**

While we were celebrating local nuptials, the broader magic world was having a bit of a scientific awakening.

- **Sleights of Mind:** Our own Bob Bullock reviewed the newly released book *Sleights of Mind*, which explored the neuroscience of magic. At the time, this was a massive topic in the community, with legends like Lance Burton and Max Maven collaborating with scientists to "pop the hood" on how our brains are fooled.
- **IMX 2011:** The community was also buzzing about the upcoming first-ever International Magic Experience (IMX) in Las Vegas, which promised a massive gathering of stars and a fresh take on the magic convention format.
- **The Linking Ring:** The January issue of *The Linking Ring* was encouraging magicians to focus on the "Millennials," then the "Stars of Tomorrow," reflecting a shift toward the digital-savvy generation of performers we see leading the way today.

It's wonderful to see that while our faces and officers may change, the heart of Ring 29—camaraderie, performance, and a deep respect for our history—remains exactly the same.



# *January Meeting 2026*



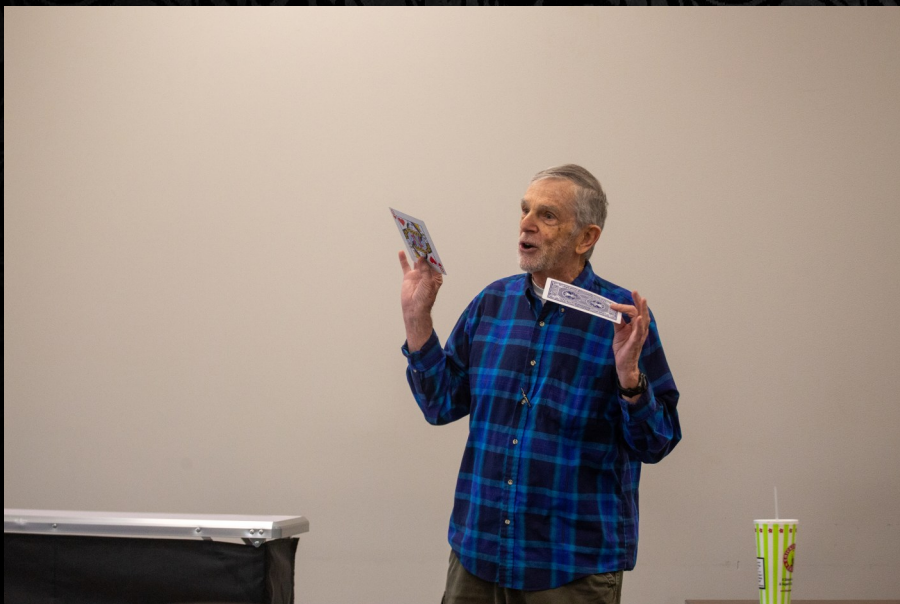


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# Schedule of Events

## 2026

Date	Meeting Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
January 3	1:00 p.m. First Community Bank Community Room 17820 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock		N/A	
February 7	1:00 p.m. First Community Bank Community Room 17820 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock		N/A	
TBD	Location to be announced		N/A	
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- The clubhouse address: 100 Stagecoach Village, Little Rock, Arkansas.
- First Community Bank Address: 17820 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock, Arkansas

These are our normal meeting gatherings. Any additional activity throughout the year will be listed.



## *IBM Little Rock Magic Ring 29 Contact Information 2025*



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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](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*.

**[www.littlerockmagic.net](http://www.littlerockmagic.net) or [www.littlerockmagic.org](http://www.littlerockmagic.org)**

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.

#### **Using Ring 29 Email Group**

To be added to our email group, contact James Kinsey or Marty Haughn

We now use GOOGLE GROUPS for our email service.

Ring 29 is proud to endorse and support Little Rock's world class Magic Vendor, "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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**Mr. Magic (Jim Henson)**

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