



The Performer

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President's Corner

Marty Haughn



Fellow Magicians,

We had a great turnout for our December meeting/Christmas Party/potluck this month. I would like to thank all those who brought in food/drinks/utensils and last but definitely not least, Jim Henson for making the mad dash for ice! You saved the soft drink party!

We seem to have a thing for misnaming people who attend our meetings, this month being "CLARA". I misspoke and introduced Clara as Cheryl, lack of hearing aids caused this misfortune. As the ring does we capitalize on the error and Clara became Cheryl for the afternoon. Not to be outdone, Shawn sent me the monthly report today now calling CLARA, Sarah.

I want to take this opportunity to APOLOGIZE, again and again, to Clara for the calamity. You are always welcome back to our meetings to keep all these old minds in line!

Results from ticket sales for the January show were positive. We made enough to cover the cost of the community Center and some of the cost for our Pot Luck, I believe. We had 128 tickets and are very close to selling out! The remaining tickets, 18 I believe, will be held on to in order to allow any member needing one can do so. If you are in need of a ticket, please contact JAMES KINSEY. James will be happy to set you up.

On that note, please understand that once the tickets are gone they are gone. No more will be available to purchase. Please, if you wish to attend the January Show, get your ticket as soon as possible. Entry to the show will require a valid ticket in hand.

As the end of the year is just a few weeks away, I want to take a moment to thank each and every Ring 29 member for your support. It has been a long and troublesome two years of COVID and other issues. As a Ring we managed to IM-PROVISE, ADAPT and OVERCOME. This is a good sign of a strong Ring and can only get stronger and grow.

To each of you, myself, Tammy (wife), Casey (daughter), Kyle (son), Clint (son-in-law), Natalee (granddaughter) and Daniel (grandson) wish you all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a very prosperous, healthy, safe and MAGICAL New Year.

Very Respectfully,
Marty Haughn



For the Record

Shawn Miller



Ring 29 members and guests met on Saturday December 11, at 2 p.m. at Stagecoach Clubhouse in Little Rock, Arkansas. President Marty Haughn presided over the meeting.

This was not only our December meeting, it was our Little Rock magic Ring 29 Christmas party. Everyone enjoyed a great potluck meal, plenty of fellowship and great conversation. Some even made new friends. I would say, all-in-all, the potluck was a success. Thanks goes to Dane Dover for wanting to bring back the tradition.

Introductions of current officers and Ring family members who attended were made and Marty also thanked Bob White for the arrangement of the clubhouse. This party along with numerous meetings throughout 2021 would not have been possible without Bob's generous assistance in obtaining permission for its use.

Other business conducted was the January 8, 2022 Ring Magic Show. In order to keep within minimal guidelines of COVID restrictions, food will not be available at the show. This is change one. Change two was the selling of tickets to the show in order to recoup money charged for the banquet/stage room. It was reported that ticket sales went well and we made enough to pay for the room. Many thanks to the officers who took charge in selling them.

Last month Janie Nicholson brought in sympathy cards for the Ring to sign and received a response to one of them. Several months back we lost a very entertaining Arkansas magician Chuck Larson. His wife, Loretta, responded to the card which Janie read to everyone. Loretta thanked everyone and assured us that she was doing well and now living in Missouri with family.

Business having concluded Vice President Dane Dover started us off with a PSA about how the reindeer are so organized/unorganized for flight and delivery of presents ...reindeer stop lights! These lights are controlled by the youngest elf, which is like 2-3 hundred years old, now it all makes sense. The stop lights must be broken. Dane had a replica found at an old antique shop (Mr. Magic's), every time the red light would be in the wrong place and must be why some of my presents were late, thanks Dane, nice explanation you're going to be on Santa's nice list. Things can only go up from here.

Our newest member Chris Thompson was up with a card trick that needed a volunteer selecting Mike Jones. Mike cut the deck per instructions and tried to follow as well as he could. The deck was cut into four stacks then the top card was revealed to show a number to count cards from the stack. When completed the four aces were revealed from the count. Well done Chris.

Mike Jones was next with 3 different colored envelopes. Needing a few volunteers nearby Tammy Haughn chose yellow, Shawn Miller chose blue, and Clara Thompson chose red. Each one predicted that the color they chose would be correct except for Clara's. Her envelope predicted who would choose each color and in the correct order and that she would have the one she picked.

Shawn Miller was up with a little demonstration of how he warms up his hands with a little sponge ball magic. After making a red ball jump from one hand to the other, then transforming to a red square, and a boiled egg, what the...that math doesn't work, the count was never right, but it sure was funny.



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President Marty Haughn was up with a little ritual in the spirit of magic using a “special” tarot card. The tarot card consisted of Wizard Mickey, the magician card. Next came ten cards to two volunteers, Christy Kinsey and Clara Thompson, Marty also took ten cards. Explaining they were going to perform a “ritual”, more like another card trick, cards were used to spell out MAGICIAN. At this point the volunteers needed to remember the bottom card. Ritual one complete. Ritual two offered cards to the powers above and below eventually leading to each having one card remaining in hand. Now, if you know Marty’s history about magical blunders...It would be amazing if the cards were correct? And most of the time it would be right but sometimes Wizard Mickey likes to change it up to show us that no matter if the prediction is wrong or right, it’s all about the entertainment of the presentation ... great story, way to push through.

Bob Bullock was next saying that he has been getting back to doing shows, and it’s been slow. He gets paid what the shows are worth, showing us a few single dollars, must have been a good showcase that the singles turned into 20s right in front of our eyes. Bob then presented three lengths of rope, that turned into one then two, then ends came off, and back, one was confused it must have been some sort of magic rope, master rope manipulation, thanks bob, you should do a teach in for the club on ropes magic.

Next up was Jo Jones with a card trick, asking Kyle Haughn to step up and help. Jo showed a shuffled deck, then a prediction was made by Jo. Kyle then chose a card and placed it in an envelope. All the cards were shown with only the 2 and 6 of spades were in the envelope as predicted.

Mike Curtis was next with some good advice, only borrow money from a pessimist as they never expect to get paid back. Mike is full of good bits of information, he had the audience call out any trick and he would do it. He wasn’t prepared for the nude escape, so he went with a card trick, we named several cards and never guessed the right one. Clara volunteered again and chose a card, placed the card back in the deck, and had Chris, her husband, call out one number from 1-52, any card at any number....but it wasn’t there, so Mike had her pick any location instead. Asking Clara to name an article of clothing, and she said sock, right sock to be specific, and I kid you not, Mike pulled his pant leg up and there was a card in his right sock...it really was her card!

Last up Melvin was up with a world’s most dangerous card trick, he pulled out an animal trap and a deck of cards, he chose Clara again, wives of the magician always gets picked on, just a heads up. She chose a card, put it back in the deck, he shuffled, placed the deck in the trap. And with the speed of a slow cobra, he plucked the card from the trap, it was her card! Melvin then showed us the rope trick where he really did make 3 different lengths of rope that really became the same, he even let us examine the rope that was a real illusion.

Last but not least, Jim Henson was up to share some holiday cheer and DVDs and books and tricks. As always Jim had some awesome give-away magic, with some demonstrations and always some good humor. Thanks for all your generosity, and helping us spread the Christmas cheer....Merry Christmas Ring 29. Stay safe and most importantly stay magical.



Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis



This month's report takes us back 16 years, to the December, 2005 meeting of the Ring. The President at that time was Don Baer and the Secretary was Chris Westfall. The Ring met monthly at Baptist Medical Center, Room 20.

"Our December meeting was held at Mr. Magic, the world's greatest magic shop. The meeting was well attended. Refreshments were provided through the never-ending hospitality of the Henson family.

President Don Baer held a most informative business meeting, noting a number of important Board decisions. Christy Henson handed out information slips to all attendees in order to improve the reporting in our Ring newsletter. She also announced the initiation of an advertising section to the newsletter. Gerry Bailey will handle this function for us...an extension of his auctioneering duties. All were reminded of the upcoming Holiday party and the February auction. The business meeting was closed and holiday entertainment began.

The evening's festivities were cordially MC'd by that most entertaining of magical souls, Mike Curtis. Bill Fulton, with the expert assistance of Erin Lyon, used a Thought Atomizer to divine an important date from Erin's past. Jim Henson performed a medley of magic, including the Hot Rod Pen; a transformation of Christmas items depicted on silk handkerchiefs in a Christmas stocking; and the prediction of a selected card with his Lance Armstrong bracelet. Jim also most generously gave a Christmas present—the Hot Rod Pen—to all in attendance.

Chris Westfall performed Whit Haydn's comedy four ring routine with the expert assistance of Pam Medrez. He also performed Dean Dill's Blizzard, and nearly succeeded with an effect utilizing Boris Wild's marked cars. Keep practicing, Chris! James Kinsey performed a most seasonal piece of card magic in which a selected card mysteriously appeared to be woven into his scarf. Pam Medrez closed the show with her talent as a ventriloquist. Her assistant, the jolly old elf himself, recited a most humorous Christmas poem.

After the performance, our gathering broke up into smaller groups. Alex Lyon performed his version of Blizzard for Chris Westfall, and Jim Henson delighted us with some of his finely tuned close-up magic.

It was a wonderful meeting, and set the tone for the upcoming holidays and holiday party. Ring 29 wishes you many magical moments."

The very best place to have a magic meeting and Holiday party is at a magic shop. We had that opportunity in 2005, by having it, as stated, at "Mr. Magic, the world's greatest magic shop". Surrounded by fantastic magical effects of every kind, Ring members and their families were treated to outstanding magical performances, great food and most of all fellowship among members and the gracious hospitality of the best magical host, Mr. Magic himself, Jim Henson. The Ring was privileged to have several special events at that historic location over the years and those great memories of everyone's favorite magic shop and hangout will never be forgotten. Although the physical shop has closed, thankfully, the real Mr. Magic is still very much active and supplying every magical need. His continuing contributions to the Ring and magical community cannot be overstated.

Until next time, remember, the past not only provides us paths to avoid, but also, directions to embrace. Merry Christmas!



December Christmas Party/Potluck





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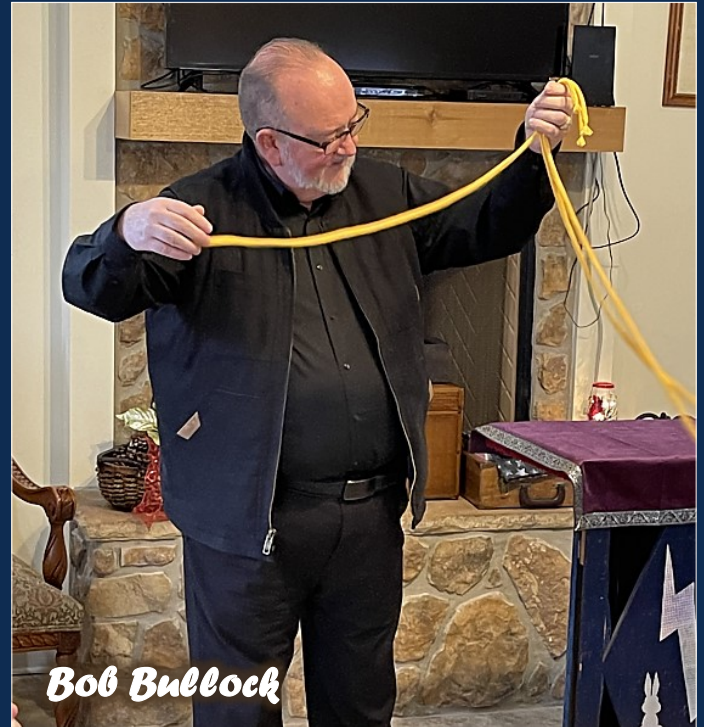


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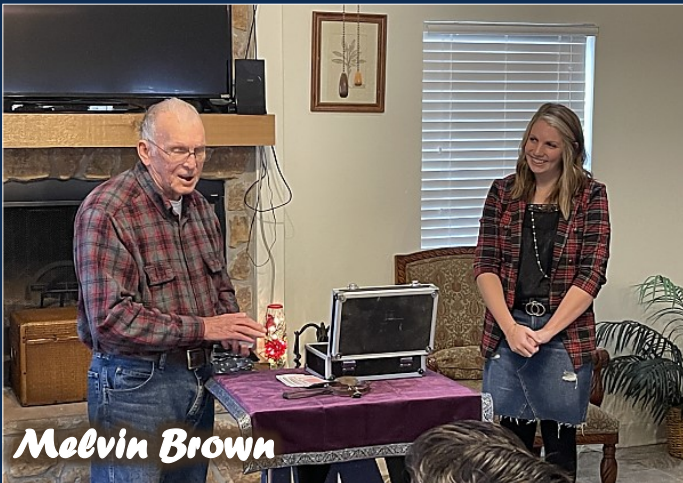


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Magician's Volunteer of the Month

Not
Cheryl

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Sarah





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Event Calendar

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
× 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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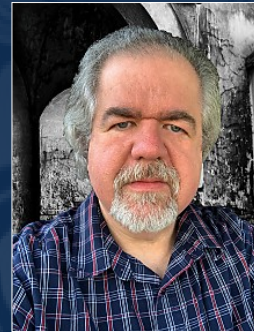
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Membership

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

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 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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