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MAGIC MUSINGS

International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring #29

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Meets 1st Thursday of nearly every month, Baptist Medical Center



Ring Christmas Party is January 18 at Salem UMC, Bryant

The annual Ring 29 **Christmas Party** (you thought Christmas was over, didn't you?), will be 6:30 pm, Saturday, January 18 at the Salem United Methodist Church in Bryant. The party was there several years ago and some of you may remember it. Here are the details:

(1) The **menu** will be roast beef, potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad, homemade rolls, brownie sundae, and cookies. The cost is **only \$5 per person**. What a great bargain for some **great home-cooking** by Don's mother, a first-class chef!

(2) You must **reserve a place** and **pay in advance!** Call Mr. Magic or Don Baer to buy your tickets. Purchase your tickets by Thursday, January 16.

(3) There will be some **great magic from nine magicians**, right after we eat. Those who will perform are the following:

- Pam Medrez
- Larry Roberts
- Joey Williams
- Don Baer

MAGIC IN ACTION

✓ **THE LOCAL CLOWN CLUB** will meet Sunday afternoon, January 12th at Mr. Magic. Please call if you plan to attend: 455-6242. Why not come and see what clowning is all about?

✓ **THE JUNIOR MAGICIANS CLUB** will meet at Mr. Magic Sunday afternoon, January 19 at 2 pm. Call Mr. Magic to confirm that the meeting is still a go. The planned topic is coin handling, led by **Kyle Hamsher** and **Joey Williams**. This would be a great meeting to introduce a young person to magic and other junior magicians.

✓ **THE REGULAR RING 29** meetings will resume the first Thursday of February, on the 6th. More details next month. For now, go ahead and circle the first Thursday of every month for 2003. We may have a change for one or two, but the others should be on schedule.

✓ **WHILE YOU'RE CIRCLING** dates on your new calendar, circle March 28-29 for the annual **Cavalcade of Magic** in Eureka Springs. If you are interested in attending and/or performing, contact Bill Pitts

- Chris Westfall
- John West
- Scott Davis
- Andy Stirman
- Margaret LeClair

MC for the evening - **Kyle Hamsher**

(4) **How do you get there? See the map on the back** or call Mr. Magic for directions, even on that same day.

Come enjoy some great food, great fellowship and great magic. Merry Christmas!

Danny Archer to lecture Tuesday, February 25th

On **Tuesday, February 25th**, we will finally get to see **Danny Archer** in action. If you remember, he was to be one of our lecturers and performers at our convention in Hot Springs. But he had a heart attack just before he was to come, and had to cancel.

So he's coming to Ring 29 to lecture. At press time we did not have a location, but we will next newsletter. For now, circle the date on your 2003 calendar and plan to come.

at (479) 484-7512.

✓ **THE IBM CONVENTION** will be July 1-5 in **Kansas City** and we hope to have a big delegation from Little Rock. We'd like to get the convention back here and a good show from Arkansas would demonstrate our continuing interest.

✓ **JAMES KINSEY** is getting stronger and we even think he may be able to come to the Christmas Party. Please keep him in your prayers.

✓ **WE STILL HAVE** some of the great convention tee shirts for you to buy. You know that these will be collector's items. Once they're gone there won't be any more from our first convention. The shirts show the great "Magic in the Natural State" logo, and are available in large and extra large, for only \$20. Get them at Mr. Magic.

✓ **THE RING 29 PUBLIC SHOW** will be held in April but we're still working on a specific date. A committee is currently considering performers for the show. We'll give

NEXT MEETING:

Saturday, January 18
Ring 29 Christmas Party
Salem UMC, Bryant

Mark your 2003 calendars

Here are some of the magic dates to circle on your new calendars. They are subject to change, of course, during the year.

Jan. 18 Ring 29 Christmas party
Feb. 6 Regular meeting
Feb. 25 Danny Archer Lecture
Mar. 6 Regular meeting
Mar. 28 Cavalcade of Magic, Eureka Spg.
Apr. 3 Regular meeting
April Public Show
May 1 Regular meeting
June 5 Regular meeting
July 3 Regular meeting
Aug. 7 Regular meeting
Sep. 4 Regular meeting
Oct. 2 Regular meeting
Oct. 17 Ring 29 Convention, Hot Springs
Nov. 6 Regular meeting

details as soon as we have them.

✓ **DAMON AND DAN** performed at the Historic Arkansas Museum recently as 17th Century magicians. They were well received, but we didn't know they were so OLD! Ask at Mr. Magic to see pictures of them in their costumes.

✓ **BILL FULTON & RICHARD KNOLL** ask that you notify them when you perform for a **charitable event** and send an article and close-up photo to them so they can submit them to *The Linking Ring*.

Got magic news?

This newsletter not only keeps all of our club members informed about what is going on in the magic world in this area, but it also is a **history** of our club and its members. Call in news either to Jim (455-6242) or Dennis (374-1500), or send news to: dennis@arkansaspress.org

BITS & PIECES

● **NORA HARTMAN** has some of her late husband's clothes for sale: tuxedos, shirts and sport coats, some with topits. **Jim Henson** has them at the magic store for you to see and to find out more about.

● **DID ANDRE KOLE** really get to Russellville January 24, and did any Ring 29 members go to see him? How about anyone who went give us a personal report?

● **BILL WEBB** (Smiley the Clown), will be performing at "PETCO" in Hot Springs on Feb. 21 from 5-8 and the next day from 12-3. He has built quite a reputation in that area, as a balloon artist.

● **SUSAN BUCHER** (Jon's wife and magic assistant) had major surgery Jan. 21. Miraculously she was able to go home only four days later. She and Jon appreciate all the thoughts and prayers during that trying

time. Why not send her a get-well wish?

✓ **THE IBM Ring 29 2nd Annual Magic Convention** is moving ahead as planned. The convention chairmen are putting together the committees and they need volunteers to step forward to get assigned to specific tasks, and to help others.

If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Damon or Jim at Mr. Magic and ask how you can help! Circle the dates: **October 17-19**, in Hot Springs.

✓ **THE IBM CONVENTION** will be July 1-5 in **Kansas City** and we hope to have a big delegation from Little Rock since it is closer than it has been since it was in our fair city in 1999. We'd like to get the convention back to Little Rock and a good delegation from Arkansas magicians would demonstrate our continuing interest.

✓ **CLUB MEMBERSHIP** cards are now being distributed. If you have not received your card, contact Jim: 455-6242.

✓ **JAMES KINSEY** is much better from his recent debilitating illness. He is recovering slowly and he felt well enough to come to the club Christmas party. We hope and pray that he will be back to normal soon and that we'll see him at every meeting like he is used to doing. Hang in there, James.

✓ **SCOTT DAVIS** has been added as a columnist for **Magic Menu** by Jim Sisti. The Spring issue will have Scott's first article. Congrats Scott on this nice honor for you and for Ring 29.

✓ **MARK** March 28-29 for the annual **Cavalcade of Magic** in Eureka Springs at the all-new **Inn of the Ozarks Center**. If you are interested in attending and/or performing, contact Bill Pitts at (479) 484-7512.

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Pat Brady

Ring 29 Meeting Schedule 2003

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| Feb. 6 | Theme magic: religious, anti-smoking/drugs, attitude changes. YOU are the performer. |
| Feb. 25 | Danny Archer Lecture. BMC, Sheffield Auditorium. |
| Mar. 6 | How to promote yourself and your magic: promotional materials, etc. (Scott Davis, others) |
| Mar. 28-29 | Bill Pitts' " Cavalcade of Magic. " Eureka Springs Inn of Ozarks |
| April 3 | No regular meeting (since show is two days later) |
| April 5 | Public Show. |
| May 1 | Ring Goals and Review Members Handbook (Open discussion led by Board members) |
| June 5 | Mentalism: (Members perform) |
| July 3 | No regular meeting (Ring picnic substitutes for it.) |
| July 12/13 | Ring Picnic (July 12 or 13) |
| Aug 7 | Stage performances: How to move on stage, angles, sound, & lighting (Randall & Larry) |
| Sept 4 | Close up magic TEACH-IN: Demonstrations at tables by Ring instructors. |
| Oct 2 | No regular meeting (Convention substitutes for it.) |
| Oct. 17-19 | Ring 29 2nd Annual Convention, Hot Springs, |
| Nov 6 | Children's Magic: (Members perform) |
| Dec 4 | No regular meeting. Enjoy the holidays |