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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



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"Bring a Trick Night" at February 5 meeting at Baptist Hospital

REGULAR MEETING IS FEB. 5

The regular monthly meeting of Ring 29 is next Thursday, Feb. 5th, at Baptist Hospital. We'll start at 7 pm in Sheffield Auditorium, on the first floor. It will be "Bring a trick night!" (Of course we don't mean to just bring a trick; we want you to perform it, too, and then explain it.) These are some of our funniest and best meetings since it is impromptu. So if you are not going to see Copperfield or if you go to the 5:30 pm show and get out early, come on over to Baptist and bring a trick for a great meeting.

COPPERFIELD RETURNS:

David Copperfield is in town the same night as our monthly magic meeting (Feb. 5). We have heard that he is performing three new illusions. Those of you who go, please write a short paragraph and send it to Christy at the magic shop to let us all know what you thought of the show. He'll give two shows that evening, at 5:30 and 8:30.

AUCTION MOVED TO APRIL:

The board has decided to put the annual auction off to April. We moved it from February to March so those who wanted to could go see Copperfield. But we moved it again -- to April 1 (no foolin') -- because of a special guest we have for the March 4th meeting (see next item). Start pulling out your old magic and dust it off for the auction.

LONDON LECTURES MAR. 4:

Lecturer Ron London will be in Little Rock to lecture for our March 4th meeting. He has been here a number of times and is well liked by the magic community. His magic is innovative and entertaining. He has told us this will be

a new lecture for Ring 29. The club is providing this free lecture by Mr. London to members whose dues are paid. For those who are not Ring 29 members, the cost will be \$10.

COLUMBINI ALSO COMING IN MARCH:

Columbini is coming to Little Rock! Mark your calendars for Friday night March 19. Watch for more information in the March newsletter.

DON'T FORGET THE DUES!

Reminder about dues. We are sending this February newsletter to everyone, including those who have not paid their 2003-04 dues. Please pay your dues so that we can continue sending paper newsletters and also to pay for the great lectures we are bringing in. Contact Treasurer James Kinsey at jamesk39@swbell.net

NOTIFY US OF CHANGES!

If you have a change of address, phone number or e-mail address, please send Christy your changes at cih0914@aol.com or call the magic shop. We are magicians but we can't read your minds.

NEWSLETTER NOW BACK TO HARD COPY; E-MAIL, TOO:

Notice about newsletters. The board has decided to resume sending paper newsletters monthly to Ring 29 members. If you prefer to receive the newsletter via email, please call the magic shop and we'll take you off the mail list. (Of course make sure we have your correct E-mail address.) It costs us money for postage, so we'd be happy to save if you only want it by E-mail.

CHRISTMAS PARTY GREAT!

Those of you who were unable to make the Christmas Party missed another good time. Over 80 people attended. Read the special events section of your Linking Ring in the next couple of months for all the details.

Awards were given at intermission and are as follows: Close-up Magician of the Year: Joey Williams; Comedy Magician of the Year: Jimmy Rhodes; Media Magician of the Year: Derrick Rose; Member of the Year: Don Baer; Master Magician of the Year: Jon Bucher.

The Ring 29 rabbit -- Rabbit E. Lee -- was passed to Melvin Brown. Of course he has to bring it back next year!

MEMBER BITS AND PIECES:

✓ Gerry Bailey's fiancée Judy, who was hit by a car downtown in December, is at home and doing much better. Please keep her in your prayers.

✓ Scott Davis has been traveling the state, performing at schools.

✓ Damon and Elizabeth performed "Tales of the Wizard" at a Lake Hamilton resort in Hot Springs on Jan. 24th for Scholastic Press. They will be performing a special Romantic Tales of the Wizard on Feb. 14th, Valentine's Day, at the IMAX. Refreshments will be provided. Tickets will be \$25 a couple and must be purchased in advance.

✓ Derrick Rose will begin performing again soon on Friday mornings on Channel 11, between 6am and 7am.

✓ Don Baer performed "Spoonful of Laughter" on Jan 27th for a realty company. On Jan. 30th he performed for a

birthday party at Dermont Elementary.

✓ **Jim Henson, Richard Knoll, and Joey Williams** attended the World Magic Seminar in Las Vegas in January. An article written by Joey follows.

✓ **Maxwell Blade**, performer at the Theater of Magic in Hot Springs, is scheduled to re-open in March.

✓ While digging through and reorganizing the library at the magic shop, the following limerick was found in Marcom's book "Magical Limericks:"

A magician for whom we all grieve
Had a "pull" that you wouldn't believe
But he attached it all wrong,
With elastic so strong
That he disappeared up his own sleeve!

✓ We noticed in Friday's Weekend section of the Democrat-Gazette, that the Winter Jam Concert at Barton Coliseum this Saturday night, will include five acts, as well as **illusionist Brock Gill**. Call (501) 372-8341 for information.

✓ **Dennis and Jan Schick** spent eight days in Sedona, Arizona (two hours north of Phoenix) earlier this month. Just east of what locals call the "Y" is a Fun Shop which has a nice magic section. The owner just got into magic six months ago, but is already quite good at performing. Dennis visited the shop three times and had nice chats with the owner. Stop in if you're in that city.

THREE CONVENTIONS DESERVE YOUR ATTENTION:

(1) **The Cavalcade of Magic**, in Eureka Springs, is March 26 and 27. Contact Bill Pitts in Fort Smith for more information: (479) 484-7512. A number of our club magicians usually go to and perform at this small but quality regional convention. It's a lot of fun!

(2) This year the **I.B.M. Convention** is in Cleveland, Ohio June 29-July 3. There are several Ring 29 members

that are already planning to go.

Talent so far includes: Ali Bongo, John Carney, Michael Close, Murray Hatfield, Jeff McBride, Mystina, etc.

Those under 18 will have several special lectures with some of the talent.

Spouses are also invited to come and they will have a great time participating in spouse events. **Christy Henson** is the International Convention Assistant and will help supervise the Spouse Events. Cleveland is the hub to Continental Airlines. For more information, check out I.B.M.'s website: www.magician.org

(3) All magicians are invited to at-

tend the first-ever **International Invisible Lodge Convention** which will be held in August in Fort Smith. **Carl Balantine** will be one of the many magicians in attendance. Contact Bill Pitts for more information (his number is in item one).

APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE!

A big thank you and a deep bow to **Christy Henson** for supplying much of the news for this issue; and to **Joey Williams** for the nice write-up below. Please thank them! (You can send news, too!)

A REPORT ON THE WORLD MAGIC SEMINAR,

by Joey Williams

On Sunday January 11, I had the privilege of attending the World Magic Seminar in Las Vegas. The convention was a BLAST! I learned so much and met lots of people. There were great lectures the entire time. Some of the big names who attended were: Eugene Burger, Paul Daniels, Lance Burton, Bill Malone, Losander, Chris Korn, Quentin Reynolds, Tommy Wonder, Ice McDonald, Wayne Dobson, Aaron Crow, Nathan Kranzo, Jeff McBride and many more who just showed up and surprised everyone.

The lectures were outstanding. The best lecture I thought of the bunch had to be Tommy Wonder. Wonder shared his theory of the psychology that magic has on spectators. I found this very interesting and walked away with a new understanding of the magical art. Wonder also had some very unique items for sale.

Now for the best part of the convention! Lance Burton gave all the teens that wanted to see his show free tickets. Of course I signed up. That was the greatest magic show I have ever seen! It was so amazing to see his dove act in person. At the end of

the show he came out to meet all the young magicians. What a thrill!

The last night of the convention Jeff McBride invited us to his Master Class for open house. I caught up with some people I met and we all split a cab (The cab driver got lost but that's another story). When we got there, we were asked to sign a guest list and then wait in a close-up magic room. While we were all waiting Eugene Burger walked in and started performing. After a few tricks, we were told that Jeff was ready for us. We then went into the theatre and Jeff McBride performed for us as a surprise. Afterwards we all just "hung" around and mingled with the crowd as well as watched people perform close-up magic. I had a great time. There were only a few members of our club who attended: Jim Henson, Richard Knoll, and Kevin Morgan.

I want to personally thank all who were involved with the scholarship committee for helping me get to go this year. Getting to see others my age compete has made me decide that I will return next year with a close-up act of my own. I hope that more members of our ring will decide to join the event next year. I know we who went had lots of fun