



The Performer

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It's all about the Magic...



Current Events:

December 11 at 2:pm at Stagecoach Clubhouse we are having a Ring member and immediate family Christmas Party. It will be a potluck so call James Kinsey and get your name added to the lists. Call: **501-834-7456**

January 8, 2022 at 7:00 pm, Jacksonville Community Center will be our Annual Magic Show. Tickets are on sale now for \$5 kids under 6 are free. Get your tickets from one of the officers and grab them quick as they are selling fast. We only have 120 of them. There will be no food served and no tables available only seats set up in theater fashion.

There are eight performers for the stage and four close-up magicians for preshow entertainment. Doors open at 6:30 pm. See you there.

OCTOBER PUZZLE

Unfortunately, no one solved the October puzzle. This was the last puzzle for the year.

We will have a new puzzle ready for January so be ready.



In the News:

On October 30, 2021, Blayk Puckett hosted, for the first time, "Livingroom Magic". Blayk, Paul Carlon and Jimmy Rhodes all performed for the evening to 15 guests. I was fortunate enough to be one of those in attendance. There were 15 tickets sold and originally designed for a non-magician audience. My tickets came by accident.

Blayk stated he wanted to perform for non magicians and mostly got just that. I will tell you this was a very entertaining evening that kept the audience laughing, mystified and wanting a lot more. I was so glad to be one of the lucky ones.

Will there be another one? Blayk stated there might be but nothing is for sure. His idea is to showcase magicians and give them an opportunity to perform outside the magician realm. What a great idea. Having said that, I know there is nothing currently planned and if this does continue he would like to see it hosted at other magician homes. Let's hope this continues!

There are some photos from the evening later in this newsletter.

LIVINGROOM MAGIC



Blayk Puckett
Paul Carlon
Jimmy Rhodes

Meetings

November 4 @ 6:30

Location:

Henson Home #2

Upcoming Events

December 11 - Ring Christmas Party

January 8, 2022 - Ring Christmas Show

"You can fool the eyes and minds of the audience, but you cannot fool their hearts"

- Howard Thurston -





President's Corner

Marty Haughn



Wow! What a great turnout this month. Many thanks to Jim Henson for allowing us to use his facility for our meeting.

Short and sweet. The December meeting is a go at Stagecoach Clubhouse and it will be a potluck with finger food. James Kinsey has a signup list for both attendance and food. Please plan to attend. This party is for Ring members only and immediate family. There is a seat limit to 50 so please sign up early so you are able to attend.

Our January show is a go. Everything is set and ready for a maximum of 120 guests. We are selling tickets to everyone for five dollars each. You **MUST** have a ticket to get in. Kids under six are free.

There will be no food served nor will there be tables to sit at. There will be 120 chairs set up in theater fashion. Please contact one of the officers for your tickets soon as they are selling fast.

The November meeting was a real blast. I am sorry some of you were not able to attend. We had around 22 members last night, some who have not been in quite a while due to the COVID. I hope this trend continues and more members begin to feel comfortable about coming.

Thanks to Dane Dover for handling the emcee job for the evening. Other events that happened were Janie Nicholson brought in two cards for everyone to sign. A sympathy card for Loretta Larson and a get well card to Bill Pitts. Thank you Janie for your thoughtfulness. Jo Jones who was present last night had brought in some items to be passed on to the President, the Ring Gavel and a plaque. Traditionally these are passed on to the incoming President but due to the pandemic this was impossible. Thanks Jo, I'll take good care of them both.

Again, thank you to those who were able to attend. Without you we would have no magic in Little Rock.

See you all in December



For the Record

Shawn Miller



Ring 29 began the November meeting with some updated business provided by Ring President, Marty Haughn.

Plans for the December meeting/member party are getting solidified and invitations have been sent out. The plan is to have a potluck style Christmas party for members and immediate family members only. All Ring members will be performing for everyone and we hope each brings in their best.

An attendance sheet and potluck list was provided to the Ring for sign up and is being left with Treasurer James Kinsey who is our point of contact. All those interested are encouraged to contact James as seats are limited.

The Ring 29 January Magic Show is still a go for January 8, 2022. There is little left to accomplish in regard to planning as all performers have been contacted and are ready to show off their talent. A few changes for the year have been made to accommodate some of the COVID restrictions, such as; no food will be served; no tables will be available; and the seats will be placed in theater style to accommodate a maximum of one-hundred and twenty audience members.

Another change is the selling of tickets to the show in an attempt to recoup the charges for room and stage rental. All tickets will be sold by Ring officers and as of this writing they are selling fast. Please get with one of the officers and grab your tickets soon. This show promises to be a good one.

Once the business end of our meeting closed, Vice President Dane Dover took over and acted as our emcee for the evening performances. The theme for the night was "Something You Created". We were fortunate to have a large crowd in attendance with a few members we have not seen since the pandemic began. It was nice to see everyone again.

Beginning our performances was none other than Bob Bullock who promised a spooky showing as it was just Halloween. He "conjured up the dead" one who was labeled as a thief and con man. Unfortunately for Gary Fambrough, his wedding band was the target. Bob demonstrated a unique money making device that apparently is easy to conceal from authorities, that is, until the con man got greedy. Eventually, Gary had his ring returned in a fiery fashion and all ended well, except for the con man.

James Kinsey took over by showing us a nice leather pouch which was supposed to hold a large coin such as a half dollar or silver dollar. However, when he placed the coin into the pouch, snapped it closed, the crazy coin slipped out. James showed the pouch had no trap doors or slits for the coin to escape but somehow found a way. This is one of James' creations. Well-made device.

Blayk Puckett, our resident juggler/magician, presented us with a unique device which resembled a bag clip and magnet. Blayk explained the clip was special as it was able to perform tricks like the haunted key. He also stated it made a great coin clip for storage. It was then Blayk pulled out two silver dollars and said the clip could magnetize the coins. Impossible, I say, but sure enough it happened right before our eyes. Demonstrating the strength of magnetism Blayk had a coin jump from one hand to the other, horizontally then vertically... upward!

Mike Jones had three volunteers assist him in a unique card routine where each counted out some cards, remembered one of them, counted out some more cards and then Mike swapped around the piles only to have the volunteers count some more off into a pile. Eventually, there were three stacks of cards on the table and to each volunteer he asked what their card was. One at a time the top card of each pile was turned over to reveal the chosen cards. Quite the miracle.



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Gerry Bailey was next up with two tubes, a little stand for the tubes and a bottle of water. When one tube was placed over the second tube a die was placed inside then the tube was filled with water. After a little conjuring the inner tube was emptied and shown not to contain the die any longer. Moments later the outer tube was shown and yes, the die had moved to the outer tube. Trust me, there was no room for that die to fit between the tubes!

Dan Hecke, a crowd favorite, came up with his teleportation of information, a kind of mentalism. He had two volunteers sit back to back. Dane Dover was asked to select a card and not reveal it to anyone. Dr. Suen was then asked to gaze into a small crystal ball to try and discover the card. No luck. Dan then presented some rabbit ears, no, really, ears on a hair thingy and placed it on Dr. Suen. Then, again the Doc was asked to gaze into the crystal ball. No luck. Dan then produced TV rabbit ears for him to hold and Dane to hold the end of the cable. Still no luck. Of course, there was a solution. Dan went real old school and placed tin foil onto the rabbit ears. Finally, success. Dr. Suen was then able to see Dane's card via the crystal ball. What a great routine.

New Member Chris Thompson brought his assistant with him tonight. Like most magicians he pulled out a deck of cards. Next came his assistant, a tiny plunger. Chris demonstrated that the tiny plunger had skills where it could pick up cards, not just one or two but nine and still find a chosen card. Like some assistants there are times where things get difficult or stage fright but the tiny plunger managed to get through and was successful.

Gary Fambrough brought back an old favorite of the Ring. I am not sure of the name but Gary has an unusual blind fold. Again, cards were used and one was selected. Gary placed his blindfold on (a paper bag with a comical face drawn on it and blindfolded). By virtue of feeling, Gary tried to identify the chosen card and got down to three. These cards were placed between Mike Jones's fingers and then slapped. Two cards fell to the floor leaving Mike holding his chosen card.

Sergeant at Arms Joel Nicholson came out with a Dean's Box and a little poem. Asking Gary Fambrough to assist by connecting the two ropes together in the traditional manner. Having been unsuccessful and seeing the difficulty, Gary turned things over to Joel and the joining of the ropes was easily made.

Jon Bucher performed a routine he says was his introduction routine to Ring One many years ago. He had even brought his lunch with him. Mike Curtis joined in on the act by selecting a card. Well, true to course the card somehow was lost from the deck and not found, even after several attempts by Jon. It was then Jon offered Mike his lunch in exchange. The sandwich was described in detail and at the bottom of the whole mess was Mike's selected card.

Daniel Parrish entertained us with another great sandwich trick which did not include the bread, lettuce and tomato Jon had. Instead Daniel uses the jokers from the deck. One by one the Aces appeared between the jokers, well, at least three of them did. Those were placed in Marty's hand for safe keeping. Well the last of the aces appeared in Marty's hand. Daniel has some finesse and skill with card handling and we hope to continue seeing him perform in the future.



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Dr. Suen reluctantly came forward to perform for the first time in front of magicians. Dane being the closest target, I mean, a volunteer was asked to write down any name on a 3x5 card. The card was then folded and handed to Dr. Suen. The Doc then began tearing up the card and handing it back to Dane. It was at this point Dr. Suen identified the correct name that was written.

Closing out the performances were Marty Haughn with his jumping magic frog Izzy, Dane Dover with a clever production box where he removed several impossible items and finally, one of the most generous people we know Jim Henson had several give away items for Ring members. We surely enjoyed the magic but mostly the fellowship of all our members. I think I can say for everyone that it was a great time. Stay Safe and Stay Magical.

Marty Haughn



Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis



This month's review goes back 22 years to the November, 1999 meeting of the Ring. The President at that time was Damon Reinbold and the Secretary was Bill Fulton. The Ring met monthly at Baptist Medical Center, Room 20.

Bill Fulton opened the meeting with a discussion on the Annual Christmas Party to be held in January. The Board is proposing two dates to the membership, 15th or 16th. Jim Henson announced that the first Junior Magicians Program would be held on November 20th.

The Ring has started a telephone tree to contact members about lectures. We now have a suggestion box located at our headquarters and it will be present at each monthly meeting. All new members will be installed at the Christmas Party.

In our New Magic Review, Bob Owen showed us Larry West's Passing the Buck. Michael Strobel gave us a review of Dave Arch's book, Showmanship for Presenters. Our Ring has been discussing holding teach-ins on improving individual's performances. Jim Henson presented an overview and demonstration of our evening's theme on "Thumb tips, Pulls and Dye Tubes."

Andy Stirman acted as emcee and started with a silk appear effect using a Thumb Tip. Theron Nunley followed with a demonstration and talk on vanishing money with a Thumb Tip and an explanation of Dick Berry's fish appearance in a wine glass using a small Thumb Tip and a Beta (small fish).

Grant Ludder showed us how to cause a string of pearls to become a miniature poodle. Greg Gillis performed a long and very funny routine with cards, Thumb Tip and salt. This was a must see performance. Don Thompson changed a silk to money using a Thumb Tip. Chris Westfall did a wonderful \$100 Bill Switch. Kyle Hamsher produced silks and vanished them for our final act.

After some necessary business, the Ring members showed their stuff with a great variety of magical effects. Most followed the night's theme, as presented by Mr. Magic himself, with a tip or two. So many amazing effects can be performed or enhanced with that one special classic item. Many of us probably take it for granted and overlook its power to amaze. Maybe it's time to dig it out of the bottom of that magic drawer or box and unleash its potential.

Until next time, remember, "What's past is past," but that doesn't mean its not relevant and useful today.





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Date	Meeting Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
× July	In Person - Henson #2 Home	Magic Flea Market - Magic of Japan	N/A	Marty Haughn
× August	100 Stagecoach Village *Clubhouse	LECTURE	Tom Burgoon	Marty Haughn
× September	Larry's Pizza 801 S Bowman Rd, LR	Buyer's Regret	N/A	Dane Dover
× October	Henson Red Warehouse	AUCTION NIGHT!	N/A	Gerry Bailey
November	Henson Home #2	Something you Created	-	Dane Dover
11 December 2:00	100 Stagecoach Village *Clubhouse	Ring Only Christmas Party and Magic	-	Marty Haughn
January	January 8, 2022 Jacksonville Community Center	Christmas Show	N/A	Jimmy Rhodes
February	-	Free for All	-	Dane Dover
March	-	Comedy Magic Night	-	Marty Haughn
April	-	Prop Builds	-	Dane Dover
May	-	I bought it from Jim "Mr. Magic" Henson	-	Marty Haughn
× June	In Person - *Clubhouse	Installation	N/A	Larry Bean

* The clubhouse is where we used to meet near Jim's shop, Bob White's neighborhood.

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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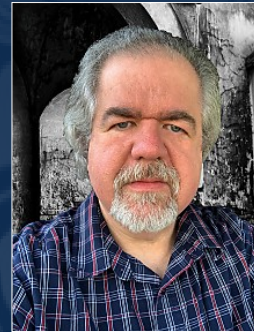
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Membership

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.

Using Ring 29 Email Group

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