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## LITTLE ROCK MAGIC RING 29

*It's all about the Magic...*

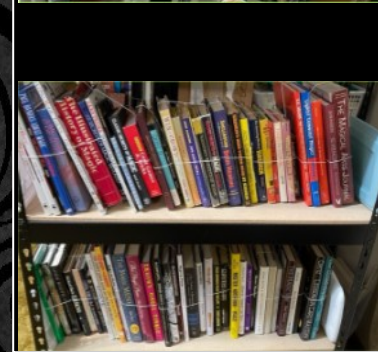
### Final Estate Sale

The master of Estate Sales for magicians has started his last Estate Sale. It began July 22 and will continue for one month. Beginning July 25 all visits to see the collection will be by appointment only. Please call Jim Henson before coming out to ensure he will be available.

All sales are final and will be sold by CASH or CHECK only.

Saturday was a success selling a lot of small magic. There is still plenty of stage/parlor magic to be had that is in used once or new condition with each item priced well below retail.

There are plenty of hardbound and softbound books to be had at a remarkable price. The hardbound are bundled with the price of the bundle less than the cost of the most expensive book of the bundle. You need to come out and see what all the fuss is about. This stuff needs to be sold! Come on out and lets get you set up for an entire show or two!



### Memories of the 1999 International Convention

*by James Kinsey*

Christy and I have been members of the club for about 6 years when the International IBM Convention came to Little Rock.

To promote the upcoming event to the public we cut Summer Henson in half with a buzz saw and levitated Miss Arkansas on the steps of the state capital in front of several members of the press.



*(full article on page 8)*

#### Meeting Information

August 3, 2023  
David's Burgers NLR  
6:30 p.m.

#### Upcoming Events

October Fundraiser Show  
December Ring 29  
Christmas Party TBD  
Annual January Show

*"Sleight comes with exercise, subtlety comes with experience."*

- Amit Kalantri -



# President's Corner

*Dane Dover*

## The Classics

What makes something a classic? In a lot of people's mind classic means "old" while this has some element of truth it is not all that makes something a classic. Let's take cars for instance a classic would be a 1963 Corvette Stingray however even the newer Corvettes could be considered a classic. Oh, sure they have changed over the years, but the brand is considered a classic. Recently Tony Bennett passed away and as the tributes came in the one thing I kept hearing over and over was he sang the "American Songbook". In other words, he sang the classics. But here is the thing about Tony Bennett he was not stuck in the classic time period, which is evident when he did a recent album with Lady Ga Ga (his second one). So, what can we learn from these classics when it concerns magic?

Let's look at a classic trick called the Linking Rings. If you read old books, you will see a lot of emphasis on the designs you can make with the rings (flower, etc.) and you would also see routines with up to 11 rings. But the basic trick is that you link and unlink rings, over and over. Doesn't sound very exciting, does it? But if you look at a Chris Capehart or Pop Hayden routine with just 3 rings, they are able to keep an audience entertained. So yes, to the classics but no to the "oldness" (is that a word?)

You see the classics are classics for a reason. They have stood the test of time. The sub trunk, zig zag lady, etc. are all illusions that could be considered classics but if you watch a current illusionist perform them you would think they were invented yesterday. Some sub-trunk illusions are so fast that even though I know how it is done I am still amazed.

I have heard several professionals say something to the effect that once they learn the mechanics of the trick they throw away the directions which are filled with "old" patter that usually doesn't fit their style.

If you want a good laugh, go read some of the patter in Tarbell and imagine saying some of those things today, they just wouldn't work.

So, pick a classic and ask yourself the question how could this be more relevant today? Back to the Linking Rings if you read or see Mike Caveney's linking coat hangers you will see how the linking rings dramatically changed but the magic is exactly the same, linking and unlinking coat hangers. Someone has come up with linking and unlinking balloons, ropes, I even heard of someone doing toilet seats.

So get busy studying a classic and then change it.

Dane

# Secretary Report

*Marty Haughn*

What an interesting month for our meeting. We were all fortunate to have been invited back to Dane & Sarah Dover's home sitting in nice air-conditioning away from the 90+ temperatures outside. Thank you for your hospitality!

President Dane Dover began with Ring business giving Blayk Puckett the floor. Blayk updated everyone regarding our upcoming benefit show for Feed the Vets here in Central Arkansas. Blayk stated we were waiting on confirmation on date and time arrangements with the venue. (As of this writing, the venue was approved and locked in for October 21, 2023.) Mary Ann Campbell, one of the committee members, announced that there were several performers lined up waiting for the go-ahead. Both Blayk and Mary Ann promised a good show as it will be a variety style show with magicians, juggling, circus style acts, etc. This looks to be promising.

Additional business was brought up by Secretary, Marty Haughn. He announced the FINAL estate sale to be put on by none other than Jim Mr. Magic Henson. There were a lot of details to the estate and was sent through email on a flyer. The estate consists of the late Ricky Tripp who passed away earlier this year. The business portion was concluded and Dane moved that we get right into the magic.

First up was Dane who presented a handful of tongue depressors and identified one with hieroglyphics of some form. He talked about how these could represent numbers. The remainder of the sticks had numbers and were handed to Mary Ann Campbell. She was instructed to look at one of the numbers and remember it. Dane then instructed Mary Ann to remove all the stick that did not have her thought of number. Once done, Dane gave it some thought and was able to identify her number.

Blayk Puckett performed next with an interesting mind-bending bit of mentalism. He began by stating how much he and Paul Carlon have gotten to know each other from being on the road from show to show. Paul was sent to a back room with Dane as security while Blayk asked members for a subject they could list items from, the topic was sodas. As the list was created on a sheet of paper, Blayk began circling which ones he believed Paul would select. A second list was also created by Joel Nicholson to take back to Paul. Paul circled the ones he wanted and returned to the room. As the lists were compared, all but one were a match. Interesting bit of mentalism. Blayk demonstrated another version of making a connection but with Jon Bucher this time. Blayk asked someone to point to something in the room while Jon was isolated away in another room. After several items were pointed to, Jon was able to identify which item had been selected.

Jon Bucher walked up with a tall glass covered and banded with a handkerchief. He placed it aside and began telling a story. As he spoke Jon removed an "imaginary" deck of cards and asked for a Janie Nicholson to shuffle the deck and identify a random card then invert the card inside the deck. When done, the deck was returned to Jon and everyone was made aware of a tall stemmed glass on the table. The glass was covered with a white silk and banded over the top making entry impossible unless removed. After some more of the story Jon removed the silk only to expose a now visible deck. From the box he removed the deck and commenced a card spread. As the cards were spread, one card was discovered to be placed inverted and when removed turned out to be Janie's selected card.

A club favorite, Randall Eller, walked to the front holding a large folded square of orange tissue paper and a silver cane. Randall stated that once the cane was rolled into the tissue paper he could make it change colors.

# Secretary Report

*Marty Haughn*

Ok, let's see you do that one! Randall rolled the cane, said a few magical words and said the cane was now a mentioned color. He repeated the magical incantation and poof, the cane was silver again. Problem was Randall did not show us the color change! We demanded another shot at it and so we were treated to a repeat but to another color. Sure enough, Randall said it was the new color and turned it back to silver. Having had enough Randall saw that we weren't falling for the trickery and tried one more time only on this go-around unrolled the tissue to show the color...the cane was GONE! Very well played Randall.

Marty Haughn was next with an elaborate table arrangement and asked for Sarah Dover and Mary Ann Campbell to assist. The three were seated at the little table and Marty began explaining that Voodoo didn't exist in the form we know of all the while holding a small voodoo doll. Marty then commenced to drawing a voodoo doll on a pad of paper he had on the table. He asked Mary Ann to place an X anywhere on the paper voodoo doll. He then jabbed a long pin fitted with a pink feather on top into the X. Marty took the overly large pencil and started to draw lines onto the paper and unbelievably the pin and feather began to follow the pencil strokes. The entire process was repeated with Sarah only this time Marty covered the pin with a wine glass. Again, he moved the pencil around the paper and the pin followed the pencil strokes! Pretty darned spooky if you ask me!

Joel Nicholson stayed in the background while providing instructions to Janie who was seated up front at the table. Blayk Puckett provided the assist in a series of instructions. As each step was announced, Janie performed each one. Blayk had to arrange the cards in a red/black order and even reversed when tasked. Several rounds were accomplished where it appears the cards were mixed but always when exposed came out red/black/red/black. Before you knew what was happening the cards were being turned over after having everyone shouting RED, RED RED, RED BLACK BLACK, BLACK BLACK. Sure enough the order had changed.

Dane came back with round two and had some business sized cards in hand. On the cards was a picture of a pistol. On the back of one of the cards, Al Henager was asked to draw a circle to represent a bullet. The story revolved (no pun intended) around Barney Fife and his only being able to carry one bullet in his pocket. Al provided several numbers to mix the cards and when it was all said and done, Dane was able to show that the bullet always showed up no matter the combination of numbers. Afterwards, Dane provided everyone their own set of cards and began a small teach-in. Thanks Dane!

We concluded the meeting and all headed for home. Once again, many thanks to Dane and Sarah Dover for opening up their home for us all to invade.

# Blast from the Past

*Mike Curtis*

This month we will take a 10 year ago peek at the Ring meeting of July, 2013. The President at that time was Jon Bucher and the Secretary was Bob White. The Ring met monthly at Shuffield Auditorium in Little Rock.

"Instead of our usual meeting date on July 13, Ring 29 held its annual officer's installation banquet. This year the festivities were held in the main banquet/party room of the Buffalo Grill located in Little Rock. Just over forty were in attendance including members and family.

Attendees were able to order from the restaurant's menu and everybody I talked to thought the food and service was excellent.

After the meal, President Jon Bucher called the proceedings to order and turned the dais over to TVP Larry Bean who had graciously agreed again to conduct the officer installation and also MC the event. By an unanimous club vote earlier this year, all officers from the previous year were elected to continue to serve a second term. After conducting the formal part of the installation, Larry followed up with a funny "tongue in cheek" presentation to each officer using the labels on vegetable seed packets as visual puns. Afterwards, as has always been the custom, each officer was required to perform magic for the group.

Historian Mike Curtis presented a hilarious coin vanish while wearing a trench coat that appeared to have mechanical devices installed. He then tried to sell instructions to the effect, but had no takers. It was an absolute hoot! Newsletter Editor Michael Wilkinson amazed our server for the evening with sponge bunnies followed by a colossal killer card prediction.

Sergeant-at-Arms David Duggie followed Mike with his expert handling of a six ring Linking Rings routine. Treasurer James Kinsey had a card selected and returned to the deck. When he finally produced his choice as the selection it was the right suit, but off by one pip. James's solution was to magically scrape off the offending pip bringing the effect to a successful conclusion. Secretary Bob White (yours truly) performed "The Silent Treatment." A wonderful card prediction effect by Jon Allen. I think everybody was grateful that I had to keep my mouth closed for most of the effect. Vice President Aaron Acosta amazed with a psychic routine where he had several audience members place personal objects on a table while his back was turned. He then correctly identified which of the objects had been merely touched by other spectators while he still had his back turned. For a finale, he correctly identified and returned the objects to their original owners. President Jon Bucher did a wonderful and fun "Cards Across" routine with two of our lady attendees.

This concluded a great evening of food, fellowship, and magic for our annual installation banquet. Also re-elected was Web-master Bob Bullock who could not attend. Congratulations to all the officers for the past year and good luck for the coming New Year."

The first meeting to be held at Buffalo Grill was a great success with excellent food and magical fun at the officer's installation banquet. As outlined in the above report, the officers did not disappoint, as they amazed and amused all present. Larry Bean did his usual stellar job of installing the officers, who all seemed eager to take on their responsibilities for the year.

Until next time, don't let the present get you down when you can always escape into wonderful memories of the past.

# Ring 29 Library

*Mike Curtis*

## Title

## Author

Greater Magic

J Northern Hilliard

My Best

J G Thompson

Tarbell Course in Magic Vol 2

Harlen Tarbell

Amateur Magician's Handbook

Henry Hay

Later Magic

Professor Hoffman

200 More Tricks You Can Do

Howard Thurston

Willard the Wizard

Bev Bergeron

The Best in Magic

Bruce Elliott

Pure Imagination by Scott Robinson

John Campbell (editor)

History of Magic

David Copperfield

The above books (excluding Greater Magic) are available to be checked out at no charge. Please make arrangements with Mike Curtis. He can be reached at 501-517-0926 or e-mail at [djcmgc@aol.com](mailto:djcmgc@aol.com).

# Memories of the 1999 International Convention

*James Kinsey*

Below, Damon Reinbold floats Miss Arkansas.



I remember that we had around 1500 magicians and their families from all over the world converge on the State House Convention Center and it was a whirlwind 4 days with little sleep. Everyone in the club worked very hard bringing the convention to LR and worked even harder during the convention as we were the hosts. The photo below was taken just before the start for the program.

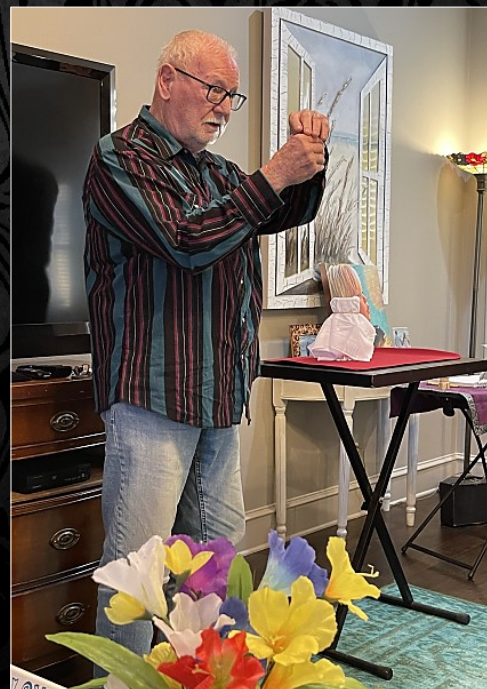
There were lectures during the day from the likes of Daryl, Gene Anderson, Kevin James Stephen Bargatze, Terry Seabrooke, Doc Dixon, Ice McDonald, Sony Fontana and Mike Shelly. A young Joshua Jay competed in the close up contest. Between the lectures there was a large dealers area with all the latest tricks and gadgets for sale and as always there were small groups everywhere that were sharing tips and just enjoying the company.

Each night there was a professional show presented at Robinson Auditorium that was open to the public and each night was packed. I'm sure that anybody that was there has lots of stories that they can share and we all had a great, if tiring time and I think that this picture sums up how we all felt afterwards:

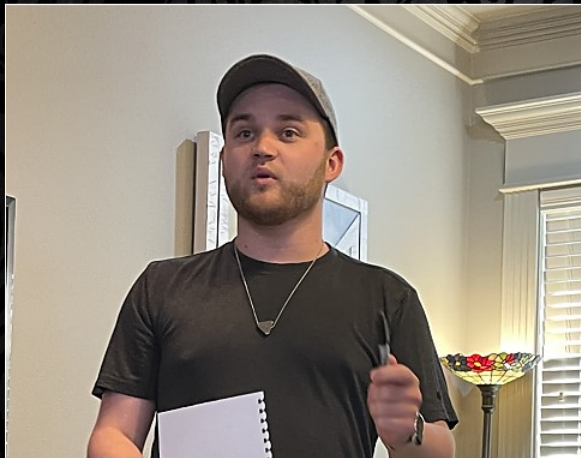




# July Performers



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# Schedule of Events

2023

Date	Meeting Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
January 14, 2023	7:00 p.m. Jacksonville Community Center	Annual Christmas Show	N/A	Marty Haughn
February	Markham Executive Building 10201 W. Markham	Workshop	N/A	Dane Dover
March	Henson Home #2	Open	N/A	Joel Nicholson
April	Stagecoach Clubhouse	Lecture	Tom Burgoon	Jim Henson
May	David's Burgers 3510 Landers Road, NLR	Open	N/A	Dane Dover
June	Larry's Pizza 801 S. Bowman Road, LR	Officer Installation	N/A	Larry Bean
July	TBA	Photographic Magic	N/A	Dane Dover
August 3	David's Burgers NLR 3510 Landers Road	Magic with Tarot Cards <i>No Readings Allowed</i>	N/A	Marty Haughn
September 8	TBA	Paper, Rope or Rings	N/A	Dane Dover
October 5	TBA	Scariest Magic You Know!	N/A	Marty Haughn
November 2	TBA	Perform, Teach, Share	N/A	Joel Nicholson
December 8	Ring 29 Christmas Party	Best of the Best	N/A	Dane Dover

\* The clubhouse address: 100 Stagecoach Village, Little Rock, Arkansas.

These are our normal meeting gatherings. Any additional activity throughout the month will be listed on the website beginning in August.

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All members of Ring 29 must first be a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. I.B.M. Applications can be obtained from [http://www.magician.org/membership\\_application.pdf](http://www.magician.org/membership_application.pdf).

*Contact Mr. Magic or any Ring 29 Officer for information on joining the IBM or Ring 29.*

#### **Mailing Lists**

In addition to this newsletter Members can receive last minute email information on meetings, events, and lectures. If you wish to be added to our email list, please contact *Treasurer Col. James Kinsey*.

**[www.littlerockmagic.net](http://www.littlerockmagic.net) or [www.littlerockmagic.org](http://www.littlerockmagic.org)**

Our website has been filled with a wealth of information to assist our members and potential members. New features are being added daily. Check out the Ring 29 Highlights video, the Magicians for Hire page, or the Ring 29 Event Calendar.

#### **Using Ring 29 Email Group**

To be added to our email group, contact James Kinsey or Marty Haughn

We now use GOOGLE GROUPS for our email service.

Ring 29 is proud to endorse and support Little Rock's world class Magic Vendor, "Mr Magic"  
Mr. Magic is owned and operated by retired Fire Chief Jim Henson and is a primary contact for Ring 29.

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