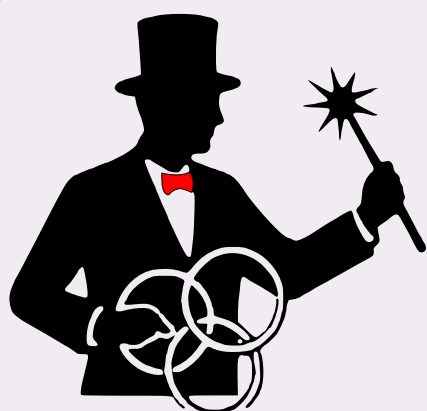


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Welcome to this issue of Magic in the Rock!

We have had, and will have, an event filled couple of months for Ring 29.

We had two major Ring 29 lectures in less than two weeks. One from British Magician Jamie Williams and one from Alan Sands, son of the legendary George Sands. Not only were the lectures exceptional, but they were also FREE to all Ring 29 members. It was decided in our last Board meeting to not charge members for all upcoming lectures. Lectures were previously \$20 for members and guests.

Here's a tip, if you are not a member of Ring 29 and you want to attend a lecture, pay the \$25 annual membership to join. That lecture, and upcoming lectures, will then be free! This would include the Keith Leff lecture scheduled for November 2nd. Keith was at the Cavalcade of Magic earlier this year and has a great lecture.

We have Lucy Darling appearing at the Robinson Center at the end of October. If you want to go, hurry tickets are getting scarce and it will be a sellout.

If you know of any magic events in Arkansas, send me an email and I'll post it in the newsletter. If you have any promotional copy for a show your doing send that and I'll post it on our website LittleRockMagic.net.



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IN THE NEWS

Magical items in the news for October

Saturday October 10th from 12:00-3:00

Be sure and join us in Searcy for the combined Ring 29 & Ring 308 Auction of the Jon Bucher estate.

Location: Janett and Larry Crain Public Library, 1609 W Beebe Capps Expy, Searcy, AR.

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♣♦♥♠ **Keith Leff**

Table Hopping:
A 'Close-Up' Look at
The Art and Science of Restaurant Magic

Keith will be sharing his 'real world' experience with you during this intriguing and insightful lecture. It is full of very practical material that he's honed over 30 years in the field of close-up strolling magic, particularly in a restaurant setting.

Another free lecture for Ring 29 - November 7th
(see Event Calendar for Details)

If you have any news for future newsletters, email them to Magicbobj@gmail.com.

Next Meeting Information

October 3rd @ 1:00
Saint Michael's Episcopal Church
12415 Cantrell Rd, Little Rock, AR

"I am not a magician. I am a storyteller
who uses illusions to tell his tales."

- David Copperfield -





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IN THE NEWS - (continued)

Jamie Williams Lecture

British magician Jamie Wilson, British magician (based in Wales) regarded as one of magic's great creators. He has lectured and performed at England's Blackpool, Chicago's The Hand and The Eye, earned endorsements from Craig Petty, Eric Tate, and Jay Sankey, and has received multiple awards.

Over the course of the Ring 29 lecture, Jamie taught and performed six distinct routines: A hilarious paper iPhone trick, a simplified Chicago Opener/Red Hot Mama, Sticker Tickler, Star Draws, a Movie Quote Quiz routine, and an NFC gift card flight prediction.

He closed with a personal narrative about being shot on duty as a UK police officer. UK police are unarmed; guns are largely illegal. During a routine traffic stop at approximately 2:00 AM involving a BMW, a colleague (a lifelong friend) was shot through the shoulder and neck. Jamie intervened and was shot twice: through the hip and through the arm, severing an artery. He was clinically dead for 17 minutes but was revived by an off-duty responder who administered CPR. His friend did not survive.

Jamie and his friend had planned a retirement trip across America (bourbon, barbecue — the friend "could never stand magic"). After the friend's passing, Jamie carried his ashes on this lecture tour to scatter across America.

The lecture was a great success and Jamie touched all our hearts. Marty Haughn, our Vice President, presented him with one of our Ring 29 brass Challenge Coins which brought tears to Jamie's eyes.





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Alan Sands Lecture

Members of Ring 29 were treated to an evening of deep magic history, practical technique, and performance craft when seasoned entertainer Alan Sands took the floor. The lecture served as both a technical masterclass and an affectionate tribute to his late father, George Sands—widely revered across the fraternity as the "Magician's Magician."

Alan opened by offering attendees an intimate look into what it meant to grow up in the Sands household. Over an 86-year life, George Sands poured his discoveries into numerous books of original magic, totaling around 800 pages.

Alan highlighted how deeply his father influenced modern magic, noting that George was constantly creating routines designed to entertain at the highest level:

Foundational Rope Magic: While George Sands was famed for many inventions, his "Sandsational Rope" routines remain monumental. Aside from the classic Professor's Nightmare, Sandsational Rope laid the structural groundwork for nearly every multi-phase rope routine performed today.

The Balloon Revolution: In the early 1970s, George authored the first comprehensive texts on balloon sculpting, single-handedly sparking a revolution in the art and establishing the foundational twists artists use to this day.

Close-Up & Stage Classics: His card work and original mechanics have been adopted by some of magic's most celebrated figures, including Jeff McBride.

Over a Century of Stage Wisdom: The core of Alan's lecture was practical execution. Combining his father's 70 years of knowledge with his own 30-plus years as a full-time touring professional, the session delivered more than a century of hard-won, real-world experience.



Ring 29 members walked away with usable material across several disciplines including: Coins, The Sandsational Rope Routine, Balloon Sculpting, and Razor Blade Swallowing & Reproduction.

Alan emphasized not just the mechanics of each trick, but the underlying psychology and performance dynamics required to turn good effects into memorable entertainment. It was an inspiring evening that honored the enduring legacy of George Sands while giving Ring 29 performers tools they could add to their own repertoires.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As the summer heat is finally subsiding, we are in the middle of a busy time for magic in Central Arkansas. With the Jamie Williams and Alan Sands lectures behind us, we have yet another learning opportunity on November 7th with the Keith Leff lecture which will be free for all current members. In addition, we'll have our usual meeting on October 3rd at 1pm at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, a combined Ring 29 & 308 auction of Jon Bucher's magic estate will be held October 10th from noon to 3pm at the Searcy Library, and our Christmas Party on December 5th at the Stagecoach Clubhouse.

Meanwhile, outside of Arkansas, magicians performed well on this latest season of America's Got Talent with four acts making it to the semi-finals and the two acts that made it to the finals ranking 2nd and 3rd. I mention this because Geno Ploeger, the young man who placed second, is an IBM member who went from being a participant in the Lance Burton Teen Seminar to a mentor for it. Attending the IBM National Convention in St. Louis this summer, I would see him constantly surrounded by teen magicians whom he was encouraging and advising. He took the time to give back to the community and the next generation in the midst of preparing for the final rounds of AGT which speaks well of him and our community. While he didn't win the grand prize, he is a young man who I suspect will be important in magic and the IBM for years to come.

Finally, if you haven't gotten your tickets and want to see magicians coming through Arkansas, Lucy Darling will perform at the Robinson Center on October 27 and the Revollusionists will perform at the Collins Theatre in Paragould on October 30.



Mark Mulkerin - President



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FOR THE RECORD

August and September have been rather different from the normal meetings for Ring 29. We combined our monthly meetings for both months with the two lectures, noted in the above articles, and the lectures were only 12 days apart. As a result the meeting portion was extremely brief and basically consisted of the lecture. So there is not a whole heck of a lot of business for me to report on in this newsletter.

If anyone has a show coming up, send me your flyer and I'll post it on the website and the next newsletter. This goes for any of the other Arkansas Rings or basically anything Magic related events in Arkansas. I'm trying to make our website a hub for everything Magic in Arkansas, pass it on and get it posted!

Your Up-to-the Minute(s) Secretary,

Bob Bullock



Bob Bullock - Secretary



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BLAST FROM THE PAST

We're going back this month to September 1999!

Ring 29 Officers

- **President:** Damon Reinbold
- **Vice-President:** Dan Hecke
- **Secretary:** Bill Fulton
- **Treasurer:** James Kinsey
- **Assistant Treasurer:** Lisa Bolin
- **Historian:** Mike Curtis
- **Sergeant-at-Arms:** Chris Westfall
- **Board Rep Trustee:** Mike Curtis
- **Performer Rep Trustee:** Randall Eller
- **Goodwill/Welfare Chairman:** Christy Kinsey
- **Newsletter Editor:** Dennis Schick



A Birthday Picnic, Vincent Price Memorabilia, and Street Magic Retrospectives

The Annual Picnic at Burns Park In a departure from our usual schedule, Ring 29 bypassed its regular first-Thursday meeting in favor of the **Annual Ring Picnic** on Sunday, September 12th at Burns Park, Pavilion #8. The gathering served three major purposes: great food, the formal installation of our new officers led by President Damon Reinbold, and a festive "Birthday Party" themed magic show. Members brought their finest birthday party routines, making it a perfect afternoon for families and magicians alike.



Bob Bullock - Historian



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Vincent Price & Street Magic Musings The club actively gauged interest for a unique event proposed by Brian Staron. Staron offered to bring his touring screening of the 1954 classic film *The Mad Magician* starring Vincent Price to Little Rock. The special feature utilized real magic effects and was packaged with a traveling display of rare film memorabilia.

The newsletter also featured a contemporary review of **David Blaine's** television specials, which were enjoying high-profile network reruns. While noting that much of the street magic consisted of standard effects well-known to magicians, the review praised Blaine's fresh presentation style and lively pace, recognizing it as a massive mainstream breakthrough for bringing magic directly to television audiences.

The Healing of Magic Following the international convention, Ring 29 proudly committed to the new I.B.M. "**Healing of Magic**" initiative. Modeled after David Copperfield's Project Magic, the program paired magicians with hospital therapists to teach simple sleight of hand to patients regaining physical and cognitive motor skills. Spearheaded locally by Bill Fulton, the club began organizing its first local volunteer training modules at Arkansas Children's Hospital.

Around the Magic World

In the global magic community of September 1999:

- **David Copperfield** was deep in development for his upcoming *Journey of a Lifetime* global touring stage production, which revolutionized grand-scale illusion theater.
- The magic manufacturing world was experiencing a major surge in high-quality instructional videotapes, completely shifting how underground sleight of hand was studied and traded internationally.
- Local favorite **Scott Davis** achieved major commercial visibility by signing an exclusive contract with ALLTEL to perform close-up and interactive magic for the "ALLTEL Hog Trough" VIP section during Razorback games at War Memorial Stadium.

As we prepare for our current seasonal shows and events, reflecting on the community footprint and media savvy of our 1999 roster shows exactly how deep our club's roots run.

Your Humble Historian,

Bob Bullock



Bob Bullock - Historian



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EVENT CALENDAR - 2026

Date	Time	Meeting Location	Description	Lecturer
May 02, 2026	7:00 pm	Veterans' Park Event Center 508 North Lincoln Street, Cabot, AR	Club Magic Show	N/A
Jun 06, 2026	1:00 pm	Saint Michael's Episcopal Church 12415 Cantrell Rd, Little Rock, AR	Officer Installation	N/A
Jul 11, 2026	1:00 pm	Saint Michael's Episcopal Church 12415 Cantrell Rd, Little Rock, AR	Meeting	N/A
Aug 31, 2026	7:00 pm	Stagecoach Clubhouse 100 Stagecoach Village, Little Rock, AR	Meeting/Lecture	Jamie Williams
Sep 12, 2026	1:00 pm	Mabelvale Church of Christ 10820 Mabelvale West Road, Mabelvale, AR	Meeting/Lecture	Alan Sands
Oct 03, 2026	1:00 pm	Saint Michael's Episcopal Church 12415 Cantrell Rd, Little Rock, AR	Meeting	N/A
Oct 10, 2026	12:00 pm	Janett and Larry Crain Public Library 1609 W Beebe Capps Expy, Searcy, AR	Ring 29/308 Auction	N/A
Nov 07, 2026	1:00 pm	Mabelvale Church of Christ 10820 Mabelvale West Road, Mabelvale, AR	Meeting/Lecture	Keith Leff
Dec 05, 2026	1:00 pm	Stagecoach Clubhouse 100 Stagecoach Village, Little Rock, AR	Ring 29 Christmas Party	N/A
Jan 09, 2027	1:00 pm	Saint Michael's Episcopal Church 12415 Cantrell Rd, Little Rock, AR	Meeting	N/A
Feb 06, 2027	1:00 pm	Saint Michael's Episcopal Church 12415 Cantrell Rd, Little Rock, AR	Meeting	N/A



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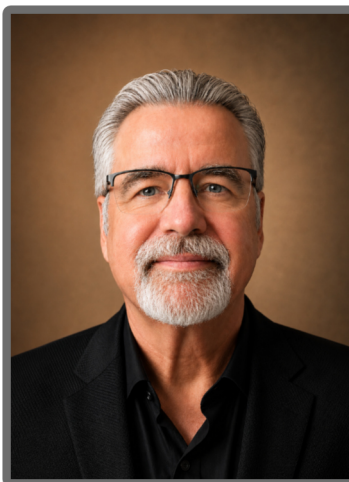


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GENERAL INFORMATION

Membership

To become a member of Ring 29, you must first be a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.
Contact Mr. Magic (below) or any Ring 29 Officer for information on joining the IBM or Ring 29.

Visit:

LittleRockMagic.net/Information.html

Website

Our website has been filled with a wealth of information to assist our members and potential members.
You can view current and past Newletters, photographs, or the Ring 29 Event Calendar.

LittleRockMagic.net or LittleRockMagic.org

Ring 29 Email Group

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 group, please contact *Vice President Marty Haughn*.

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