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RING #29

MAGIC MUSINGS

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #29
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Meeting 1st Thursday of every month, Baptist Medical Center

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Christmas party January 13 replaces regular meeting

Hey! Christmas was a hectic time for most of us and went by entirely too quickly. Wish you had it to do over again?

Well you can, by coming to Ring 29's annual **Christmas Party** -- January 13!

Yes, we're doing it again. On **Saturday, January 13 at 6:30**, the party will begin. It will be at the same place as the past two years -- the Otter Creek Racquet Club. See the map on the back of this page.

Attendance to the party is **by reservation only**. You **must call Mr. Magic (455-6242)** between Jan. 8 and 12, to reserve seats and to find out what food you are to bring. The **cost will be only \$2 per person**.

Here are **highlights of the meeting**.

- **Good food** (Ring will provide meat)
 - **Annual awards**
 - **Magic Show** -- dress rehearsal for the public show in March. Come see some great magic and give performers your encouragement and constructive feedback.
 - **Fun for the whole family**.
- Any questions? Give Jim a call.

BITS & PIECES

● **HOW ABOUT A MAGIC WORKSHOP?** Some Ring 29 members have expressed an interest in holding a one-day magic workshop for local magicians. If you agree with this idea, please express your interest to any board member.

● **BILL PITTS**, feeling chipper after marrying Ruth December 18, will once again conduct his annual "**Cavalcade of Magic**" in Eureka Springs **March 15-17**. This is a little earlier than in recent years, but it is far enough away for you to arrange for one or two days off from your work to go. Maybe Bill & Ruth will perform.

More details next month but if you want more information right now, call Mr. Magic for registration and hotel reservation details. The conference will again be held at the Inn of the Ozarks.

● **MAGIC ON TV** was not as prevalent this past holiday season as it has been in other years. There was a neat "Magic on Ice" show and several magic show repeats (Secrets of Magic; Lance Burton, etc.).

Ring 29 to host "Magic Day" at Discovery Museum April 28-29

Bill Fulton needs magician volunteers to work at the Discovery Museum on April 28-29 for an event titled "Magic Day." The Ring won't make any money on this public show, but we will be the only event for those days.

You can bring your stuff and set up a station to work for the day. Bring and distribute your brochures, flyers and calling cards to drum up business for yourself. Jim Henson can bring some magic museum stuff to put on display to advertise Ring 29.

The times will be Saturday, April 28, 10-5 and Sunday, April 29, 12-5. You can work both days or just one day. We will have to organize some stage shows and open arena shows 3 times on Saturday and 2 shows on Sunday. Let Bill know if you are interested in this event. This looks like an excellent way to get some free advertising, do a good deed, and have some fun. The Museum will do some PR for the Ring.

Ring Web site being updated

Bill Fulton and James Kinsey are updating the Ring 29 Web site. If you want to place a free ad on the site you need to send information to Bill and an appropriate picture. Your ad would need to include your name, stage name, phone number, Web site (if you have one), and type of magic.

Either send an E-mail to Bill Fulton at, wfulton@aristotle.net, call 501-663-9380, or leave your name at Mr. Magic if you wish to participate in the show or place an ad.

Ring 308 in Searcy will host Lewis Lecture March 12

Our sister ring, #308 in Searcy, will host The Martin Lewis Lecture on Monday, March 12. The fee will be \$10 per person, a real bargain. It will begin at 8 pm.

Anyone interested in going should contact Jim Henson at Mr. Magic to be part of a car caravan. This will be a good night of magic so don't miss it.

NEXT MEETING:

- **Saturday, January 13**
6:30 pm, Otter Creek
Racquet Club
"Christmas Party"

Magic Review of the Year

The following is a look back at some of the highlights of Ring #29 for the last year of the 20th Century:

✓ **JANUARY:** Great Christmas Party began the new year.

✓ **FEBRUARY:** Annual auction was held with lots of good magic going for bargain prices. A lot of good fun.

Scott Hollingsworth lectured on a Sunday afternoon, to about two dozen people.

✓ **MARCH:** "Bags and Eggs" was the theme for this month's meeting. The Cavalcade of Magic was held. Don got married.

✓ **APRIL:** "Gospel and Object Lesson Magic" was the meeting theme.

✓ **MAY:** A doubleheader: Movie Magic Night and Card Forces, with a round-robin format, which was very popular.

✓ **JUNE:** Cups and Balls night used the popular teach-in format. Doc Dixon lectured.

✓ **JULY:** Paper Magic was the theme; Oscar Munoz lectured; officers elected.

✓ **AUGUST:** Tryouts for the public show was the meeting for the month. Jim Henson retired.

✓ **SEPTEMBER:** Annual Summer Picnic held; dozen members attended Texas annual convention.

✓ **OCTOBER:** My Favorite Trick was the theme; Magic Day held at Tunica.

✓ **NOVEMBER:** Theme for the month was Clown Magic. Public show postponed until Spring. Board met Nov. 30. Jim Henson and Mary Ann Campbell named to Order of Merlin as 25-year IBM members.

✓ **DECEMBER:** No regular meeting since many members are too busy performing. Bill Pitts got married. Brett Daniels Show closed at the Gold Strike Casino.

It was a very good year.



Directions to Ring 29 Christmas Party, Jan. 13:

1. Turn West off I-430 (Exit #1) and go past the Mr. Magic Store about one mile to Otter Creek.
2. Turn right on Otter Creek, just before the Harvest Foods store.
3. Go about one-half mile to second "bump".
4. Turn right after tennis courts into parking lot.

GOT MAGIC NEWS?

Call editor Dennis Schick at 374-1500
or Jim Henson at 455-6242

When YOU attend a magic show, seminar, conference, etc., why not take some notes and then write up a review of it to share with other Ring members? We all can't go to every such event, but we can enjoy them through the eyes of others. Fax us your reviews at (501) 374-1500 or E-mail them to:

dschick@arkansaspress.org

The usual deadline each month is the 20th of the month for the next month's newsletter. Thanks.

