



Little Rock Ring 29 Newsletter
Little Rock, Arkansas

April 2020



The Performer

It was Our First!

Very interesting. Although full of challenges, Ring 29 held their April meeting via ONLINE!

Dane Dover was kind enough to host this meeting event and sent out notices to everyone to try and attend. There were eight attendees for the meeting.

If you missed out on this meeting no worries as there will be another online meeting for May. When you receive an email from Dane stating when, follow the instructions then when loaded watch the video on how to use the program. If you have any questions you can email Dane or Marty for assistance.

It is our hope that we fill our screens with everyone's smiling faces ready to perform some great magic and have discussions. Watch for an email detailing what is needed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEETINGS & LECTURES

Online Meeting: May 7, 2020 @ 7 p.m.



POSTPONED

PITTSBURGH
July 8-11, 2020



Letter from Our IBM President



To our members, families, and communities:

I hope this message finds you well and in good spirits.

Every year, the International Brotherhood of Magicians carries out its humble aim to link the world of magic through our international convention.

Throughout the current global health crisis, our international officers and convention committee have carefully monitored the Covid-19 pandemic. We hoped to provide yet another world-class convention this July in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, but of course, the health and wellness of our members and communities is our highest priority.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the U.S. government's recent disaster declaration for the state of Pennsylvania, and for the safety of all involved, the Board of Trustees of the International Brotherhood of Magicians has unanimously voted to postpone the international convention.

Registrations will be forwarded to the new dates once determined. If you find you will be unable to attend you may contact office@magician.org where we are happy to assist.

Let us take this time to reflect on those most important in our lives and rise to the challenge as magical entertainers. I call upon you to join with me in the face of adversity and **#KeepCalmAndPerformMagic**.

Warm regards,

Alex Zander, International President





President's Corner

by Jo Baker, Ring 29 President

Ring 29 members

Our world is changing so much! The world really needs the fun, laughter, and entertainment that magicians can bring them. So keep practicing and get ready for some busy times when we can put COVID-19 on the back burner, at least for a while.

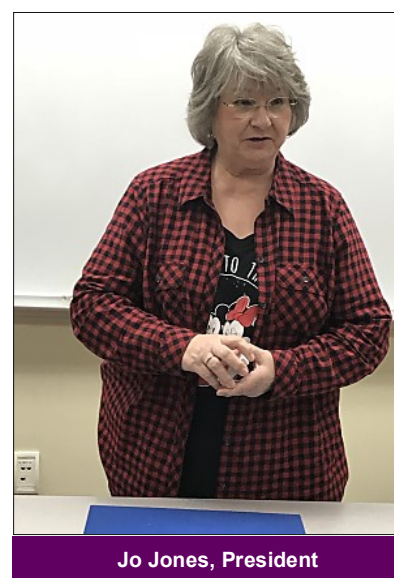
Please keep everyone in your thoughts and prayers! Remember, despite all that is happening around us, God is still in control!!!

We don't know when we will meet face-to-face again. The May meeting will be cancelled, BUT, Dane Dover has come to the rescue. He is hosted an online meeting in April and, hopefully, Dane will host a May meeting for us. Details will come later so be sure and check all communications from Ring 29.

I hope to all of you in the next couple of months. Please stay in and practice social distancing if out and about. I miss seeing you!

Magically yours,

Jo





For the Record

by Gary Fambrough, Ring 29 Secretary

Ring 29 members and guests met on Thursday at 7:00 pm, April 2nd, 2020, virtually in Little Rock, Arkansas via the Zoom Conferencing Solution. All things considered, we had a respectable, albeit small, turnout for the first ever attempt at meeting virtually.

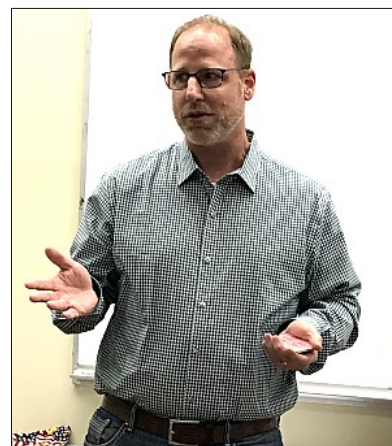
There are a lot of things up in the air these days. Not sure what the course for next month's meeting will be but we'll keep people in the loop. For this meeting, however, we basically had a few performances followed by some roundtable discussion.

Our most prolific performer of the night was Shawn Miller. Shawn first performed a floating nickel trick only to show us that it was actually a gimmicked nickel with a one inch tack on the back side. Incidentally, he must have a hole in his forehead because that's where the nickel ended up. Additionally, he performed a nice spongeball routine, a \$100 bill switch, hole in a card but not a hole in the card, and finally wrapping things up with solid through solid using straws.

James Kinsey showed us that two rubber bands can pass through each other defying all the odds. James and Marty Haughn have another hobby that they both share and with that Marty showed us a nice elaborately 3d printed die. You'll have to bring that to our next meeting Marty... you might have some takers on that one.

Gary Fambrough filled in a few gaps by vanishing a card and reproducing it with the same amount of ease. For his second gap filler, Gary performed a Garrett Thomas version of a ring vanish and production.

At this point in the write-up I should point out that this meeting would not have been possible if not for Dane Dover. Dane spent his time researching how we might be able to meet virtually. Additionally, Dane hosted our meeting in Jo Jones



Gary Fambrough

absence. Lots of thanks goes out to Dane for setting all this up. If he hadn't done enough with all of that, Dane also showed us how to perform another solid through solid trick with two single dollar bills. This is something everyone can carry around in their wallet and requires no gimmicks.

Gerry Bailey contributed to our meeting with a demonstration of some realtor comedy. This particular joke involved a poster of a house that folds down throughout the story and ends up with an out-house. Great punch line! He also spoke of a new trick he working on involving a padlock and a series of 6 keys. Can't wait to see this one in person.

As part of our round table discussions, the virtual IBM meeting was talked about. Sounds like they had a nice attendance and folks were able to chat with some big names in magic. We also talked a little bit about HAM radio and various other topics of the day surrounding Covid-19.

That wraps up the April meeting. Again, we'll keep people posted regarding May's Ring 29 gathering. Until then, stay healthy!

--Gary Fambrough



Blast from the Past

by Mike Curtis, Ring 29 Historian

We will look back 27 years this month to the May, 1993 meeting of the Ring. The President at that time was Jim Henson and the Secretary was Wayne Syler. The Ring met monthly at C.A.R.T.I. in Little Rock.

"The May meeting was opened in memory of our own Dr. Harold Langston, a past president of the Ring, who died the Monday before this meeting. The magic community will miss the doctor and his humor. The club gave thanks to Mike Pridemore and Dennis Schick for their contribution to the monthly newsletter and the mailout labels. Each member was asked to fill out a personal data form with the information to be loaded into a computer for future use.

The evening's performance was presented by Sean Westbrook. As usual Sean used his innovative thinking in developing a linking ring routine to music that everyone thought was great. Sean then used Mike Pridemore, Jim Henson and Theron Nunley to prove the mental powers of some magicians are far greater than the average human. Sean used his new die box and die bucket to show Lisa Bolin his new pet friend skunk, named Dye, could appear and disappear anywhere. Sean's best friend Clyde made a brief appearance from Dye's bucket but needed a bath as he vanished once again into the far reaches of Dye's die bucket.

Daniel Veazey came to the meeting to be entertained and wound up holding Sean's purse where a pre-selected signed card reappeared inside. The club is going to rename Christy Kinsey, "Twinkie Nose," as she nosed around looking for her grandmother's ring, that was not found in the twinkie but the Twinkie was found on her nose. Sean floated Christy's ring in mid air. Can you imagine that?

Sean completed his portion of the evening with a brief lecture titled "What They Don't Tell You In Lectures". Best advice: be prepared to modify your magic show at the last minute.



Mike Curtis

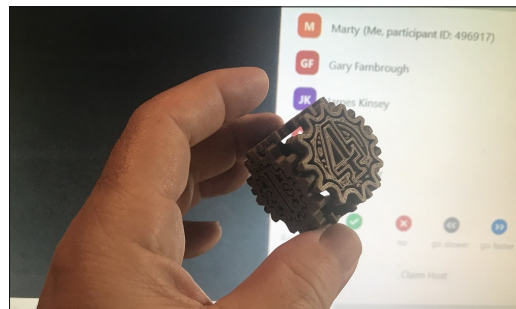
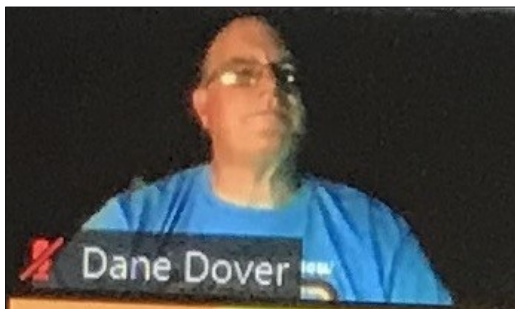
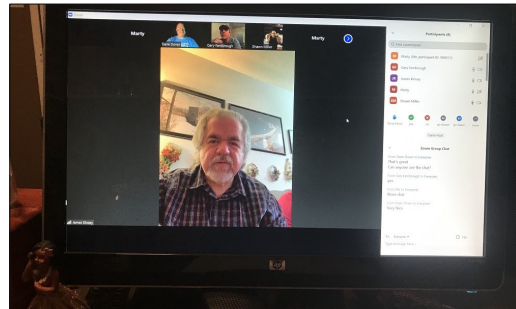
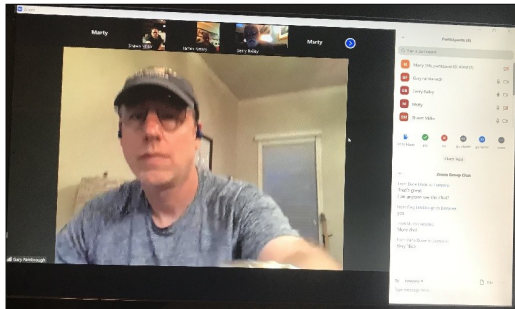
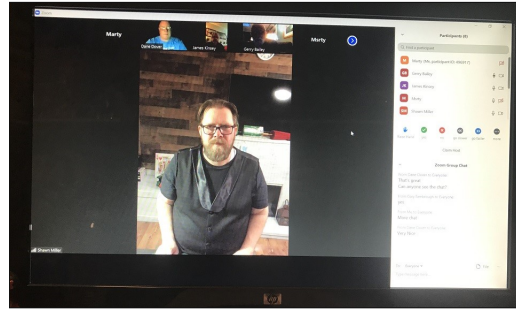
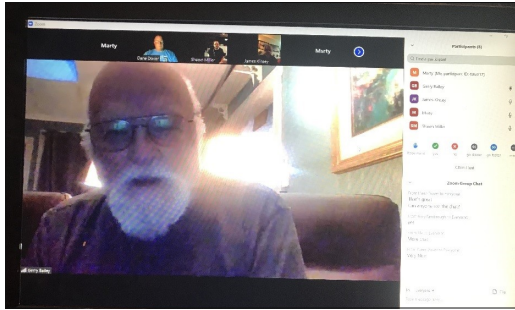
Danny McDorman presented a short lecture of sight gags while performing, and with Danny, anything is possible. We had a brief appearance from the energizer rabbit in honor of Danny's presentation. Danny had help from Andy Stirman with the cut & restored mic cord.

What a fun and crazy evening. We hope you will visit us when passing through, or make plans to come to the meetings. Oh! Danny, I plan to replace your tie because of the gone awry cut & restored tie trick."

The meeting started with a somber tone in memory of Dr. Langston who was a distinguished, talented and popular member who was always thoughtful of others. He was the epitome of class and the Ring was saddened by his passing. But memories of his performances and antics brought smiles to those who had been privileged to have known him well. Sean Westbrook lifted everyone's spirits with great performances of effects that he had customized to make his own. His ring routine was really a thing of beauty. Danny McDorman finished with some of his zany and hilarious sight gags. A really memorable time was had by the Ring. It's a good reminder to be sure to make all of the meetings, because you never know when it will turn out to be one of those special ones.

Until next time, remember that the past is just the present gone by.

April Performers



Magical Past

Joseph Buatier



BUATIER DE KOLTA

...Born in Caluire-et-Cuire (Rhône, France). His parents were fabric merchants. He started reading books on magic at age six, and as a teenager he was already performing in amateur magic shows in his school. However his father, a devout Catholic, wanted him to become a priest, and persuaded him to enter a seminary. At age 18, he left it and worked as a painter, sharing a studio in Lyon with his more talented friend Elie-Joseph Laurent (1841–1926). He also resumed his performances as amateur magician, and one was noticed by Hungarian impresario Julius Vida de Kolta, who persuaded him to make magic his profession. His shows were immediately successful and he took the stage name Buatier de Kolta, acknowledging his debt to the impresario.

In 1870, he started a European tour taking him to Italy, Germany, the Netherlands, and Spain, and was invited to perform at Jean-Eugène Robert-Houdin's theatre in Paris. In 1874, he left Vida de Kolta and continued with a different impresario, who in 1875 took him to the Egyptian Hall in London and to Russia. In 1891, he went for his first tour to the United States. He started a second tour there in 1902, but died in New Orleans in 1903 of acute Bright's disease. He had married in 1879 a British woman, Alice Constance Mumford, who had him buried in London in the Hendon cemetery.

De Kolta is the subject of the book *Buatier de Kolta: Genius of Illusion* by Peter Warlock. The city of Lyon named a street in the Quartier Le Vernay after him.

He was a contemporary of fellow French magician Jean Eugène Robert-Houdin. Many of his illusions, such as Multiplying balls, the Expanding Die, the Vanishing Fat Lady, Spring Flowers from a Cone, and the vanishing bird cage, are performed by magicians today.

It is the Vanishing Lady that is so particularly known today and still used that magicians now refer to it as the De Kolta Chair. A woman is seated on a chair, was then covered by a large cloth, and would appear to vanish before an audience. The effect was a signature piece of Richiardi Jr – after he vanished the woman she apparently reappeared moments later from an empty trunk on the other side of the stage.

During his career, perhaps his most famous illusion was the one known as "The Expanding Dice." A 200 mm-side dice on a table grew up to 800 mm and opened to reveal a young lady inside, who often was Buatier's wife. Harry Houdini purchased the dice after Buatier's death.

Source: Wikipedia

Treasurer's Report

April 2020

Beginning Balance Checking	3393.24	Expenses	
Dues Collected	25.00	Ending Balance Checking	3418.24
Total Balance Checking	3418.24	Ending Balance Savings	970.33
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31 members have paid dues.

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

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Ring 29 Meetings and Events 2019-2020

Date	Meeting/Event	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	Regular	Baptist Classroom #1	TBA	TBA	TBA
April 2, 2020	Regular	ONLINE	Open	N/A	N/A
May 7, 2020	Regular	ONLINE	Open	N/A	TBA
June 4, 2020	Stage Competition	TBA	Stage Competition	N/A	TBA
July 2020 Date TBA	Installation	TBA	Officers Performing	N/A	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

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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.

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