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

JULY 2001



July 5 meeting stars YOU -- & your favorite trick

YOU (and your friends) will be the stars of the July regular meeting -- Thursday, July 5 at the regular time (7 pm) at the regular place (Room 10 of the Baptist Medical Center).

Every Ring 29 member is asked to bring his or her "favorite trick." Perform the trick,

BITS & PIECES

● **WE ARE SADDENED** to report that Lifetime Member **Fred Hartman** died last Saturday, June 23 after a long illness. He is one of only two Lifetime Members of our Ring, and was regular at our meetings for many years. To honor Fred, there will be a **Broken Wand Ceremony** held at the July 16 banquet.

● **THE RING PICNIC** will be held **Sunday, Sept. 9** at Pinnacle Park, at high noon. Bill Fulton has made arrangements for a pavillion and we'll have full details in the September newsletter. For now, circle the date on your calendar and hold it.

● **JON BUCHER** is a grandfather with the birth recently of Issac Jackson Clemmons. Ask Jon to see photos.

● **A PUBLIC SHOW** to raise funds for Junior Magicians Scholarship Fund will be presented by our own **Damon**, tentatively in August. The name for the show will be "Tales of the Wizard." Watch for more details in the August newsletter and by E-mail.

● **MAXWELL'S Theatre of Magic** is now open in Hot Springs, Tuesdays through Saturdays. The Ring will caravan to the show for its regular August meeting, on **Aug. 2**. More details will be in the August newsletter. Mark your calendars now..

● **THE OAKLAWN ROTARY** Club of Hot Springs recently donated \$100 to the Junior Magician Scholarship Fund in honor of out-going Rotary president and Ring 29 member **Dan Block**. A special thanks to Dan and the club for their support.

● **OUR SYMPATHY** to **Dan Hecke**, whose grandmother died June 13.

● **IF YOU WOULD** like to perform table-hopping magic at Pizza Hut in Beebe, call Gene Berry at 983-8004 or 914-8101.

and then turn around and both explain it, showing how it's done, and also give tips for performing it, teach special handling, discuss your own adaptation, show special moves, etc.

This process should not only lead to some good magic, but also to everyone learning new moves, tips, ideas for patter, etc. The more people who perform the more everyone will learn. Great idea!

New officers to be installed at special banquet July 16

There will be an official installation of officers at the **First Annual Installation Banquet**, Monday, July 16 at Brown's Country Kitchen, Exit 118 in Benton. In addition, a moving **Broken Wand Ceremony** will be performed in honor of Lifetime Member **Fred Hartman**, who died June 23.

Reservations must be made by July 14. RSVP to Mr. Magic at (501) 455-6242. Cost is just \$8.95 per person for their famous buffet.

A room has been set aside for this semi-formal gathering. Clothes are required. Don't miss this fine opportunity to honor our new officers and enjoy each other's company.

The program will be magic presented by the Junior Magicians.

President: Dan Hecke
V.P.: Bill Fulton
Secretary: Christy Henson
Treasurer: James Kinsey
Sgt. at Arms: Jon Bucher

Board of Trustees:

Membership Rep: Chris Westfall
Pro. magician Rep: Scott Davis
Board Rep.: Jon Bucher

NEXT MEETING:

● **Thursday, July 5**
7 pm, BMC

"Your Favorite Trick, explained"

Annual dues are due Aug. 1

The annual dues to be a member of Ring 29 are now due. Annual dues is \$20. But if you pay your dues by August 1st, you can save \$5 by only paying \$15. Mail your dues to Mr. Magic or bring them to the July meeting. Don't forget. Save \$5 and pay by August 1st.

MORE BITS & PIECES

● **BE ALERT** for a possible lecture in July. **Martin Nash** may be able to be in Arkansas in July. Check with Mr. Magic and watch your E-mail for details. (If you have an E-mail but have not given it to us, please do so right now. Call Jim at Mr. Magic with your E-mail address.)

● **WHILE YOU READ THIS**, several ring members will be in Orlando for the IBM Convention: Klye Hamsher, Gene Berry, Margaret Leclair and Christy & Jim Henson.

● **THE NEXT** World Clown Association meeting will be July 15 at 2 pm at Mr. Magic. Please call by Saturday to confirm that the meeting is still on.

● **SCOTT DAVIS** performed at a Trade Show in Washington, DC June 17 and 18, for the same company he performed for in Denver last year. Nice gig, Scott.

● **DON'T FORGET** that we still have copies of the **Ring 29 cookbook** for sale. The Ring gets to keep \$2 of every book sold. They make great gifts so buy several

● **ALSO DON'T FORGET** the Ring 29 public performance poster signed by all the performers, which will be auctioned off at the Ring picnic in September..

COMING MAGIC SPECIAL DATES:

July 5 **Regular monthly meeting**, 7 pm, Baptist Medical Center.
Aug. 1 Annual Ring 29 dues discount ends: \$15; after this date, cost goes to \$20
Aug. 2 **Regular meeting** will be a trip to Maxwell Blade's Show in Hot Springs
Sept. 9 **Annual Ring 29 Picnic**, Pinnacle Park, 12 noon; includes public magic show
Sept. 15 **David Ginn/Samuel Patrick Smith/Steve Taylor Workshop** in Little Rock

Where are the E-mails?

You may be missing out on late-breaking news if the club does not have your E-mail address.

For instance, on page one you read about the possible last-minute scheduling of a magic lecture IN JULY! Since we do not have the details as of the newsletter deadline, we cannot put it in this issue. But we could notify you by E-mail -- IF we had your address.

If you have not been receiving rather regular E-mails from Ring 29 or its members, you are not on the E-mail list, or the one we have is incorrect.

Several times recently, E-mails have not been delivered because they were bounced back. Since three to five Ring 29 E-mails are distributed almost every week, if YOU are not receiving them, your correct E-mail is not on the list.

Call Mr. Magic (455-6242) right now and give whoever answers your correct E-mail address. Don't miss out. Call today!

They're back! Namely the Ginn/Smith/Taylor Workshop!

In 1998, the Kid Komedie Klinik came to Little Rock and over two dozen magicians attended, including your friendly newsletter editor, who thought it was great.

The sponsoring magicians were well-known magicians **David Ginn, Samuel Patrick Smith** and **Steve Taylor**. Each did their own separate lecture during the day, and then they teamed on an open-forum panel to answer questions from the audience. Each also had their own sales tables set up. That time they sponsored themselves.

So now they're coming back to Little Rock, but this time sponsored by our club.

On **Saturday, September 15**, from 9 am to 5 pm, they will present an all-new magic workshop. It is one of the most versatile and productive teaching sessions in the country, and we strongly urge you to attend. Everyone will not only learn many new magic tricks, but also many new magic skills, tips, demonstrations, etc. You WILL raise your magic to a higher level.

The cost is only \$35 in advance (and just \$15 more (\$50 total) for an accompanying spouse or child). What a great deal!

We will provide more details as we get closer to the date. But for now, circle the date on your calendars and plan to attend.

STILL MORE BRIEFS

• **MARGARET THOMPSON**, club member, has had a rough time recently. Within the last nine months, she has lost her mother, her father and her favorite uncle. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

• **PAUL CARLON** will perform in Brownsville, Texas August 1st for a church youth rally. Way to go, Paul!

• **IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED** in the "Magic Magazine 10th Anniversary Celebration," it will be held at the Orleans Hotel in Las Vegas August 19-22.

Among the performers signed up so far are such stars as: Topas, Marc Summers, Jim Steinmeyer, Bill McIlhany, Mac King, Michael Dilberto, Dana Daniels, Michael Close, Lance Burton, Michael Ammar and many others. Contact Jim at Mr. Magic for more details.

• **RING MEMBER John Patterson** from Searcy recently was featured in a newspaper article about the golf tournament he was playing in. He was called "The Golfing Magician." Ask Jim to see the article.

• **THE 14 RING MEMBERS** who went to Hot Springs to see Randal Eller's magic show at the Music Mountain Theater recently, had a great time. As usual, Randal was near perfection. Thanks to Randal for inviting us to come over, and for giving us a great deal (half price) to attend.

Don't forget, we'll have another car caravan trip to Hot Springs, for our regular monthly magic meeting, on **Thursday, August 2**, but this time we'll go to the Maxwell Blade Theatre of Magic for our meeting, stay for his show, and those who wish to, will have the option of staying for Damon's Seance at 10:30 (limited to about 20).

• **SPEAKING OF DAMON**, Jan and Dennis Schick were in Hot Springs for the opening on an art show at the Convention Center last Saturday. It features paintings by a dozen artists, who had a four-day paint-out at the new Garvan Woodland Gardens, a 210-acre botanical Garden in that city.

(Their artist son-in-law -- Doug Gorrell - created the painting which was selected as the featured painting on the show poster.)

Anyway, they stayed overnight at The Austin Hotel and walked across the street to eat dinner and see Damon, who performs at the Bridge Street Cafe on weekends. He did several tricks for us before leaving to prepare for his 10:30 pm seance next door.

• **IN NEWPORT**, May 12, Sam Boyce presented "Magic in May," a show to benefit The White River Battered Women's Shelter.

Going on vacation? Check out the magic!

When you go on vacation this Summer, check out the list of attractions in the areas you will be visiting and you may find some magic. Of course magic shows are the first preference. But you might find a magic shop and even a magic meeting, if you look.

Where to look? Try the local newspaper for events going on. Many even list meetings and the local magic club just might be listed. Then look in any and all of those brochure racks set up at most motels and tourism information centers. Then, look in the local Yellow and even White Pages. Look for the word "magic." Also look under "novelties," "performers," "birthday parties," and wherever you think magicians might be listed.

Before you leave, ask Jim Henson or other fellow Ring members who travel, where they know magic shows are performed. As a reminder, here are some we know about:

• **Maxwell Blade's Theatre of Magic** in Hot Springs (501) 623-6200.

• **Randal Eller's Show**, Hot Springs, Music Mountain Jamboree Theater, Wednesday evenings.

• **Robert Kalina's "Mysteries of Magic" Show**, Eureka Springs. (501) 623-6200.

• **Bart Rockett Show**, The Magical Palace, Branson. (417) 348-0888.

• **Kirby Van Burch Magic Show**, Remington Theater, Branson

• **Terry Evanswood Magic Show**, Country Tonight Theater, Pigeon Forge, TN

• **Magic at Kudzu's**, Memphis. ...and, of course:

• **Ring 29 Monthly Magic Meeting**, first Thursday each month (501) 455-6242.

If you know of any others in our region, please let us know details.

On the show were: The Boyce Family Act, Clayton & Sherri Cavaness, Jimmy Rhodes, Joe Mansfield and Rocky Clements & Company. It was sponsored by the Newport Kiwanis Club and *The Newport Independent*, the local newspaper.

I wish we had known about it before our May newsletter so we could have promoted the show. It sounds like one many Ring 29 members would like to have seen.