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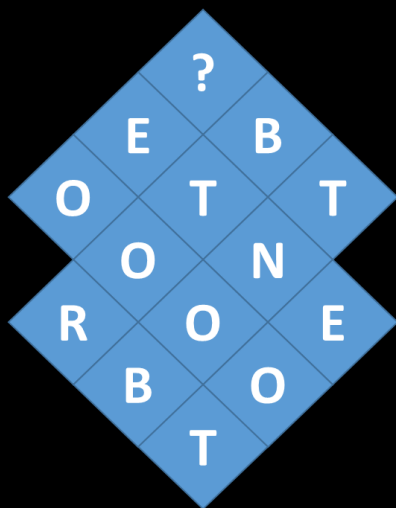
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It's all about the Magic...



ITS BACK! PUZZLE TIME!

Which Letter do you think should be placed in the top box instead of the question mark?

First person to send me the correct answer wins.

Send to mjhaughn@gmail.com with a subject line PUZZLE

This month's prize is "Magic with Cards", by Garcia and Schindler

Good Luck!



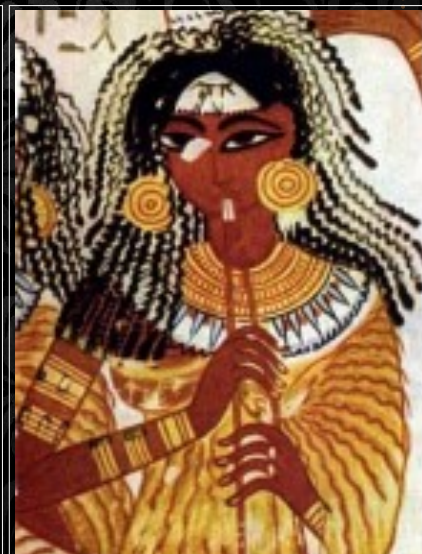
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Meetings

June 2, 2020 @ 6:45

Location: Stagecoach Club House

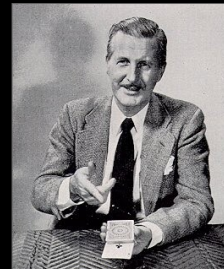
Upcoming Events

Officer Installation June 2

Broken Wand Ceremony June 2

" Most magicians consider the palm an easy move to make. They are inclined to believe that they are 'getting away with it,' when they are in fact fortunate enough to have a polite audience. "

- Dai Vernon -



President's Corner

Marty Haughn

If you were not at the May meeting you missed out on a lot of good magic and a lot of fun. Attendance was on the rise and I do hope the trend continues.

If you have not noticed by now, there have been a few changes to the website and newsletter, hopefully for the good. The website now has videos for everyone to view. I put a taste of it when writing about the Cavalcade. The videos worked well so I will continue to add them as they are received. If you have any Ring related videos you would like to share, please let me know so that we can make arrangements to get them loaded. It is hoped that for future meetings we will be able to have them on video as well. Details are still being worked out.

We are going to be voting for Officer positions through email until the June meeting. Your votes need to be sent to James Kinsey as soon as possible. If you are planning to attend the June meeting there will also be an opportunity to vote then...but not twice. Here are the nominations:

Nominees:

President: Dan Dover

Vice President: Joel Nicholson

Secretary: Marty Haughn

Treasurer: James Kinsey

Assistant Treasurer: Christy Kinsey

Sergeant at Arms: Gerry Bailey

Historian: Mike Curtis

Assistant Historian: TBD

Newsletter/Website Editor: Marty Haughn

If you have additional nominees, please forward them to James and/or let us know at the June meeting.

See you there!

Secretary Report

Shawn Miller

Ring 29 members and guests met at Jim "Mr. Magic" Henson's magic warehouse in Little Rock, Arkansas 6:30 PM Thursday May 12. President Marty Haughn presided over the meeting. Thanks Jim for the use of your house. We handled some old business first. Special thanks to Dan and Jan Hecke, Dane Dover, John and Susan Butcher, Blake Puckett, Paul Carlin, Aaron Acosta, and Ken Zelnick for the club magic show, close up performers were Cedric Morely, Jo Jones and Bob Bullock. Without these performers our show would not have been the success it was!

Marked as a very good show there were many positive remarks afterwards and had everyone had a great time. Right after the show intermission, Jo Jones was inducted into the Ring 29 Lifetime Member group of which there are only seven members. What a great surprise for her. Bob Bullock received Magician of the Year, and President Marty Haughn was very surprised to receive the Outstanding Leader in the Times of COVID award. Bob White missed the show but was at this meeting and was awarded Volunteer of the Year, Bob has done a lot for the club as well as obtaining use of his club house numerous times, thanks Bob.

In June we are having the new Officer Installation Ceremony, and two Broken Wand ceremonies, Mike Jones and Michael Strobel. Please plan to attend in support for the families. This concludes the business portion of the meeting, now to the performances

First up was Randall Eller with a mentalism trick utilizing, of all things, Animal Crackers! Esteemed guests, Thatcher and Aaron assisted by selecting animal crackers from a box. It was Randall's job to figure out what the animal was by drawing it onto a sketch pad. Every drawing was sort of the same and wrong. Finally, at the final drawing, it was still wrong, Randell peeled off the sheet and gave it to his assistant...and the drawing had changed to the correct animal before our very eyes!

Derrick Rose followed with the amazing jumping knot trick using a red and white rope, the knot would jump back and forth, then became part of the rope, the old jumping knot of Pakistan, great trick Derrick.

Blake Puckett was up with a throwback to Easter telling a great story of his childhood egg hunts where a dollar found in an egg that could change into a five.....magical Easter around the Puckett house.

Janie Nicholson was up with a fun story and toy bear on a toilet. She began by telling how children can be rude and not have manners. As a grandmother she wanted to ensure manners were taught. During the entire story, the toy bear would "pass a little gas" and toot fairly loud. Janie would explain to the bear that it needed to say excuse me. Being that the theme for the evening was Comedy Janie hit things off spot on. This was a cute and humorous routine.

Marty was up next to try out a card trick he had been working on for a little while. Actually, he had been working on several card tricks as we soon discovered. Assisted by Chris Thompson and friend Aaron, each had to cut a portion of the deck of cards, Chris about one third and Aaron about half of the remaining. They were to look at and memorize the bottom card they cut to. Cards were returned to the deck. Marty explained, while spreading fanning the cards, that their chosen cards could be anywhere, then it happened, magician in trouble, two jokers were inverted in the deck, apparently from another trick. He continued anyway and studied the closed deck and announced the locations of both cards correctly. Stating he needed to be sure of the answer he had taken notes as each location was written on the back of the Jokers.

Dan Hecke came up next and had a dead man's curve story and trick with the same theme, he had the keys to the original car the song was about, Jan and Dean's key to the car. As the story progressed Dan spoke of the key being haunted. To prove this fact, using the car key, it was placed into his hand and after what seemed an eerily long time, the key stood on its side held position and continued to finish the flip. Dan is a great story teller and had everyone on edge, like the key!

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Vice President Dane Dover had an old fishing magazine. As Dane described the magazine and pointed out different things while flipping through the pages he had a spectator stop him at a random page. The page was ripped from the magazine then wadded into a ball. After a little word magic, Dane then opened the paper ball revealing a large red silk. I understand this was created by Dane inspired by something he read in the Tarbell Series.

Jon Bucher mesmerized the audience with a story about a man in a chair. The man became a chosen audience member. Their job was to just imagine what card Jon held captive in a wine glass sitting on the table. There were actually four cards being held in the wine glass. As the "man in the chair" thought of or imagined their card, had it memorized and locked into his mind, Jon removed the four cards and placed them on the table. After a little "magician's choice" the card chosen ended up being the imagined card. It had to be as the remaining three were blank.

Finally, the ever generous Jim Henson took the floor and began his famous give away. You see folks, this is what you are missing when not at the meetings, great magic, great friends and Jim handing out magic to everyone. Not only does Jim give it all away he demonstrates all of them for you. There were a lot of DVDs and a bag full of good fun magic.

We concluded the meeting shortly thereafter with the reminder to everyone that we will be voting for new officers for the June Installation. See you there!

This is my last Secretary Report. A new secretary will be voted in beginning in June.

As always, be safe and stay magical,

Shawn

Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis

This month's report takes us back just 10 years to the May, 2011 meeting of the Ring. It seems some members "went out of their minds" at that meeting. The President at that time was Tyler Vodehnal and the Secretary was Kylan Mann. The Ring met monthly at Shuffield Auditorium.

"The May 5 meeting consisted of a brief business meeting followed by a performance by Dr. Jon Taylor, the Comedy Hypnotist. We discussed upcoming lectures by Barry Mitchell and Doc Dixon.

Officer elections were postponed until next month since we had a small meeting and many of the absentees had not received their ballots. The proposed candidates are: President Tyler Vodehnal, Vice President Jon Bucher, Secretary Aaron Acosta, Sergeant-at-Arms Bob White, Treasurer James Kinsey, and Web Master Bob Bullock.

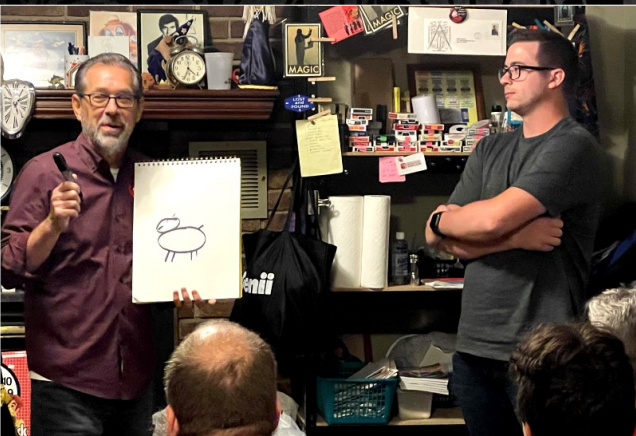
Dr. Jon Taylor performed a full hour show, "I Love It!" Sorry for shouting – must be a posthypnotic suggestion left over from being an onstage volunteer. Jon Bucher, Bob Bullock, Donald Wortman, Mike Curtis, and Kaley Crun had a relaxing and most entertaining time on stage. Although, as one of the subjects, I'm not the best judge of what we actually did, the audience loved it and were enthusiastic. Dr. Jon has a soothing voice with a rhythm that is well suited to encouraging a state of hypnosis. The antics were fun and harmless as we played with nonexistent cars and pianos. Dr. Jon became hated, loved, and turned invisible with a few simple words. I wish I could do that with magic as easily.

The performance was a new one for Dr. Jon and afterwards he eagerly sought out any criticism so he could improve his act. A few suggestions were made but in general the act was a winner. Thank you, Dr. Jon for providing Ring 29 "I Love It" with excellent entertainment for the price of a little feedback."

That was certainly a memorable and fun night for the Ring. Dr. Jon did a great professional job of handling his relaxed stage subjects and put them through hilarious situations, to the delight of the members. He caused the "hypnotized" subjects to act out in the most unusual ways which demonstrated how the power of suggestion can overcome those normally powerful inhibitions.

Until next time, remember to let the solid foundations of the past support you today.

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Fast forward about 1400 years to 1300 B.C., and that's when we start running into problems. We can find some references of magic in ancient Greek, but they don't shine favorably on magicians.

Instead, it depicts us in a bad light where magic was mostly associated with the occult at that time. It didn't exactly get better from there, either.

In 650 B.C., still mostly focused around the Greeks, magicians were believed to be demon worshippers and heretics of false gods and prophets.

There was a lot of superstition surrounding magic at the time, and it was far easier for people to feel fear and act on it than actually learn about it.

We have a name now. There was a group called The Acetabularii, which existed in Ancient Rome for about 300 years or so.

They adopted the idea of cups and balls, and practiced street magic (as we would refer to it today) until around 300 A.D., but we all know what happened not too long after that point.

Now, we have about a 1,200 year blackout of magic. From 300 A.D. onward, you encounter the dark ages, where magic was strictly put right up against occult following and worshipping.

It wasn't a good time to be a magician, and since not a lot was documented during these years, we don't know if it was passed around as a hobby and done in the secrecy of your own home.

Some speculate that magicians would help facilitate in stealing food and items from stalls or shops because of their ability with sleight of hand, if it were to still exist.

Again, that's just speculation, because we don't really know, but it would make sense that these traditions just didn't die out for 1,200 years.

Ref: <https://themagichq.com/history-of-magic/>

Louis Hobbs

Schedule of Events

2022

Date	Meeting Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
January	---	---	---	---
February	---	---	---	---
March	Henson Home #2	Comedy Magic	N/A	Dane Dover
April	Jacksonville Community Center	Annual Ring Magic Show	N/A	Dane Dover
May	Henson Home #2	I bought it from Jim "Mr. Magic" Henson!	N/A	Mike Curtis
June	Stagecoach Village Club House	Officer Installation	N/A	Marty Haughn Larry Bean
July	TBD	Evening at the Pops	N/A	Dane Dover
August	TBD	Raiders of the Lost Magic Drawer	N/A	Dane Dover
September	TBD	Photographic Magic	N/A	James Kinsey
October	TBD	Spooky Magic	N/A	Chris Thompson
November	TBD	793.8	N/A	Marty Haughn
December	TBD	Christmas Potluck	N/A	Dane Dover

* 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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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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