

The **PERFORMER**



Little Rock Magic Ring 29 *Newsletter*

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LITTLE ROCK MAGIC RING 29

It's all about the Magic...



Next Lecture: TOM BURGOON
February 2023



BELIEVE IN MAGIC!

ADULTS: \$5.00
KIDS 3-13: \$3.00
UNDER 3: FREE

**RING 29 MAGIC
CHRISTMAS SHOW
JANUARY 14
JACKSONVILLE
COMMUNITY CENTER**

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW
**CONTACT A RING OFFICER
TO PURCHASE TICKETS**



Meeting Information

Christmas Show
January 14, 2023 @ 7:00
Location: Jacksonville Community Center

Upcoming Events

Christmas Show 2023 -
January 14, 2023
Jacksonville Community Center

"When you're learning how to do magic, the first rule is 'never reveal a secret.' In a way, by telling someone I'm a magician, it kind of gives away the best secret of all... How interesting to take the magician out of the equation of a magic show."

- Michael Carbonaro -



Current/Past Events

January Meeting Info

Scheduled for January 14, 2023, to be held at the Jacksonville Community Center, 7:00 p.m.

Feed the Vets

The generosity of our Ring 29 members never ceases to amaze me. Both November and December you were asked to bring in non-perishable food to donate to the Feed the Vets food pantry. For the two months our members donated upwards of \$600 in food and cash donations. My personal thanks to each and every member who contributed and I do know the Veterans of Arkansas certainly do appreciate everything.

If you were unable to attend the meetings and still wish to donate, PLEASE, visit:
www.feedthevetsorg.com There is a DONATE button at the top of their page for cash donations. Any amount is very much appreciated.

Christmas Show

Our Christmas Show is plugging along as we begin to gain ground toward the show date. Although we have our performers lined up we are still in need for one or two more close-up performers and a couple of stage hands. If you are interested in either job, please contact Dane Dover to get onto the list. These shows cannot and will not happen without your support and assistance.

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!

Did You Know?

During World War II, the magician Jasper Maskelyne hid the Suez Canal and Alexandria Harbor from the Germans and helped the Allied Forces win the war in Africa. In the book *Top Secret*, Maskelyne tells of his war experiences and of the time when he performed at the Empire Theater in Cairo, Egypt as "The Royal Command Magician." Few people actually realized that the performance was a front for the British intelligence service.

Famous Celebrities who are (were) also Magicians: Johnny Carson, Don Johnson, Woody Allen, Dick Cavett, Dick Van Dyke, Milton Berle, Cary Grant, Bill Bixby, Jimmy Stewart, Steve Martin, Muhammad Ali, Bob Barker, George Bush, Jerry Lewis, Charles Dickens.

Ever wondered where the expression "not playing with a full deck of cards" came from? In 1707 in England, Queen Anne enforced a tax on playing cards that eventually affected both manufacturers and the public (this practice continued in the UK until 1960). In 1828 manufacturers place a tax stamp on the Ace of Spades instead of the box. These stamps were taken seriously by the English government. One Richard Handy was executed for forging such stamped Ace. To avoid paying the inflated price some English citizens began to purchase checks without any Ace of Spades. Hence they were "playing without a full deck"!

January Birthdays

Shawn Miller - Jody Birchfield (Ring 75) -
Sid Salmans - Aaron Acosta

February Birthdays

Yak Williams (Ring 325)

President's Corner

Dane Dover

Well, this is actually not an Ode which is a type of poetry rather it is a loose definition of ode which means to praise someone or something.

In my library are dozens of books written by or about magicians that are no longer with us. Some of my favorites are below.

Harlan Tarbell "The Tarbell course in Magic" (8 volumes)

Mark Wilson "Mark Wilson's complete course in Magic"

Eugene Berger "Mastering the Art of Magic"

Max Maven "Prism", "Verbal Control"

Barrie Richardson "Theater of the Mind", "Act Two", "Curtain Call"

Phillip Willmarth "The magic of Matt Schulien"

Karrell Fox "Much Ado about something", "For my next trick", "Clever like a fox", "Another book by Karrell Fox"

Percy Abbott – "Abbott's encyclopedia of rope tricks" (3 volumes)

Harold Rice – "Encyclopedia of silk Magic" (4 volumes)

There are more but this should give you a list to refer to and do some Christmas reading. Hope to see some gems you discovered at the next Club meeting.

Dane

Secretary Report

Marty Haughn

Little Rock Magic Ring 29 met on December 13, 2022, 6:45 pm at the Stagecoach Village Club house, presided by President Dane Dover.

For a second month, members provided needed food donations in support of an Arkansas Organization called "Feed the Vets". We thank each and every member for their generous donations. Feed the Vets also extends a gracious thank you to the Ring. Well done everyone!

This month Ring 29 held its annual Christmas Pot Luck meal and monthly meeting. Officers and members brought in enough food to eat for a week! Fortunately, we had several members with invited guests in attendance. It was obvious through listening to conversations being held that everyone was enjoying the food and fellowship.

After the pot luck came to a simmer, President Dane Dover began the business end of our meeting. He began with reminding everyone that tickets for the January Show were still available to purchase. We sold out last year so everyone needs to get them sooner than later. He is also looking for a few more close-up magicians to perform in January as well. If interested, get with Dane. Once business concluded it was time for the fun. Dane had "drafted" Marty Haughn to start things off.

Marty brought out an old looking mini shipping crate with a Houdini return address on it and marked fragile. While opening the box Marty explained that in building the box he almost lost the tips of two fingers. Yes, he played the pity card. The box apparently contained items Houdini liked to send his friends, it contained a little game. First, a large card was removed and Marty read the front and explained the instructions were inside the card for the game. Four Christmas ornaments were removed and hooked on four stands. Finally, a deck of cards. The instructions included handing out small packs from the deck to spectators to shuffle. When collected, four cards were placed behind each ornament. Spectators were then asked to eliminate one at a time the ornaments leaving one behind. The four remaining cards behind the last ornament were spread out. The same elimination process was used to leave one remaining card. In the instructions a Houdini quote was read to identify the remaining card, and it was correct!

Following Marty was Territorial Vice President Larry Bean. Larry began telling of a "story" about Dane and Marty going hunting for deer. Larry is known for his elaborate stories ending with a groaner or a punchline, this one was no different! Set up was a small table with a jumbo deck and a vase loaded with a rose. Larry asked Dane to assist and inquired about Dane's marksmanship. The replay was a confident one then Larry handed Dane a small pistol. The goal was to shoot the deck of cards and the bullet would stop right at a selected card. As Dane took aim and fired, the top of the rose jumped off and fell to the floor. Not too confident in Dane's aim, Larry placed a bullseye on the card deck and instructed Dane to aim for the middle this time. He fired again making the table top collapse tossing the cards and vase to the floor. Stuck to the table was the five of clubs...not the chosen card. Larry took the pistol, fired once and the center pip fell off. Now the four of clubs was displayed and WAS the selected card!

Secretary Report

Marty Haughn

Blayk Puckett was next with a little "mind work". Nine spectators were to think of a card from a small packet handed to them and shuffled. When the packets were returned to Blayk he began to systematically identify the thought of cards one or two at a time. For each attempt Blayk had taken the top cards off the deck one at a time naming them. Those whose card was called out Blayk was able to get them right. It took the entire deck but Blayk was able to identify eight of nine thought of cards. Still an amazing display of "mental work".

One of our visitors was given an opportunity to join in on the magical fun by performing his FIRST EVER magic trick! Justin Trammel stepped up with a deck of cards and asked Dane Dover to select a card. Once displayed to the spectators it was replaced into the deck and lost in a shuffle. A moment later, Justin slid out a card asking if this was Dane's card. It was not but he wanted to try one more time. The process was repeated only this time the removed card was in fact Dane's selected card! This is how we do it in Ring 29. Give an opportunity and you may have a new club member. Very well done Justin, we hope to see you again with yet another trick.

President Dane Dover presented everyone with a visual of elf photos. His goal was to see if Janie Nicholson was naughty or nice. After having Janie tell Dane when to switch stacks of elves by spelling out "Will the Elves Match", two pictures were left, one from each stack. When displayed, it showed that Janie had been nice as they matched. Not only did they match but each of the other pairs removed matched.

Bob Bullock appeared up front with Mary Ann Campbell and had a red sponge ball and a change purse clasp. From the change purse clasp Bob was able to pull out more sponge balls and at every attempt to rid himself of one another appeared from the clasp. He then had Mary Ann hold onto one ball and rid himself of one only to have it appear with the ball in Mary Ann's hand. The final result was one more in Mary Ann's hand and when Bob got rid of one he checked Mary Ann's hands one more time to find quite a few sponge balls.

Derrick Rose came out with a small clear empty box and presented a blue cloth and placed it over the opened box. Derrick started some music and suddenly, from the box, the cloth rose out and began floating around the room. Derrick was having trouble controlling the cloth but was able to get it back toward the box once again. It even headed for the spectators in the front row to their surprise. By the end of the music our spooky blue cloth headed back to the box only to be shown as empty, cloth and box!

Mary Ann Campbell came out blazing with some groaners falling in line with Larry Bean. She had brought several brightly decorated socks and had spectators select and place their chosen sock onto her arm. Eventually, through the process of elimination we were left with one sock. Mary Ann asked if it would be amazing if the sock matched one she was wearing. Hiking up her pant leg revealed a bare ankle. On the other foot was the match! Very nice performance and even some good groaners.

Ricky Trip came up next sporting two rectangle "Plates of Ali Baba". Ricky is a local performer who sings and decided to accompany his act with some music and begun humming, I think, some music. One by one decorated cups were appearing from between the plates.

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Marty Haughn

One, two, three cups and the music got more aggressive, four, five, more aggressive music. It appeared he may be finished as the music ceased, thankfully, but began again with some frustration behind it. Ricky had everyone in stitches as he attempted to produce number six. The harder he worked the louder and more aggressive the music was. Finally, he had to give up stating he may have lost one of his cups. Five or six, no matter, this was a great routine and had us all laughing.

Vice President, Joel Nicholson brought up a "treasure chest" and commented that it would be pretty good if he could produce some treasure from the empty box. Obviously he could not do it alone so he tasked Shawn Miller to assist with the treasure hunt. Joel explained that in order for this treasure to appear a special magic word had to be created then stated. That job was left to Shawn. The word ended up being "Presto". When stated, Joel asked Shawn to open the box and retrieve what was inside. Shawn reached in and removed a twenty dollar bill! Joel then told Shawn to keep the treasure!

Historian, Mike Curtis, came next with some unusual magic. He called it "Body Magic". Mike pointed out that with your palm turned up that there was a way to have it turned down WITHOUT turning at the wrist! Mike challenged everyone to give it a try and see what happens. As the instructions were given everyone was rotating their arms at the elbow. Several moves later...DANG if it didn't work! Everyone looked a bit stunned at the result.

Bob White came up with what he called "The Poker Test". Five red-backed cards were presented with blank faces. Closing the spread and showing a blank face, Bob asked if we saw an Ace. Of course no one had and he removed an ace from the back of the packet. He then asked what color were the backs and everyone replied red. Upon turning the cards around he showed they were actually now blue! Then he turned the cards around now sporting a Royal Flush! Closing the fan he then repeated the question of the back color. Those darned cards were now back to red! He turned the cards to the face again and they were ALL BLANK! A real mind bender.

Chris Thompson was next with an interesting card manipulation. He required the assistance of Bob Bullock who selected a random card. Chris then had the card placed into the middle of the deck explaining that the card could actually melt to the top of the deck and proved that it had. Next, Chris removed a card for himself and placed Bob's card in his palm and covered with the second hand. Chris then took his card and waved it over Bob's hands stating the cards had now melted through his hands and traded places. Sure enough this miracle had happened to the delight of everyone watching.

Jim Henson, in his usual fashion had brought in a box full of magic to be given out to everyone. His generosity never ends. Items included DVDs, books and some great magic. You need to attend to receive. Thanks so much Jim!

After all the magic was finished, Treasurer, James Kinsey asked a reluctant Marty Haughn to come up to the front. James explained that due to supply chain shortages the IBM lacked some of their regalia. James acquired a Past President medal and presented it to Marty.

Secretary Report

Marty Haughn

Finally, a total surprise and a step away from the magic world, Marty Haughn had a special presentation for Jim Henson. Jim served in the Air Force in the 60's and had always down-played his service saying he really didn't do much while in the Air Force.

Marty wanted to show that any time served in the military was a sacrifice. For his service, Marty presented Jim and Brenda Henson a cased flag which had been flown over the Nation's Capital along with a framed certificate stating when it had happened. To Jim and all our Veterans, THANK YOU for your service, and this includes the spouses who put up with them!

Stay Magical,

Marty Haughn

Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis

This month's report looks back only 10 years to the December, 2012 meeting of the Ring. The President at that time was Jon Bucher and the Secretary was Robert (Bob) White. The Ring met monthly at Shuffield Auditorium in Little Rock.

December was our annual Christmas party meeting and as has been tradition, was held at our favorite local magic shop: Mr. Magic & Novelties, owned and operated by Ring member Jim Henson. Also as usual, Jim's lovely better half, Brenda, laid out a great spread of tasty hors d'oeuvres, snacks, and Christmas treats.

After a few short business announcements, including discussion of our annual public show to be held on January 12, the festivities were opened for magic with President Jon Bucher acting as MC.

Dan Hecke opened with a great sun and moon style coin routine. We still don't know how all those coins kept coming back and then vanished. Gerry Bailey performed and presented "Out of Pocket" where his pants pocket magically moved with "invisible" yarn. Don Baer followed with some great kid oriented magic utilizing a young and bashful helper. Don ended with a cute puppy dog puppet in a basket routine.

Jimmy Rhodes kept everybody in stitches with a cut and restored rope followed by a selected card revelation. Sergeant-at-Arms David Duggie followed with a card game themed routine. Young Blayk Puckett displayed some amazing mind reading with cards.

Tim Grant from Memphis Ring 16 followed with a one coin and one Sharpie pen manipulation routine that was a crowd pleaser. Our Pam Madrez and her vent doll "Betty the Buzzard" performed a live duet of "Rockin' around the Christmas Tree." Mike Curtis followed with a card routine that was hilarious. We are not sure if it worked, but as usual Mike entertained the crowd.

Vice President Aaron Acosta performed a mind-boggling effect where a straw penetrated a capped water bottle. Bob White performed Bill Abbott's "Stabbed and Shot." I think the audience wanted to do just that after my "act." Kaylee Crum followed with a great mind reading routine and was successful in predicting a spectator's mentally-selected number.

Web master Bob Bullock performed his always enjoyable "golden ropes" routine. Cedric Morley followed with a matching card routine. Sid Salmans performed his rendition of the "Johnny Paul" Cups and Balls. This is a unique version of the Cups and Balls that one doesn't see performed often and Sid nailed it to top off the evening. Once again, it was a great close to a great year. Jim and Betty Henson hosted a wonderful evening of fellowship and magic

Another great festive Christmas party was enjoyed by Ring members and their families that December night. It wasn't that long ago which makes it easy to remember. Not only was the magic, fun and fellowship memorable, but the great food and hospitality supplied by Jim and Brenda Henson was also outstanding and greatly appreciated. The Ring Christmas parties always deliver a great time for all.

Until next time, remember to let good memories of Christmases past bring feelings of joy to elevate our celebration of Christmas present.

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Magician
Jimmy Rhodes



Magician
Scott Davis



Magician
Joey Williams



Emcee
Marty Haughn



Magician
Derrick Rose



Magician
Timothy Walker



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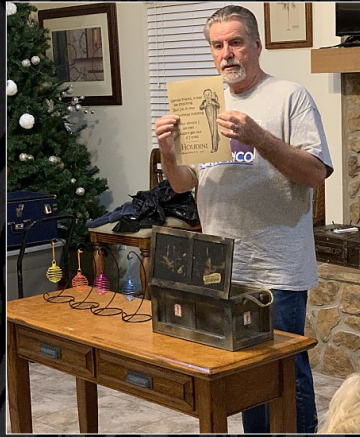


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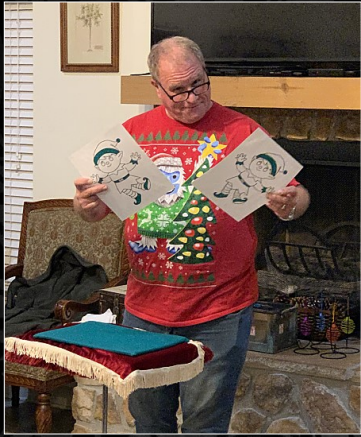
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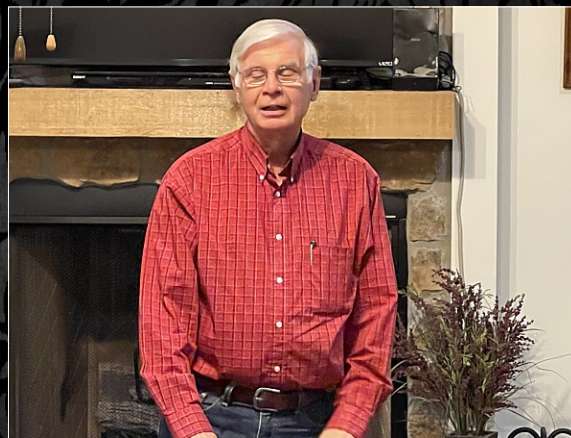
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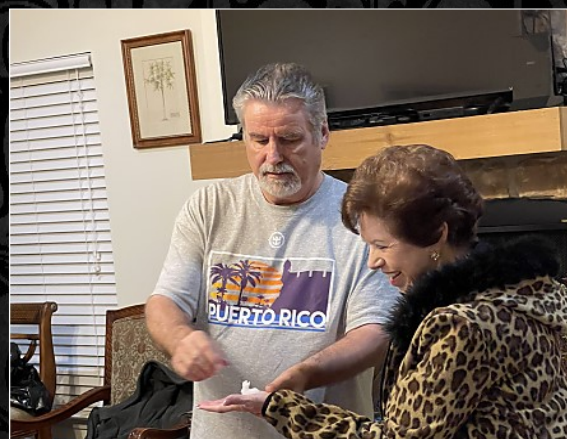
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Schedule of Events

2022

Date	Meeting Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
January 14, 2023	7:00 p.m. Jacksonville Community Center	Annual Christmas Show	N/A	Marty Haughn
February	Stagecoach Clubhouse	Lecture	Tom Burgoon	Dane Dover
March		TBA		
April		TBA		
May		TBA		
June	TBA	Officer Installation	N/A	Larry Bean
July		TBA		
August		TBA		
September		TBA		
October		TBA		
November		TBA		
December				

* 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.

Ring 29 is proud to endorse and support Little Rock's world class Magic Vendor, "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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