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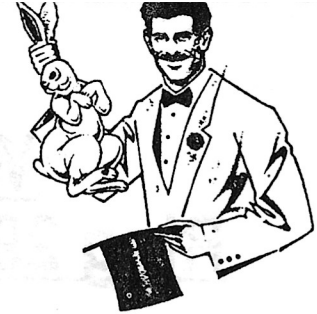
APRIL 2001

MAGIC MUSINGS

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #29

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Meeting 1st Thursday of every month. Baptist Medical Center



April 5 regular meeting features gospel magic

After two meetings of auctions -- they were great fun, weren't they? -- now it's time to get back to some good ole magic

So the regular monthly meeting of Ring 29 will be at the regular time (7 pm) at the regular place (Room 10 of the Gilbreath Conference Center, Baptist Medical Center, behind the cafeteria).

We have many new members so if you're not sure of the location, call Jim or Bob at Mr. Magic for directions.

BITS & PIECES

● **LAST MONTH**, Magic Auction II was held, a carryover from February. Again, it was a lively and fun affair, and we're already looking ahead to next year. A big thanks to all who made this a big success. The Ring made \$100 from the proceeds based on 10% of the sales

● **JAY SCOTT BERRY** will lecture **April 16** in Room 12 of Baptist Medical Center. He is the only lecturer Ring 29 has invited back twice in the same year. Over 50 people showed up the second time based on the word after his first appearance.

● **JAN SANKEY** will lecture at Ring 308 in Searcy **May 17**. We'll have more details in the May newsletter.

● **THE MARTIN LEWIS** lecture in Searcy **March 13** was attended by eight members of Ring 29. He did a super job according to reports, and you who are passing up such great lectures, are missing some good magic, and great tips and fellowship.

● **MARGARET LECLAIR** is going to New York City **April 28-May 15** to perform magic at school shows with Tony Parisi. She will be doing her combination escape routines and kid shows.

● **"MAGIC DAY"** will be held at the Museum of Discovery **April 28-29**. Take your kids on Saturday and Sunday if you are not performing. If you want to participate and/or to help in some way, call **Bill Fulton** at 663-9280.

● **MAXWELL'S Theatre of Magic** is now open in Hot Springs. Call (501) 623-6200 for reservations and nights open. The Ring likely will take a group trip to see it.

The theme for April is "Gospel Magic Night." Some of our members have volunteered to demonstrate some of their gospel effects, including those which have object lessons. Many magicians use magic in teaching, in conducting seminars, in trade shows and business sessions, and in church -- from children's sermons to Sunday School classes. Come see these and other useful ways magic can be used to teach various object lessons.

Ring 29 public show set for April 21 at 2nd Baptist

The long-awaited public show by members of Ring 29 will be held Saturday, April 21 at the 2nd Baptist Church in downtown Little Rock. The church is at the corner of 8th and Scott.

There is plenty of seating (600) and the seats are only \$12 for adults and \$8 for children under 12. All proceeds from the show will go to the Arkansas Children's Hospital. The club will also sell posters to help defray some of the costs of putting on the show.

Randall Eller is coordinating volunteers for the show, and needs everything from stage hands to ushers. Call him right now at 851-7768 if you can help. See the form on the back of this page.

Jim Henson is working out close-up performers to work the foyer and the seating area before the show. If you can help, call him at 455-6242.

There will be a practice April 10 in the Sheffield Auditorium at BMC (the same place as where try-outs were held), starting at 6:30. You will be contacted with specifics if you are scheduled to be in the show.

Let's all get behind this event!

NEXT MEETING:

● **Thursday, April 5**
7 pm, BMC

Gospel and object magic

Cavalcade of Magic still set for Eureka Springs March 22-24

If you read this **March 21** or **22** you can still attend **Bill Pitts' Cavalcade of Magic** in Eureka Springs this weekend. The convention has changed to Victorian Inn since the Inn of the Ozarks center burned **February 21**.

Copperfield TV Special Watch Party set at Mr. Magic April 3

There will be a **Copperfield Watch Party** at Mr. Magic for his CBS special, **Tuesday, April 3, 7 pm** to whenever the last person leaves. A number of Ring 29 members saw some of the taping in Memphis last month and it will be fun to not only see the edited final result, but also to look for Ring 29 members and other Arkansans (from Searcy's John Patterson to Christie Henson).

There will be chips, nachos, popcorn deserts, coffee, colas, etc.). We need a number of television sets if you can bring one -- the bigger the screen the better. It should be a fun evening of magic.

• Speaking of Copperfield, many people said his recent live performance in Little Rock was one of his best-ever stage shows. Even the skeptics said it was good.

It was 90 minutes of big illusions, close-up, disappear and re-appear, with lots of audience participation. Much of his patter was familiar and some sex-related comments raised some eyebrows. But overall it was worth the time and money to go. Expect to see many of the illusions you saw in person on his TV special.

COMING MAGIC EVENTS CALENDAR:

Apr. 3	<u>David Copperfield television special</u> , CBS. Watch party at Mr. Magic.
April 5	Ring 29 regular monthly meeting
April 10	Rehearsal for public show
April 16	Jay Scott Berry lecture, BMC
April 21	Ring 29 Public Show , 2nd Baptist Church, 8th & Scott, Little Rock
Apr. 28-29	"Magic Day" at Museum of Discovery . Call Bill Fulton for details.
May 17	Jan Sankey lecture at Searcy

FAX THIS PAGE TO (501) 455-6242

We need YOUR help to make the Ring 29 Public Show April 21 a BIG success!

TO: IBM Ring 29 fellow magicians (ans spouses)
FROM: Damon Reinbold, Ring 29 President
Randal Eller, Volunteer Coordinator (magicisu@aol.com)
Jim Henson, Pre-show coordinator

SUBJECT: We need YOUR help to make the April 21 Public Show a big success!

On Saturday, April 21, Ring 29 will hold its first public show in many years. and we need YOUR help to make it a success. Below are some of the areas in which we need help. Please look them over and decide where YOU can help. Then call Randall at (501) 851-7768, or Jim at (501) 455-6242, or FAX this page to (501) 455-6242 (The fax is at Mr. Magic: call before you fax so they can switch it over).

If you cannot help in any of these areas, there ARE still two other things you can do:

- (1) talk up the show and sell tickets -- to your friends, relatives, work colleagues, etc.: and
- (2) support the show by COMING and BRINGING your family. We need a good crowd to not only raise money for the Arkansas Children's Hospital, but also because performers always do better when there's a good crowd.

Please help and do your part.

- () Yes, Randall, Damon and Jim. You can count on me (us) to help with the Ring 29 Public Magic Show April 21. Here's what I (we) will do:
 - () No, I cannot help with the show, but I WILL:
 - () Help sell some tickets
 - () Plan to be there and bring _____ people with me.
- () STAGE HANDS: (Need 3) Assist in getting performers and their props on and off the stage in a timely manner. Talk with Dan Hecke, Stage Manager, for more details. (mysticdan@earthlink.net)
- () USHERS: (Need 5 or 6). Help seat audience, answer questions for them, direct people to rest rooms, deal with any audience problems. You'll need to familiarize yourself with the facilities in advance. Please plan to come with a small flashlight that night.
- () TICKET TAKERS/SELLERS: (Need 2 more). Help Jim, Brenda & Christy take and sell tickets at the door.
- () MERCHANDISE SALES: (Need 2). To help James & Christy Kinsey sell merchandise.
- () MISCELLANEOUS: I'll do anything and work anywhere you need me. Just let me know.

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