



The Performer

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It's all about the Magic...



For Sale!

Up for sale are a set of three linking rings. Each ring is a whopping 43 inches (see photo to the right). Each ring is separate from the other with one as the key. The Rings are in good shape and maintain their chrome finish. The asking price is \$75.

If you are interested in purchasing these massive rings, please contact Dane Dover at:

daneaaronmagic@gmail.com

If anyone in the Ring has something they would like to sell and want it posted in this newsletter, please let me know at: mjhaughn@gmail.com



Updates

It has been decided that the Tri-Ring meeting will be put off until sometime next year. This is with the hope this virus and the restrictions will disappear...no pun intended. Larry Bean is still interested in knowing who would attend (once life is back to normal). The gathering would be held somewhere central to all three Rings so traveling a long distance would be lessened. The thought is to have it somewhere around Russellville. Nothing is set just yet so this may change.

If you are interested in attending NEXT YEAR, please send Larry an email stating so. This is not a commitment but it does give an idea of the size of venue we would need.

Please, if you have yet to return your survey be sure to do so this week. Your input is very valuable to our Ring's success. THANKS!!!



Meetings

October: Possible in person picnic Meeting/Installation (TBA)

Upcoming Events

Zoom Lecture by David Jonathan. Date and Time TBA

"A magician reveals himself not only by the magic he presents but also by the respect and entertainment he gives to his audience. "

— Amit Kalantri —





President's Corner

Marty Haughn



Fellow Magicians,

Here we are in month eight of this viral pain. I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy.

This past month we were treated to a free lecture provided by Magician David Jonathan. I'll admit, I was a little concerned about how it would go. Like many who attended, I was pleasantly surprised. David presented himself very well and had some great ideas for magic. He shared Most of what was demonstrated and made sure everyone understood what was explained. The great thing about this lecture was that David allowed us to record it and said that we could share it amongst the members. If you are interested in obtaining this video send me an email and I'll try to email it. If it is too large to send I'll have it put on the cloud for download.

October's meeting was light on attendance but we still managed to discuss some ideas to toss to a board. Shawn has the information in his report. Aside from the business everyone had brought in some magic to perform and share. Dane was our biggest show and tell magician for the night. He had some items which were made by Colonel Seymour many years ago. They were obviously handmade but effective tricks that any magician would like to use in their kid shows.

Just yesterday, October 11, I took the 2.5 hour trip to Van Buren, Arkansas to attend Ring 75's monthly meeting. Folks, if you have not attended one of these meeting you should try. Even though attendance was light we had a great time and a load of laughs.

Last month I offered up an opportunity for members to help determine THEME NIGHT names as a little contest. Unfortunately, it seems there is no interest in such a contest so I have removed it from my list. For the time being we will continue with the current list of themes and hope that we get the opportunity to try them out.

For the November meeting we will continue with the in-person attendance (as long as we have a meeting location) but this time also include a Zoom opportunity for those who are unable to attend in person.

Until we are able to meet again, please take good care of each other and stay safe.

V/r

Marty





For the Record

Shawn Miller



Ring 29 members met on Thursday 6:30 PM October 1, 2020, in Vice President Dane Dover's backyard where we could observe social distancing. President Marty Haughn presided over the meeting. The first order of business was a great discussion of having a ring 29 flea market vs auction(taking consideration by the board). Sounds exciting.

Next Marty updated us on some old business. Discussions with Larry bean of a Tri-Ring meeting, which I believe will be postponed as of now. There had been a lot of interest among all the Rings so we can't wait to hear what happens about that. Next, discussing a location for future meetings for Ring 29 since the hospital we previously met at is not currently available. We are all looking for a great new location and I believe we will find one eventually. We concluded business and got right to the fun stuff.

Halloween magic was our theme for the night and up first was our newest member Adam Hogg with quite a treat for his first trick. He Had a notepad with several canned beverages written down , Adam also had a canned beverage in a paper sack. I thought he was using mind control to force Marty to pick a particular beverage until it turned out that Marty picked raspberry lemonade and in the paper bag was a Dr. Pepper. Oh no! Luckily Adam knew magic and turned the contents of the unopened Dr. Pepper into raspberry lemonade which he poured into a glass and enjoyed for the remainder of the meeting. Very nice!

Next up our very own President Marty Haughn with a torn-in-half set of five Tarot cards displayed on the table. All ten cards were combined then split into two stacks, an Alpha stack and Omega stack. We were able to choose between stacks which one would be used at any time during the trick. After all the pieces were counted off, they were placed in two rows. Somehow, when flipped over, they made a perfect match. How this works is still amazing to me. Great trick Marty.

Dane Dover was up next with a Colonel Seymour creation, a spin on the classic magic rabbit trick. A white dog and a black dog and two red dog houses somehow they were switching places just by saying the magic words Peanut Butter. We could tell that he was just turning the dogs around. We demanded to see him turn the dogs around and when he showed us the back, the dogs had really switched places, what! Nice performance Dane.

Wow, while we were all examining the doghouse our next magician Shawn Miller offered everyone a stick of gum and then had Gerry Bailey pick a card (seven of hearts). Shawn made one of the gum wrappers change from juicy fruit to read the "six of hearts" but he was one off. Shawn then opened the wrapper to find the stick of gum had turned into the "seven of hearts" sweet trick. Nice save!

Next, Dane was back up with more doggy magic from Colonel Seymour, a disappearing bone cupboard. When the bone was taken out of the doghouse and put into the cupboard somehow the bone disappeared and then reappeared in the doghouse. How does that even happen. Excellent display.

Dane showed us a birthday party show box he's working on, and we wrapped up the meeting with a cool optical illusion with a spinning spiral disc. Dane counted down from 10 to 1 while we stared at it. Then we looked at his head and it grew two sizes bigger. Wow, great meeting, hope to see more members at the next meeting . Have a happy Halloween.





Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis



This month takes us back 26 years to the November, 1994 meeting of the Ring. The President at that time was Andy Stirman and the Secretary was Theron Nunley. The Ring met monthly at C.A.R.T.I. in Little Rock.

"Well the lost secretary has returned just in time to avoid the cut and Not restored secretary routine. Sorry for the absences: hopefully this will signal a return to what normalcy exists in the Ring.

Our November meeting was for the birds --- doves, that is. We had a short business meeting where James and Christy Kinsey, along with yours truly, were railroaded into finding a site for the annual Christmas program. Since I am involved, this may mean that the show will be delayed to February instead of January as is normal. Yes, Christmas in January is quite normal for us. And no, I was just joking about the show being delayed. James and Christy are already hard at work finding a suitable location.

Dennis Schick (who has trouble telling the difference between pigeons and doves) gave a rave review/report of a recent visit to Cincinnati. He had an extraordinary album he had produced that showed many of the wonders of his visit to the private magic museum of Ken Klosterman. Thanks for doing a great job of sharing what must have been a fantastic treat!

The remainder of the meeting was turned over to Fred and Nora Hartman currently of Hot Springs, Arkansas. Fred related the history of doves in magic then, with the aid of Nora, proceeded to demonstrate the appeal of these birds. We not only had the privilege of seeing some fine magic, but we also received some great tips on handling these feathered performers from someone who has worked with them almost from the first inclusion of doves in magic.

Fred and Nora gave demonstrations of classical uses of doves: appearances from flowers and balloons, disappearances from cages and flip over boxes. We saw old troupers—I'm speaking about the doves—and some first timers. They all worked great in Fred and Nora's hands. We also received explanations on feeding, handling, making various aids to production, etc. I'm sure all of the 25 attending would join me in thanking Fred and Nora.

If you are going to be in the central Arkansas area be sure and visit." Fred was generous in sharing the knowledge he had acquired over his many years in magic working with doves. It was obvious to everyone there that Fred and Nora had affection for their doves and treated them well and the doves responded with a great performance. It was also clear that Fred knew what he was talking about. It was a good evening that gave everyone a better appreciation of dove magic and although Fred is no longer with us, his inspiration and fond memories of his performances remain.

Until next time, remember, the past that you forget is the past that can no longer make you better.





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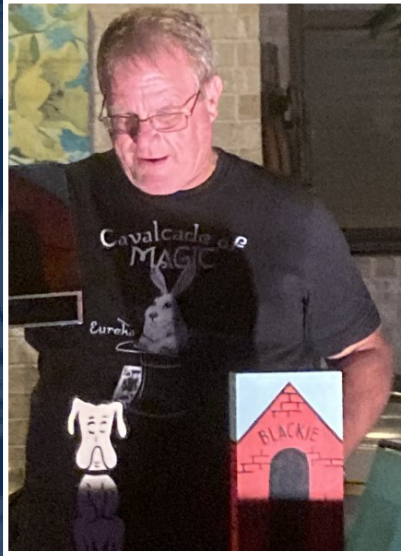


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Treasurer's Report

James Kinsey

October 2020



BEGINNING BALANCE-CHECKING:	\$2091.23
DUES COLLECTED:	\$0.00
TOTAL BALANCE CHECKING:	\$2091.23
TOTAL BALANCE SAVINGS:	\$2000.00

EXPENSES

ZOOM:	\$16.41
ENDING BALANCE CHECKING:	\$2074.82
ENDING BALANCE SAVINGS:	\$2000.15

34 Members have paid dues.

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

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Magical History



P. T. Selbit (1881–1938) was an English magician, inventor and writer who is credited with being the first person to perform the illusion of sawing a woman in half. Among magicians he was known for his inventiveness and entrepreneurial instinct and he is credited with creating a long list of successful stage illusions.

His birth name was Percy Thomas Tibbles and he was born in Hampstead, London. He developed an interest in magic in his youth, when he was apprenticed to a silversmith. The basement of the silversmith's shop was leased to magician and inventor Charles Morritt who used it to develop new tricks and the young Tibbles would sneak in to study these when Morritt was away. Tibbles began

doing a coin and card manipulation act under the stage name P. T. Selbit, which he created by spelling his last name backwards and dropping one of the "B"s. He also used Selbit as a pen name, working as a journalist for a theatrical paper, writing a magic handbook and editing a trade journal for magicians.

Between 1902 and 1908, Selbit worked in music halls under the name Joad Heteb. He had deduced audiences wanted something that seemed exotic so he donned greasepaint, robes and a wig to perform as a "pseudo-Egyptian" character. This episode reflects two characteristics that marked much of his magic career: inventive ability and an entrepreneurial desire to keep pulling in audiences with something new. In 1910 Selbit toured with an illusion titled "Spirit Paintings", in which audience members were asked to name an artist and then pictures in the style of that artist mysteriously appeared on illuminated canvases. His next tour featured a trick called "The Mighty Cheese", in which audience members were invited to try to tip over a huge circular model of a cheese wheel, which they found impossible to do because it contained a gyroscope.

In 1912 Selbit began working for Maskelyne and Devant, who had come to dominate the business of magic shows in Britain with their productions at the Egyptian Hall and St George's Hall. Selbit's first role with Maskelyne and Devant was to tour music halls and American vaudeville during 1912 and 1913 presenting Devant's "Window of a Haunted House" illusion. In 1914 Selbit introduced the "Walking through a Wall" illusion at St. George's Hall.

Selbit had performed an illusion known as "Walking Through a Brick Wall" at St. George's Hall, London in 1913. The American magician Harry Houdini had performed the illusion a year later at Hammerstein's Roof Garden in New York, 1914.

Friends of Selbit in England stated that Houdini had originally observed Selbit perform the illusion in London and had stolen it as his own. Houdini responded by claiming that he had purchased the rights from the owner of the illusion, Sidney Josolyne. Selbit rejected the claims of Josolyne and stated that he was the originator of the illusion, this caused dispute with Houdini.

In Selbit's illusion, an attractive young lady went through the wall. This was different than Houdini's illusion as he had gone through the wall himself. The illusion worked by use of a trapdoor that went underneath the wall.

Source: Wikipedia





Event Calendar

Date	Meeting	Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
July	Zoom	Home	Free for All	N/A	Dane Dover
August	TBA - ZOOM	TBA - HOME	Free for All	N/A	Dane Dover
September	In Person	Henson Home	First Learned Trick	N/A	Jim Henson Marty Haughn
October	In Person	Dover Home	Halloween Magic	N/A	James Kinsey
November	TBA	TBD	Free for All	N/A	Adrian Steelman
December	TBA	TBA	Christmas Magic	TBA	Jo Jones
January	TBA	TBD	Christmas Show	N/A	TBA
February	TBA	TBA	Favorite Card Magic	Mini-Lecture	Gary Fam-
March	TBA	TBD	Auction Time!	N/A	TBA
April	TBA	TBA	Ring 29 "Fool Us"	N/A	Marty Haughn
May	TBA	TBA	Close-up Competition	N/A	Derrick Rose
June	TBA	TBA	Free for All	Mini-Lecture	Mike Curtis

There are a lot of TBAs here on this calendar. Once the State of Arkansas begins to loosen things up a bit changes to this calendar will begin to happen.

EVERYTHING on this calendar is tentative but we need to continue planning the future as if we will be back to some resemblance of normal soon.

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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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**.

www.littlerockmagic.net or 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.

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