



Little Rock Ring 29 Newsletter
Little Rock, Arkansas

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January 2020



The Performer

Annual Magic Show

Wow! Another year and a great show!

This year's show fell on a little turbulent times during planning but life happens. Regardless, the show was a success and I was assured by many of the audience they all had a great time and enjoyed the entertainment.

A special thanks goes out to the organizers for this year's show: Jim Henson for lining up our performers; Marty Haughn with his magical touch in creating posters; James and Christy Kinsey with creating membership cards and ensuring our posters were printed in time to distribute throughout the communities.

International Brotherhood of Magicians
Little Rock Ring 29

MAGIC SHOW

Jacksonville Community Center

Joey Williams, Rocky Clements, Jimmy Rhodes, Scott Davis, Randall Ellis

January 11, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.
Jacksonville Community Center
Jacksonville, Arkansas

Admission: Adults \$10
Children under twelve: \$7

There will be desserts available before the show and is included with admission

WHERE THE MAGIC BEGINS
IBM Ring 29

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEETINGS & LECTURES

Lecturer: Kent Axtell, February 6, 2020

Note: This is our regular meeting date

Lecturer: Paul Prater (TBA)

Cavalcade of Magic 27-28 March, 2020



From left to right: Jon Bucher, Searcy, AR; Joey Williams, Fayetteville, AR; Jimmy Rhodes, Augusta, AR; Rocky Clements, Batesville, AR; Joe Mansfield, Brookland, AR; Scott Davis, Hot Springs, AR



Greetings and Happy New Year to All!

Cavalcade! If you reserve your room at the Inn of the Ozarks by Feb 26, you will get our discounted rate, so don't procrastinate! Also, if you pre-register by mail (Clyde Hayre at 10813 Hunters Point Rd, Fort Smith, AR 72903) or PayPal (ibmring75@att.net) by March 24th, you will be entered in a drawing for FREE registration for 2021. Registration is still only \$75 for the whole family!

Lecturers and show Closers are Steve Lancaster, Rocky Clements, and Josh Farley (of recent Penn and Teller fame). Jon Bucher, Jody Birchfield, Russell Turner, and Clyde Hayre will be our Emcees. If you want to perform on one of the shows, please reply to this email and let me know what items you will perform so we can set the shows for the best variety and entertainment.

This year we are teaming up with a local business to advertise the shows locally and hopefully bring in more lay audience members! We will be performing a free show in the Eureka Springs Coffee House on Thursday evening before the auction. They serve breakfast and lunch, and you will be given a "magic word" to get a 10% discount! It ought to be a lot of fun!

We will have our auction at approximately 9 p.m. on Thursday, so bring items to auction and money to spend. We always have good deals and a lot of fun.

There will be lots of magic to buy at the dealers booths. Bring your list of things you need and want, and see what you may need that you didn't even know was available!

If I left out any information you need, or you have questions, or want to be on a show, reply to this email (ron.ingram@sbcglobal.net) and I will try to get you and answer post haste.

Hope to see you all in about 8 weeks!

Ron Ingram

Cavalcade of Magic Committee



Families and friends enjoying the show and desserts.

For the Record

by Gary Fambrough, Ring 29 Secretary

RING 29, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Ring 29 members and many guests met on Saturday, January 11th at the Jacksonville Community Center for the Ring 29 Annual Christmas Magic Show.

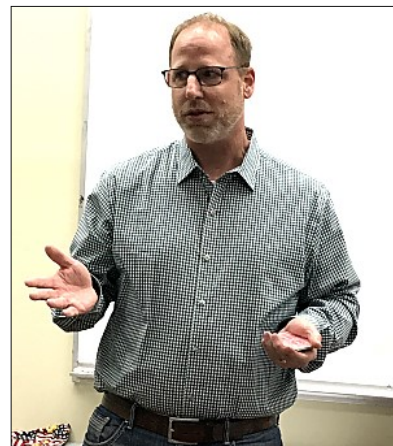
First off, I'd like to thank those that attended for supporting the club with your presence. We had a terrific attendance this year. I don't have the exact numbers yet but it was a full house! We even had to bring in more chairs as the room filled up. This is the kind of problem we like to have.

A lot of thanks goes out this year to the organizers and those that helped get the word out. I know Jo Jones, James Kinsey, Jim Henson, Marty Haughn are just a few of the members that worked hard to make this year's show a success.

We decided to do something a little different this year regarding food. Instead of serving an entire meal, we offered those in attendance drinks and desserts. Talk about some delicious treats; one of my favorites was the banana pudding. Yum. For this reason, we were also able to lower the price and make it more affordable for everyone as well.

Before the show began at 7:00 pm, we had several stations set up so people could crowd around for some close-up magic performances. Manning the stations were Chris Westfall, Rob Merriman, Creel Morgan, Cedric Morley, and Adrian Steelman. These guys have some great magic chops. If you see these guys around, be sure and ask them to show you something. You won't be disappointed.

As stated, the show began at 7:00 with Jon Bucher as our Emcee for the evening. Jon never fails to entertain with his brand of comedic humor while introducing our performers. The first half of our show starred Joe Mansfield all the way from



Gary Fambrough

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Brookland, AR; Scott Davis from Hot Springs, AR; and Jimmy Rhodes from Augusta, AR. Among these performances we saw lots of silk magic, witnessed a possible ghost, experienced some ESP, and the audience even "learned" a trick... I use that term rather loosely mind you.

Intermission consisted of a 10 minute or so break and upon return, Jim Henson took the stage. Each member of the club was gifted with a unique item from his warehouse of magic. Additionally, 3 lucky members were able to play a little game where they were able offered a chance to trade an envelope containing an unknown amount of money for a gift box whose contents were also unknown. I think everyone came out a winner on this regardless of their selection. Finally, as is tradition, Rabbit E Lee's new keeper was selected. This year's recipient was Paul Carlon.

The second half of our show began with Jon Bucher of Searcy, AR followed by Joey Williams from Fayetteville, AR. For the grand finale, Rocky Clements from Batesville, AR performed. This half brought us some crazy rope shenanigans, mysterious blocks that changed position, and some incredible predictions. Additionally, we heard of some haunted experiences and tales, and last but not least, everyone watched as Rocky passed a ribbon directly through a solid pane of glass.

I hope nobody had to miss this special show this year. If so, I hope you will be able to attend our show next year. In the meantime, follow our newsletter and Yahoo forum for information about the monthly meetings.

We will see everyone in February!!!

-- Gary Fambrough



Adrian Steelman



Cedric Morely



Chris Westfall



Creel Morgan



Rob Merriman



Chris Westfall entertaining with a little close-up magic.

Blast from the Past

by Mike Curtis, Ring 29 Historian

This month takes back just 20 years to the February, 2000 meeting of the Ring. The President at that time was Damon Reinbold and the Secretary was Bill Fulton. The Ring met monthly at The Baptist Medical Center, Room 20 in Little Rock.

"We discussed organizing a car pool down to the Texas Magic Convention on September 1-3 in Dallas. A number of our members will be attending Bill Pitts Cavalcade of magic in Eureka Springs, AR on March 30-April 1. Our Ring plans to help with the McDonald House volunteer event in September.

Damon Reinhold, our President, will be discussing our public performance with the Arkansas Art Center.

Rebecca Roberts, Secretary for the Junior Program, gave a demo lesson to the Ring on a Rope trick and Bob Owen reviewed the White Bike prediction card trick for the Ring. The theme for the evening was Bags and Eggs. Creel Morgan and Scott Davis went over several versions of the Egg to Silk effect for our members. Both gave different versions and explained the differences. Davis' version used a Thumb Tip instead of the hollow egg.

Andy Stirman presented a routine in which he used a Change Bag, Break-a-way Wand and 20th Century Silks to create a magical washing machine using the Change Bag. Margaret LeClair presented a story of Little Red Riding Hood in which she vanished silks and brought them back tied together.

Dan Hecke did a mind reading act in which one spectator selected colored chips from one paper bag and another spectator was able to select a matching colored chip from another bag without looking. This was a funny routine in which the second spectator could clearly look into his bag with a window unseen by the first spectator. Rebecca Roberts used a Change Bag in her performance to change the color of silks.



Mike Curtis

Kyle Hamsher, President of the Junior Program, had an assistant select and sign a card. The card was shuffled into the deck and then Kyle's magic chicken laid an egg that contained the selected card. Theron Nunley told us a story of how the French smuggled eggs into a magic Egg Bag to feed their families.

Chris Westfall showed us a couple of rope and knot tricks. Then he let someone select a card and lost it into a deck. The deck was placed into a bag and a rope was lowered into the bag and the rope rapped about the selected card. Chris pulled the card from the bag.

The evening was both a performance and training session enjoyed by all. Another fine evening of magic experienced by the Ring. It appears there was a lot going on at the turn of the century. We can all now look forward to what the "Roaring 20's" will bring us beginning this year. With this time of new year's resolutions, we may want to dust off some of those effects we stuck in the magic drawers and actually use them. Now is the time to crank up the motivation!

Until next time, remember that the past is there for a reason; use it.

JON BUCHER



JOE MANSFIELD



SCOTT DAVIS



JIMMY RHODES



JOEY WILLIAMS



ROCKY CLEMENTS



MAGICAL DOOR PRIZES



MAGICAL PAST



Brother John Charles Hamman S.M. (September 3, 1927 – December 5, 2000) was a close-up magician and Marianist Brother. The tricks he invented are still an integral part of many close-up magician's repertoire. Hamman was world-renowned in the magic community. His initial interest in the art started as a child. As he recuperated from polio, he spent hours learning, practicing and inventing card tricks and other magic involving sleight-of-hand. In many cases, he "reinvented" classic maneuvers or streamlined them. He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, the Catholic Magicians' Guild and the Society of American Magicians.

Hamman created more than 100 card magic tricks throughout his career. Among the many tricks he invented, he is best known for the Hamman Count, a sleight-of-hand in which cards are falsely counted to give the impression that the magician holds more, or less, than he actually does. He authored many books and videos on magic and was invited to many local, national and international level (including FISM) magician gatherings to display his prowess and ability with cards.

In 1995, Br. Hamman was the first living magician to be honored during the first St. Louis Magical Heritage Awards, the "Hall of Fame" for local magicians. Professional magicians referred to Br. Hamman as the "Magical Marianist". In his acceptance speech, he explained the key to a successful magic performance:

The object of magic is misdirection. Audiences are more apt to believe what they hear than what they see, and intelligent people are the easiest to fool because they don't expect me to use some childish gimmick to deceive them. On the other hand, children are hard to fool, because they watch closely and don't listen.

His first major publication was "The Card Magic of Bro. John Hamman, S.M.," published by Paul LePaul in 1958. In his foreword, LePaul wrote,

Brother John Hamman leads you down the garden path to the exact spot where he wants you and then, he turns on the sprinkler.

Among magicians, Br. Hamman is still known as a Magician's Magician. The highest honor the magic community can bestow on one of its own, it refers to one's ability to amaze even fellow conjurers. Despite this, his first love was doing magic for his students.

Br. Hamman was also a skilled Gospel Magician. He frequently used his magic to teach some important aspect of Catholic catechism to his students.

source: Wikipedia

Treasurer's Report

January 2020

Beginning Balance	Checking	2275.32	Expenses	
	Party Collected	1096.00	Jacksonville Room Rent	400.00
	Dues Collected	275.00	Security Deposit	100.00
	Total Balance Checking	3646.83	Drinks, Plates, Miscellaneous	171.05
	Total Balance Savings	970.33	Ending Balance Checking	2975.78
			Ending Balance Savings	970.33

12 members have paid dues.

If you are not sure about your membership status email me at:

jamesk39@gmail.com



Ring 29 Meetings 2019-2020

Date	Meeting	Location	Theme	Lecturer	Emcee
August 1, 2019	Regular	Baptist Classroom #1	Children's Magic	TBA	TBA
September 5, 2019	Regular	Baptist Classroom #1	Basic Magic	TBA	TBA
October 3, 2019	Regular	Baptist Classroom #1	Halloween	TBA	TBA
November 7, 2019	Regular	Baptist Classroom #1	Dollar Store Grab Bag	TBA	TBA
December 5, 2019	Regular	Baptist Classroom #1	Christmas Magic	TBA	TBA
January 11, 2020	Christmas Show	Jacksonville Community Ctr.	Walk-Around and Stage Magic	N/A	Jon Bucher
February 6, 2020	Regular	Baptist Classroom #1	Mentalism	TBA	TBA
March 5, 2020	Auction	TBA	Auction	TBA	TBA
April 2, 2020	Regular	TBA	Teach-In	TBA	TBA
May 7, 2020	Regular	TBA	Coins and Cards	TBA	TBA
June 4, 2020	Stage Competition	TBA	Stage Competition	TBA	TBA
July 2020 Date TBA	Installation	TBA	Officers Performing	TBA	TBA

**** To enter Ring 29 competitions you must be a paid up member of the IBM.**

****Lecture dates not included as James Kinsey is currently working on scheduling.**

****Watch for emails for those dates, times and locations.**

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Membership

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.

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*.

LittleRockMagic.net

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.

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



Mr. Magic (Jim Henson)

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