

The **PERFORMER**



Little Rock Magic Ring 29 *Newsletter*

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Current/Past Events

In the News

What happened to January and February? Thanks to COVID those months were cancelled creating a scheduling nightmare. Our January Show was postponed to April 16 and we hope there are no further delays.

February shocked us all with the loss of Ring 29's one and only Mike Jones. Mike was madly in love with magic performing whenever and where ever he could. He will be sorely missed.

Here came March with a glimmer of hope for a meeting. Although the attendance was low everyone there, as Jim Henson called us, "The Hardcore" members had a great time. Details are in later pages of this newsletter.

Wanting to give everyone a heads up that our officer election is quickly approaching us. The officer installation will be in June. We are looking for candidates to fill the Sergeant at Arms position.

The news is official about the Cavalcade of Magic 2022. Ron Ingram of Ring 75 emailed details to everyone on his list and those details are available on our website. Please consider attending as this is an event not to be missed. There will be lectures, shows, an auction, magic vendors and quite possibly some story telling. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

On the Working Plate

During the March meeting there was a short discussion about doing a benefit/fund raiser for an Arkansas organization called "Feed the Vets". One of the hurdles we face with putting tis together is a venue. In order to give 100% raised to the organization is that the venue needs to be at no cost to the club.

If you have any ideas or suggestions on who to contact or where to look into the possibility of a free venue, please let one of the officers know.

Once a venue is set up then contact with the organization can be made to let them know of our intentions to help. The goal is to do this sometime the summer of 2022, hopefully in July.

As a reminder about the April 16, 2022 show, you must have a ticket to get in, no exceptions. Sorry to have to be so strict but we sold out the 128 tickets we had and we have limited seating.

Now, on a good news note, we have 19 more tickets available (and are adding seats) to members who had planned to attend but have not purchased a ticket. Ticket cost is \$5 per person, kids under 6 with parents are free. If there are any left over they will be available at the door. Contact James Kinsey to purchase your tickets.

We will be having a Broken Wand ceremony for Mike Jones and Michael Strobel during the May or June meeting. Please plan to attend and show your support to the families.

President's Corner

Marty Haughn

Hello fellow magicians. We had a great time at our March meeting. Those not in attendance sure missed out on quite a bit. Jim Henson was in a giving mood this month and unloaded a large amount of magic to those who were able to attend. Jim promises he has more in store.

It was good to get out of the funk of not meeting again. January and February were no fun at all. With some luck I hope this declining trend of COVID continues to absolute zero. I know, I am asking way too much. Still, I would sure like to see us back as a large club once again enjoying each others company and entertainment.

Not much more to point out that has not already been mentioned. Practice a lot, stay safe, stay healthy and we shall see you at the April Show, which will be considered our meeting for April.

Marty

Secretary Report

Shawn Miller

After a two month break for reasons of COVID we finally got back to an in-person meeting. Although attendance was low because of COVID concerns the meeting went well and all had a good time.

President Marty Haughn began the meeting with some general business and a calendar update. Our January, now April, show is still a go and things are looking up. There were some scheduling conflicts with a few performers but the program is still full as we have found some replacements. Ticket sales for the show were outstanding as the show is sold out and we were able to cover the conference room rental. Later in March, Ring 75 of Ft. Smith, Arkansas will be back in business after a two year break. The Cavalcade of Magic is back! Details for attending can be found on the website, www.littlerockmagic.net.

One final business note, there was a short discussion of doing a benefit fund raiser soon, and officer positions as the current term is about to expire. June brings us to another officer installation. Although we spent a majority of the time tucked away in our homes, the past two years went by quickly. Under the circumstances I believe our Ring Officers did an outstanding job.

Business complete, it is on to the magic beginning with our "Jolly Joker" emcee, Jim Henson. The theme for the evening was "Comedy Magic". Jim noted that the "Hard Core" members were present and introduced Marty Haughn to kick things off.

Marty intended on performing but had neglected to bring in the all-important prop rendering the "magic" non-existent for him tonight. However, in keeping with the theme, Marty told a humorous story which happened during his second ever stage show. Long story short, this occurred in the early 1980's so doing the baffling bra was sort of ok, maybe. His audience was the National Guard unit Marty was assigned to and the armory was full. The young lady "volunteer" took the trick in stride and the audience loved it. After the show, the unit's First Sergeant approached Marty and congratulated him on a good show...and to let him know that the volunteer was his daughter! Uh Oh! All was good.

Next up was the Jolly Joker himself Jim Henson with assistant Janie Nicholson. Jim displayed a deck of cards and asked Janie to cut the deck. The cut was turned face up and placed into the middle of the deck. Janie once again cut the deck and again the cut turned over and placed into the deck. On the top of each cut prior to being placed back there was a card inserted. It was at this point Jim handed Janie a magnifying glass and asked her to scan the card backs for anything out of the ordinary. She eventually ran across a red backed card in a blue deck. Job well done but how did she find the card...Red backed AND clear fingerprints on the face.

Vice President Dane Dover was next after a glorious introduction rivaling David Copperfield. Paying homage to the late Mike Jones and Colonel Seymour, Dane displayed a popcorn box completely open. After folding the box back into proper shape he asked Janie Nicholson to reach into a small white jar and get a pinch of the "magic dust" and sprinkle it into the box.

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A little shake and bounce and miraculously a white silk was removed from the box. Reaching into his jacket pocket again and removing what was thought to be the original white jar, Janie was again asked to open the jar and get another pinch of the magic dust...Janie came unglued as a spring snake jumped out of the jar. She could not get away fast enough! Very funny routine.

Jolly Joker Jim was once again up for a trick. By the way, after every trick Jim Henson performed he gave one to each attending member! This time Jan Hecke was the assistant eyeing the wand, string and dice on the table. Jim threaded the string through the dice with the other end tied to the wand. Jan was asked to slowly pull on the end and the dice magically came off. Cute old Royal Magic trick called "Zip Zip".

Sergeant at Arms Joel Nicholson was then introduced and began with telling of cute things his Granddaughter Cora says. She is quick witted for a youngster. The comments had the audience chuckling and relating to some of them. Joel then brought out a small Tigger stuffed toy. He explained that we had to follow the instructions as this was a trick Cora had done. We all agreed. First, everyone had to close their eyes until told to open them. During that time the small Tigger was replaced by a much larger Tigger. It was then we were told to open our eyes and witness the miracle. Joel finished with a slush powder routine having everyone guessing where the water was.

Jim Henson was back AGAIN this time armed with the Rainbow Deck and picking on Janie again. Everyone received their own deck when Jim finished.

Dan Hecke was introduced with yet another glorious introduction rivaling David Copperfield...or Dane...or whoever was best. Anyway, Dan had Historian Mike Curtis and Dane Dover to assist. Dan removed several pairs of colored poker chips calling the trick, "Color Frequency". The pairs of chips were split and placed into separate paper bags. Dane's job was to select a chip, Mike's job was to select the matching colored chip from the second bag. By some miracle, and by tuning into the color frequency, Mike was successful on every attempt, this included a quick assist by Marty guiding Mike to choose the right color. Not known by the others, Marty was secretly let in on the secret to Mike's success. Dan followed this up with High Stakes Gambling. Three numbered envelopes and some fancy rectangular European chips were on display. Dane and Janie each chose an envelope and even offered the opportunity to change their mind. All said and done, the one who has the "High Card" won. Dane was first and looked at his card, placed his bet of all in. Janie opened hers and went all in. Janie ended up beating Dane...BUT, the house always plays and Dan displayed his card and it actually said "High Card" giving Dan the win.

Following in Marty's footsteps of trick fails, Jim Henson returned to the front with a "Wonder Glass". An all important step was forgotten, "pouring out the milk", and when fixed, the remaining milk seemed to disappear through a straw. Everyone was gifted their own. Jim continued with "Magic Hatchery", a loaded "Three Card Monte" with several options for outcomes, and finally the "Color Changing Pencil". As stated before, every trick Jim demonstrated he gifted everyone in attendance one of their own. To cap off the giveaways, he had several DVDs to choose from. It was a great night of magic and fellowship. I hope to see more of you at the next meeting.

Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis

This month's report is from a mere 16 years ago. It is a remembrance of the March, 2006 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.

"As expected, our March meeting was a continuation of the annual Ring 29 auction, Gerry Bailey, Auctioneer. Approximately 40 members and three guests attended the event. Mike Curtis and Derrick Rose proved once again to be stalwarts as bidding activities intensified. Their support is always appreciated!

Demonstrations of some of the items offered for auction were provided by a number of our members. Jim Henson performed the card effect, Spectacle Plus, and Tenyo's Moon-spinner. Jim is a long time Tenyo fan with quite a collection of these excellent tricks. His expertise proved to be most helpful.

Richard Knoll and Joey Williams discussed their video, "From the Eye of the Dove," a tape submitted for competition at the World Magic Seminar. For those who have had a chance to see it, it is quite enjoyable!

Announced was the seasonal opening of the Maxwell Blade Theater in Hot Springs. If you get the chance, check out the show! A number of Ring 29 professionals perform in Maxwell's excellent magical experience. Also announced was the Arkansas Masters of Illusion performance in April. Ring 29 members in the spotlight again!

The auction brought to a successful close, a number of the group retired to Denny's to linger over coffee and subjects magical."

The Ring auction has always been a favorite Ring activity because not only does it give members a chance to add items to their magic collection at bargain prices but it also gives everyone a chance to clean out some long unused magical items and convert them to cash they can use to buy more magic. What an endless cycle! But what a great hobby! Unfortunately some of us tend to get too carried away with the bidding and just buy stuff because it's so cheap and rather than use it, end up putting it back in a later auction getting less than we paid for it. But such is life. It's always a great time at the Ring.

Until next time, remember, those past purchases, that may have seemed a mistake, may very well turn out to be today's treasure.

March Performers



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Schedule of Events

2022

Date	Meeting Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
January	-	-	-	-
February	-	-	-	-
March	Henson Home #2	Comedy Magic	-	Jim Henson
April 16 @ 7:00	Jacksonville Community Center	Annual Ring Magic Show	-	Dane Dover
May	Henson Home #2			Mike Curtis
June	TBD	Officer Installation	-	Larry Bean
July				
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				

* 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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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.

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Mr. Magic is owned and operated by retired Fire Chief Jim Henson and is a primary contact for Ring 29.

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