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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 September 2; Convention is 24-26.

Next Thursday, September 2, the regular monthly meeting of Ring 29 will feature “**Bring a Trick**” night. We want EVERYONE who comes to bring at least one trick to share: your favorite trick, a NEW trick you have, an oldie but goodie, one you don’t include in your act anymore but which you still like. You get the idea.

These are some of the best programs we have because everyone can participate and share, because we get to see each other in action, and because we all can learn and improve the more magic we perform and watch. Plan on performing a trick, then explaining it.

BRIEFS

♦ **PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES!** A number of Ring 29 members have still not paid their 2004-05 ring dues. Dues are only \$20 and we need YOUR dues to help underwrite the costs of our club operation, such as paying to print and mail this newsletter. Make checks out to I.B.M. Ring 29 and send to treasurer James Kinsey or to Mr. Magic.

• **RANDAL ELLER** was on his way to Hot Springs to perform recently, when his van was side-swiped by a drunk driver. Randal was not injured but the wreck put his van on its side. We’ll keep you informed of Randal’s schedule so you can avoid the roads where he will be traveling.

• **DAMON AND ELIZABETH** are about to be extremely busy. In Albuquerque now, they have their own theater which holds about 25 people, where they can hold their seances. The shows will start the first of October and they will perform nearly every night. They called to say “Hi” and that they miss the Ring 29 members.

• COMING EVENTS:

September 2: Regular Ring 29 meeting: “Bring a Trick Night;” convention update
September 12: Annual Ring 29 Picnic, Pinnacle State Park: Noon to 3:30.
September 24-26: 3rd Annual Ring 29 Magic Convention, Velda Rose, Hot Springs

3rd Annual IBM Ring 29 Magic Convention will be Sept. 24-26 in Hot Springs

Early discount date is Sept. 1

The 3rd Annual IBM Ring 29 Magic Convention will be held September 24-26 at the Velda Rose Hotel in Hot Springs. We need FULL participation from MOST Ring members if it is going to be a success.

There will be a close-up contest and a stage contest, for both adults and juniors. Cash prizes will be awarded to winners: \$100 and \$50 for adults; \$50 and \$25 for juniors. There is a \$10 entry fee for adults and \$5 for juniors.

Lecturers will be **Bill Palmer, Steve Bender, and Danny Archer.**

The hotel has given us a special rate of \$75 per room. The hotel is at 217 Park Avenue. Call toll-free: 888-624-3311.

The registration fee for the convention (one person or family) is \$70 **before** September 1; \$80 after that. This includes one (1) ticket for Saturday’s banquet buffet. Additional banquet tickets will be \$15 each.

If you are an I.B.M. member, you will receive a \$5 discount on the registration fee, early or late. Registration forms can be picked up at Mr. Magic.

On the back of this page is a tentative itinerary for the convention, with most of the major details, for you to make your plans.

As our convention grows, it is building a reputation as a first-class affair. Most of us cannot attend the annual IBM national convention. But we CAN attend this one, so close by. Don’t pass up this opportunity to experience some top-notch magic, to learn some new magic skills, and to support our own Ring 29 special event. Sign up now. See you there.

Ring 29 Annual Picnic is set for September 12 at Pinnacle Mountain

The annual Ring 29 Picnic will be at Pinnacle Mountain State Park on Sunday afternoon, September 12 from 11:30 to 4 pm in the main pavillon at the foot of the mountain -- the same location as last year and the only pavillon in the park.

We have made special arrangements with the park for us to do a public show at 2 pm. The performance will pay for the \$55 usage fee. So bring yourself, your family, and your magic to perform for the park visitors or we have to pay the park. Please call Mr. Magic and sign up to perform.

Ring 29 will pay for the meat. Please call Mr. Magic by September 8 to let us know how many are coming, and to tell us what you plan to bring: bread, drinks, desserts, etc. We have the pavillon starting at 11:30 and will plan to eat at 12:30.

Everyone is invited, so bring your friends and neighbors, especially anyone interested in magic and joining our club. This is one of the most fun events of the year, and is a whole-family affair. Put your tricks and stuff in your car and drive out after church. Or go to an earlier service so you won’t be rushed. Come have some magic fun!

Dennis retired July 30

Newsletter editor **Dennis Schick** retired July 30 after 25 years with the Arkansas Press Association. The next day he and his wife, Jan, took a three-week road trip (3500 miles) to Maryland, New York City, Niagara Falls, Canada, and Michigan.

On the last day they were in New York City, they found out that the main person on the recent “The Mentalist” television mini-series, was performing there. But they couldn’t see it since they were leaving town. They don’t know how long he will be performing there.

A Report on the Invisible Lodge Konclave

By Jim Henson

The Invisible Lodge Magic Konclave was held in Fort Smith, August 13-14, and over 200 people attended, including 25 from Ring 29.

Bill and Ruth Pitts did an outstanding job of putting together a first (and maybe only) convention of this type.

We had a number of Ring 29 members attend and to assist in different shows. They included Jimmy Rhodes, Joey Williams, Richard Knoll, and Christy Henson.

The historical significance of this gathering is impossible to explain, but the entertainment value and the camaraderie was a real bargain and well worth the time and money.

Our members who attended were: Lisa Bolin, Sam Boyce, Jon and Susan Bucher, Paul Carlon, Lannie Cox and Zorro, Mike and Deede Curtis, Bill Fulton, Christy Hendon, Jim & Brenda Henson, Richard Knoll, Margaret LeClair, David and Jonathan Mariner, Tom Minnich, Chuck Perschbacher, Bill & Ruth Pitts, Jimmy Rhodes, Jr., Ernie & Wilma Staggs, Don Thompson, Tyler Vodehnal and Joey Williams. I hope I didn't forget anyone.

Watching John Calvert and Lee Grabel again is always a thrill. Every time we see them, we say to ourselves that this is probably the last

time they will ever perform. But then within a year or so we have the privilege of seeing the outstanding professionalism on these magic legends, along with their wives.

The lectures were unique and I wish I had a copy of each one.

If you want more information and details about the event, talk to any of the people who were there.

RING 29

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TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR

3rd ANNUAL RING 29 MAGIC CONVENTION

Velda Rose Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24:

7 pm **Early Bird Registration and Informal Reception.**

Come mingle and share magic tricks with those already at the hotel. A hospitality room will allow you to relax, meet our lecturers, share war stories, do tricks and snack on some refreshments.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25:

7:30 Registration continues

8:30 **LECTURE 1:** Bill Palmer

10:30 **STAGE COMPETITION**

12-1 Lunch break. On your own

1-3 **LECTURE 2:** Danny Archer

3-5 **LECTURE 3:** Steve Bender

5:30 **BANQUET BUFFET:** Featuring a special appearance by MERLIN.

7:30 **PUBLIC SHOW,** including a special appearance by Maxwell Blade

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26:

8:30 **LECTURE 4:** Steve Bender

10:30 **CLOSE-UP COMPETITION**

12-1 Lunch on your own

1 pm **AWARDS PRESENTATION AND MAGIC IDOL CONTEST** (An "Open Mike" competition.)

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