

The **PERFORMER**



Little Rock Magic Ring 29 *Newsletter*

June 2022

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Former President's Message

Fellow Arkansas Magicians,

I wanted to take a minute and convey my many and grateful thanks for your continued support over the past two years. Admittedly, it has been a challenging journey and one I'll cherish for many years to come.

Without continued support of the officers who served with me and all of you, I honestly believe my time as Ring 29 President would have been a huge failure. Each of you taught me something about the Ring and magic in general. These are lessons I'll carry with me and put to use as we learn more of each other.

To Dane Dover, Shawn Miller, James Kinsey, Mike Curtis, Adrian Steelman, and Joel Nicholson I owe a special gratitude to you for your enthusiasm, professionalism and endless support through some pretty tough times. You made my job easy. Ring 29 has grown and benefitted from your hard work.

As we all move into different jobs I hope that what we worked hard on will continue to grow and improve Ring 29.

Very Respectfully,

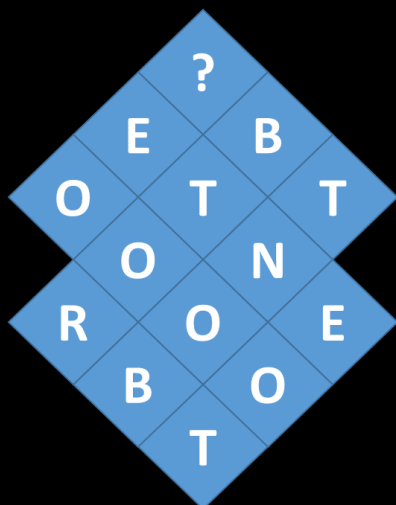
Marty Haughn



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It's all about the Magic...



MAY PUZZLE SOLVED!

*Congratulations goes out to GARY FAMBROUGH
For submitting the MAY puzzles correct answer.*

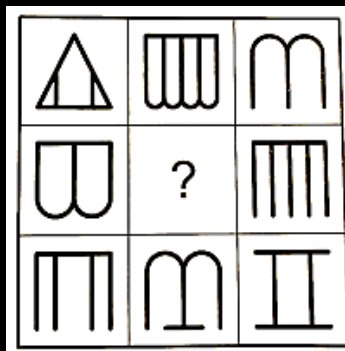
*The correct answer is already in the puzzle...the
question mark!*

*Start at the bottom and read from right to left each
line of letters:*

"To be or not to be?"



JUNE PUZZLE



The symbols displayed in the screens of the time pictoscope represent ancient cultural symbols. The challenge is to discover the ninth symbol, which is still missing. Can you reveal this ancient enigma?

Send your responses to: mjhaughn@gmail.com

Good luck!

***You may only win one puzzle prize per year, but can still submit
your possible solutions.***

The Ghost Card

A Burling Hull Invention
Presented by Samuel Patrick Smith

Show a spectator six different jumbo cards. Ask him to think of one. Then count the cards into his open hand one by one. The card he was merely thinking of has vanished!

For an impressive finish, ask the spectator which card he was thinking of. Then reach into your pocket and pull out his mentally selected card!

A clean and completely baffling effect.

The spectator apparently sees front and back of each card as you deliberately count them into his open hand.

Ghost Card does not use the rough-and-smooth principle. It does not use a pocket card or a flap. You do not have to cover the cards.

The trick may be repeated as many times as you wish.

Ghost Card is easy to perform. It's so ingenious, you can perform it right under their noses. The jumbo-size cards also make this a winner on stage. Simple, incredibly clever, and baffling!

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Meetings

July 7, 2022 @ 6:45
Henson Home #2

Upcoming Events

August - Lecture by Tom Burgoon
September - Lecture by Suzanne
October Picnic - TBD
December Christmas Party - TBD
January Show 2023 - TBD

*"If your aim in life is pursuing truth, one of
the things you might want to study is why
deception is so common in life."*

- Eugene Burger -



Current/Past Events

Officer Installation

This month was the annual officer selection and installation. Territorial Vice President, Larry Bean, installed each officer with his usual flare and humor. Below are your new officers:

President: Dane 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

Congratulations to you all and the best of luck.

Broken Wand Ceremony

Territorial Vice President, Larry Bean, also conducted a Broken Wand ceremony for Mike Jones who passed earlier this year. The passing of Mike is a huge loss for Ring 29 as well as Ring 308. Mike will be sorely missed.

Kudos

Thanks to Larry Bean for coming down for the Officer Installation. Larry always makes this event memorable and entertaining.

Thanks also goes out to Bob White for once again arranging for use of the Stagecoach Clubhouse. Without it some of our events may not be as easily accomplished.

Finally, thank you to the officers who provided snacks!

Cavalcade of Magic 2023

Am I too early in mentioning next year's Cavalcade of Magic? I might be but now is a great time to start looking at your calendars and get to planning. Normally, the Cavalcade is held during the last weekend of March, beginning on Thursday night and ending Saturday night.

In the coming months I know Ring 75 will be having meetings to plan the annual event. Emails will be sent out detailing the event. Prior to that email though will be a request for magicians to perform, be it close up or stage. Look for info in this newsletter and our website when details become available. You don't want to miss it!

COVID 19

For the past few months the numbers have been rising some and there have been numerous folks close to us who have been dealing with this menace.

Please place an extra prayer in your day for those fighting the good fight.

Stay safe and healthy so that we may continue our quest for magic gatherings and socializing.

President's Challenge?

In his report, Ring 29 President Dane Dover mentioned the need for young member enrollment to our Ring. I see this as a challenge.

Dane makes a good point about the young generation may not care for joining clubs so it is up to US ALL to find ways that not only improve our club but make it more appealing to the younger generation.

Dig deep into that fabulous brain we all have and let's see if we can come together with some ideas and possible solutions.

Upcoming Lecture

We have been working with Tom Burgoon in finding a good time in his schedule to lecture for us. The best we can say at this time is we are looking at August. More info when available.

President's Corner

Dane Dover

First let me say thank you for the trust you have put in me by electing me to the President position of ring 29. As I reflect on my time in the ring I can say there is a great legacy to follow and I hope I am up to the task.

I am honored to have such a great board of directors to help sustain and move the ring forward.

I would ask each of you to help recruit younger members. While it is not part of the younger generations DNA to join clubs, we need them. We need their ideas and enthusiasm.

For most of us Magic is more than a hobby it is a passion. As Eugene Burger said, *"The house of magic has many rooms"*, so whichever room you are in let's make the next two years beneficial for us all.

I am always open to meeting ideas and anything that you think will help the club. You can always reach me as follows.

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Secretary Report

Marty Haughn

Our June meeting was presided over by outgoing President, Marty Haughn, soon to be turned over to Dane Dover. The meeting was held at the Stagecoach Clubhouse in Little Rock, Arkansas at 6:45 p.m.

As members entered the clubhouse they were greeted with a large table loaded with goodies to munch on. Many thanks to the outgoing officers for providing the treats.

Once the meeting started, Marty Haughn discussed what was happening with the Ring 29 bylaws. Each officer has a copy and are working to update the bylaws as it is, after all, a living document. Once the document is finalized, a copy will be available to all active members of the Ring.

Officer voting was accomplished, well, supposed to be, in two ways. One method was through email voting and those who did not vote had an opportunity to cast their choices at the meeting. Unfortunately, paper ballots were forgotten and so the votes went with a raise of a hand. The nominees listed were approved and voted in as our new officers. They are as follows; President-Dane Dover; Vice President-Joel Nicholson; Secretary-Marty Haughn; Treasurer-James Kinsey; Assistant Treasurer-Christy Kinsey; Historian-Mike Curtis; and Sergeant at Arms-Gerry Bailey. Congratulations to everyone.

The next order of business was a bit of a surprise. As the outgoing President, Marty had some awards to present to the other outgoing officers. Ring 29 now has a Presidential Appreciation Award given to those whose support went above and beyond. Awards were presented to Dane Dover, Shawn Miller, James Kinsey, Mike Curtis, Adrian Steelman and Joel Nicholson. Congratulations to everyone.

Territorial President, Larry Bean, was then introduced to begin with a Broken Wand ceremony for Mike Jones who passed in February. Mike's passing was a great loss to both Ring 29 and Ring 308. When the ceremony was complete, Larry presented the Broken Wand to Jo Jones.

Continuing, Larry Bean also performed the Officer Installation ceremony. Every year Larry presents each new officer with his "words of wisdom" and does it with such flare and humor. This year he had a Confucius saying for them. The Ring certainly enjoys hearing the funny comments and seeing what "special" gifts Larry presents them.

Now that the new officers were installed, Marty quickly turned the meeting over to President Dane Dover who had a few words for the Ring and kicked off the Officer performances for the evening.

Larry Bean did the introductions in a most unusual way. He took each name of the officers and came up with some anagrams for each. Truthfully, they were interesting yet pretty funny. A few of Danes were: adorn; evaded; darned; eroded and endeavor.

Dane started with an unusual prediction using cards and women's names written on the back. He tasked Adrian Steelman, just back from US Army basic training at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, to name a card. A search through the deck for the four of hearts was done and placed on the table. On the backs of the cards were ladies names. Dane then asked Adrian to select a name, ending up with Anna. This card was also placed on the table. When Dane turned over one of his predictions he had written the four of spades. The name prediction was turned over and it was Lucy. Dane swapped positions of his prediction cards and by turning over Adrian's four of hearts it read LUCY, and the Anna card on its face was the four of spades, just as Dane had predicted.

The next introduction was for Joel Nicholson and a few of his anagrams were: non-school; chosen; onions; sonic and missing cats.

New Vice President, Joel Nicholson brought with him a basket full of miniature Gnomes and each were passed out to the audience to hold. The idea is to report their travels and even include photos of the travels and send to the new President and Secretary. In turn, The Secretary can write up a report and send to the Ring members. Interesting way to get to know members better. Joel then had a magic wand and a wind spinner. The wand was handed to Addalie and the spinner was handed to Cora. Between the two girls they used the magic power of the gnomes, magic wand and spinner to open a hole into a glass panel which Addalie proved to be solid to begin with.

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Larry then began listing anagrams for Marty Haughn and a few were: guarantee; human; angry; hungry and naughty.

New Secretary Marty Haughn followed with an unusual setup. He has a hula hoop in a stand. Asking for four "younger" members of the audience to assist, he had them encircle the hoop and place two fingers of each hand under the hoop at marked locations. There were rules, always have rules. The object was to NOT let your fingers come off the hoop at any time all the while trying to get the hoop to lower. OF course, there were issues. Some let fingers slip off and yet the hoop continued to rise or mover in a direction but lower. After the fun was over, Marty explained the principle behind the "Helium Hoop".

Last of the performing officers, Mike Curtis was introduced with the following anagrams: kismatic; trickie; iciest; stickiest and Mr.

Mike Curtis, our "forever" Historian and favorite comedy man began by stating he wanted to slow things down a bit. He mentioned the various speeds at which some magicians speak, some fast, some slow. The question of "Who knows who Jimmy Stewart is?" which had responses from the elders. Mike stated he would try to speak, and sound like, Jimmy Stewart to slow things down. With the assistance of Bob Bullock, a prediction was presented and cards were shown to be mixed. Mike then split the deck with Bob and they were to shuffle them with some face up and some face down, thoroughly mixing them. Then the two halves were mixed. Mike's job was to match the prediction only things seemed to go awry.

Having brought down the house with his wit, Larry asked if he could perform something, and if course we weren't going to turn him down. He needed the use of a smart phone and Chris Thompson brought his up. He was asked to search for Google Stats. It displays a listing of what everyone searches for. Running through the list of photographs of actors...uh oh...trouble with technology...or Larry. A second attempt was made...yep, no joy. Third time is a charm, and another phone didn't hurt any as well.

Gary Fambrough brought up his phone with success. Gary was asked to select a number from the list of 100, 13 was the selection, Tom Hanks was the actor at position 13. Larry's prediction read: "This old man has a nice kind smile!" Yes he does but Gary thought he had been had. By taking the first letter of each word in the prediction it spells "Tom Hanks".

Blayk Puckett also joined in on the fun. He asked how many in the audience think they can do the impossible. One person, wow, just Dane. A room full of magicians and only one of them thinks they can do the impossible. Blayk asked Jo Jones if she could do the impossible and she responded, "No". Blayk announced she was exactly what he was looking for. Marking two pile locations one red and one black. Blayk asked Jo to determine the location of cards without knowing what they are. So it began. One by one, in groups of three and four, Jo named the pile those cards would land. When almost all cards were placed, Blayk handed the remainder to Jo to finish on her own. Eventually, they were displayed and shown to be in the correct location. Jo Jones can do the impossible.

Following Blayk, former secretary, Shawn Miller performed on of his classics. Shawn began by dumping out a little sand onto the table then asked three people to write on his pad of paper some numbers. Shawn then poured out a lot more sand stating that he knows how many grains are there. He then had the numbers totaled and displayed a hidden prediction which matched the total. Stating it was far more difficult to count sand, Shawn opened the container now thought empty dumping out shells, much easier to count. But that isn't all! Shawn rotated the prediction so when the numbers were read it actually spelled SHELLS.

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Our new "Soldier" Adrian Steelman announced he was going to tell a story of basic training and showing off his new "Tactical Playing Cards". In the middle of week six, he says, the day started normally at 0430 that is 4:30 a.m. for you nonmilitary time keepers. After physical training the Company Commander ordered a random locker inspection. True to military inspections, the Drill Sergeants ransacked the lockers looking for any contraband. Adrian illustrated this by mixing the cards face up and face down and face to face throughout the deck. They spent the entire night reorganizing the ransacked mess and by morning, the magician in Adrian just snapped his finger and all was organized again and even had the black cards separate from the red.

Capping off the entertainment was Magician of the Year 2022, Bob Bullock. Bob admired the military as they were out trying to make the big bucks. Not as a magician though. To prove this Bob brought out what he had earned from his last show and counted off a bunch of one dollar bills. Showing five one dollar bills Bob stated he didn't say he made the big bucks he earned them. Then, with a flash of the wrist, Bob the MADE the big bucks with five one hundred dollar bills.

And so it was. June is now in our Historical archive and everyone stayed for a little longer to talk and help clean up. Many thanks go out to Bob White for once again arranging the use of this fantastic clubhouse. See you all in July!

Be safe and stay magical

Marty Haughn

Ring 29 Secretary

Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis

This month's Linking Ring report on the Ring was taken from 14 years ago. It was the June meeting held in 2008. The President, at that time, was Jim Henson and the Secretary was Jon Bucher. The Ring met monthly at UAMS Hospital.

"You can't tell how deep the well is, by the size of the pump handle." – Author unknown.

As a preamble to the main reason for magic clubs, Ring 29 conducted its June business meeting. Outgoing President Henson mentioned our upcoming public show in October, announced the slate of new officers, promoted the I.B.M. Convention in Nashville, informed us about the installation of officer's banquet this month, and named the next meeting as "Cups and Balls Night." After the proper adjournment we got down to the business of magic.

Tonight will be remembered as the Annual 2008 Ring 29 Stage Magic Contest. Four juniors and nine adults competed for the coveted Mr. Magic gift certificates. Ably emceed by Mr. Magic himself, the currently lucid Jim Henson, our junior members started the evening. First up was Stephanie Wilkinson with her cast of fairy tale characters in a clever playlet that included a quick change. Ventriloquist Jesse Alvarado followed with a funny routine using audience participation. Next, Trey McDonald performed with a dozen long, sharp spikes mounted on a platform; whose points on which Trey daringly walked with bare feet. The final junior performer was Savanna Wilkinson. She visibly poured water from one cup to another only to make the water vanish. All of the junior performers displayed a lot of poise on stage.

Mike Jones started the adult contest with his poetic "Kate and Edith" jumbo card trick. Second was Doctor Chris Westfall in full 1800s regalia as Dr. Phineas T. Beauregard, time traveler and world's greatest magician with "Hank to Egg" with pseudo explanation. Contestant number three was fully costumed Bill Fulton as Amethysts the Wizard and, with his three young assistants, performed a myriad of effects including a nice silent three ring Linking Ring routine.

David Duggie offered a funny Break Away Box routine, a Torn and Restored Newspaper, and lots of good old fashioned puns; the kind at which you love to groan. Our only female contestant was Jo Jones with a seldom seen "Mental Epic" effect that was well done. Contestant number six was Dane Dover performing a clever time prediction done with numbered Uno cards and three unsuspecting spectators. Dan Hecke stepped on stage in full costume, makeup, and accent as Ravenwood, a medieval wizard. His effects were well themed to the medieval time period and included "Sword Thru Mirror" and the "Wizard's Tea Kettle" among others.

Michael Wilkerson performed the always popular Hippity Hop Rabbits just for the kids. The chewing gum that held it together worked well. Some other guy finished the evening's contest. First place in the junior category was Trey McDonald, with Stephanie Wilkerson in second place. The winner of the adult contest was Dan Hecke, with Dr. Chris Westfall taking second place. The People's Choice Award went to Dan Hecke. It was a good evening. "

It certainly was a great evening of magical competition. The talent within our Ring has been and remains outstanding. Contests, like this one, always seems to bring out the best creativity and performances. Be sure to bring one of your competition worthy effects to share at the next meeting.

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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	Henson Home #2	Evening at the Pops	N/A	Dane Dover
August	TBD	Lecture	Tom Burgoon	Dane Dover
September	TBD	Lecture	Suzanne	James Kinsey
October	TBD	Possible Picnic/ Spooky Magic	N/A	Chris Thompson
November	TBD	793.8	N/A	Marty Haughn
December	TBD	Christmas Potluck?	N/A	Dane Dover

* The clubhouse address: 100 Stagecoach Village, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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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