

The **PERFORMER**



Little Rock Magic Ring 29 *Newsletter*

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Quadri-Ring All-State Magic Meeting



**Who: IBM Rings 29, 75, 308
and the new NWA Ring**

**Where: Yesterdays Restau-
rant , 1502 North Oak St.,
Morriton, AR 72110**

When: Saturday, August 24

Time: 2:30-6:30PM

Menu is at <https://www.yesterdaysrestaurantmorriton.com/menu>

**They have salads, ribs, pizza, burgers, sandwiches, wraps, chicken– fried or grilled,
porkchops, BBQ, seafood, steaks and pasta.**

**We will have a meet/greet to start with. Tables will be available for a self-service
magic swap meet. All wanting to will have a chance to perform. We'll eat around
5:15-5:30 so we can be done in time for everyone to get home before dark.**

More info to come later. Please save the date!



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LITTLE ROCK MAGIC RING 29

It's all about the Magic...

Giancarlo Bernini



NEW ARKANSAS RING

If you don't know already, there is a new IBM Ring in Northwest Arkansas.

Assembled by Christy Henson and Joey Williams, the IBM sanctioned the group and the Ring shall be know as:

"NWA Ring 479" Arkansas now has four IBM Rings!



Meeting Information

Meeting August 1, 2024

6:30

First Community Bank

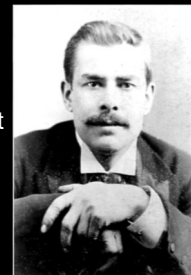
Upcoming Events

Quad-Ring Meeting August 24,
2024

Meeting September 5, 2024

"Nothing must be left to chance in a magical performance. Everything conducive to enhancing the mystery of the illusions must be arranged with painstaking care and thought "

- Davis Devant -



President's Report

Marty Haughn

Fellow Magicians,

Ok...July was a bust for my computer. Fortunately, I was able to recover all of my data, including newsletters and website info. WHEW!

For July, we were treated to a free lecture thanks to Ring 308 President, Blayk Puckett. Blayk presented the opportunity to open the lecture to all Arkansas Rings to enjoy. Our lecturer was Giancarlo Bernini. He discussed some high end topics and shared some magic with everyone.

In other news, Ring 29 is looking for help in putting together yet another benefit show set for sometime in the late spring or early summer. If you are a good organizer and would like to help in this endeavor, please let me know and I'll get you set up with the needed information. I need one chairman and two committee members to make this happen. Our last benefit show was a success raising \$2500 not including costs which was raised as well.

Coming this August is the QUAD-RING meeting set for August 24 at 2:30 in Morrilton, Yesterday's Restaurant. There will be time for a Swap Meet/Flea Market, magic of course, door prizes, magic related game and plenty of time to eat beginning at 5:30. The plan is to be finished by 6:30 so everyone can be home before dark.

Enough said for now. Be safe and stay magical.

Secretary Report

Joel Nicholson

Little Rock Ring 29 had fun Thursday, July 11, 2024 when we met for the “dual reality” magic lecture shared by Giancarlo Bernini. Our thanks goes to Mary Ann Campbell for securing the special meeting location of First Community Bank at 17820 Chenal Pkwy in Little Rock. New President Marty Haughn opened the business meeting with info of upcoming events and turned the meeting over to Blayk Puckett (president of Ring 308).

Blayk explained that Ring 308, Ring 75, and Ring 29 were all invited to attend this meeting which Ring 308 had sponsored to bring Blayk’s friend Giancarlo Bernini for tonight’s lecture. Thirty people including territorial vice president Larry Bean attended this 2-hour event.

It ended with Ring 308 secretary Jon Bucher’s presentation of a Past President’s Pin and Blayk’s commendation for service to Ring 308 to Cedric Morley. We were treated to an original and entertaining routine with deeply hidden enhancements to magic Bernini classified as “dual reality” which he thoroughly tied together in a final surprising way. It was impressive to enjoy the command of English grammar and structure that Giancarlo wove into his routine. He recently fooled Penn and Teller on their TV show. Marty Haughn was Bernini’s first assistant volunteer. He validated that the miniature coin purse Giancarlo presented him with was entirely empty. This empty container was then set aside. Next Marty was shown a specially made group of post cards approximately 4-1/2” x 8-1/2” in size. They were printed on one side with beautiful pictures of various locations around the world. From the unprinted card backs Marty picked at random one card and was told to look at the printed side and remember what was pictured and printed on it. After asking Marty a series of questions Giancarlo retrieved the empty mini coin purse on the table behind them and handed it to Marty with instructions to open it again and check its contents. The coin purse now had the three items that were perfect matches of answers to questions that Marty had given Giancarlo earlier.

Paul Carlon was Bernini’s next assistant volunteer. He selected a custom message card from Bernini’s deck and kept secret its printed message. Paul was asked to think about an event in his past that Bernini could weave links to through mentalist-style commentary of various keys he obtained while interviewing Paul. Giancarlo then revealed to Paul and the audience exactly what Paul was thinking about, who was involved, what they were doing, and where they were. The method and props were explained and various options covered and all-important wording, phrases, clauses, and sentences and questions from audience were all expertly answered. Constant trick improvement once mastered can still be made better using “dual reality” skill where the audience is not aware of all that is happening especially between the volunteer and magician.

The entire audience was fooled later on when it was found they had been tricked with “dual reality” methodology while Paul’s trick was being performed. Lots of laughter followed. Giancarlo demonstrated music tracts that he had created to easily be managed for mood, suspense, and finale that magicians could effectively employ to enrich their productions. The lecture notes, tricks, and music were thoroughly explained, emphasized, and demonstrated, and at lecture’s end were offered for sale.

Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis

This month we look back 10 years to the July, 2014 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, Little Rock.

Members of Ring 29 and guests met at the Whole Hog Café in Bryant on July 12 for a banquet, installation, and magic performed by the new officers. TVP Larry Bean served as MC and conducted the candlelight installation ceremony. Thirty-one were present. New officers are: President Aaron Acosta, Vice President Bob White, Secretary David Duggie, Treasurer James Kinsey, Sergeant-at-Arms Michael Wilkerson, Historian Mike Curtis, and Web master Bob Bullock.

Past President Jon Bucher presented an award to Blayk Puckett for winning both the close-up and stage competition. Blayk accepted the award via video and then performed a card trick in which he predicted the card chosen by a spectator. The card, at the end, of the trick, was found on the back of his award.

Prior to the installation, Jon Bucher presented the gavel and a presidential plaque to incoming president, Aaron Acosta. After the candlelight ceremony, Larry Bean gave a funny presentation of gum or candy to each of the new officers that related to their new positions. Following the ceremony, the new officers performed one of their favorite effects.

Bob Bullock performed several rope tricks with magic math and science. Mike Curtis did a comedy bit. He gave us a choice of a card trick or telling us how he got in trouble in River City, Iowa in 1912. The audience chose the story.

James Kinsey treated us with a mental effect called "Dark Card." A spectator, Summer, chose someone who was important to her and she chose her dad, Mr. Magic (Jim Henson). James correctly predicted who Summer chose. Next, David Duggie, assisted by Jan Hecke, performed Coins Across and "Coins through Handkerchief." Bob White delighted us with a story about receiving a letter addressed to him fifteen years ago. He had a deck of cards with names of different magicians on the backs. Several spectators made choices, and ultimately the choices ended with the card with Dai Vernon's name on it. The letter Bob received was from Dai Vernon.

Aaron Acosta amazed us with his mentalism. First, he correctly predicted the zodiac sign of an audience member. Then he passed out three pieces of paper to three audience members. He proceeded to correctly identify a good friend, a first childhood pet, and a picture drawn on the papers."

Officer installation banquets have always been packed with fun and magic. This meeting was no exception. After indulging in some delicious BBQ, TVP Larry Bean did his usual outstanding job, conducting the installation, and serving as MC for the evening as the newly elected officers kept the audience amazed and amused with their unique performances.

Until next time, remember the words of Benjamin Dover, "It's okay to look back at your past. Just don't stare."

Giancarlo Bernini



Schedule of Events

2024

Date	Meeting Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
January 2025	7:00 p.m. Jacksonville Community Center	Annual Public Show	N/A	
February	First Community Bank		N/A	
March	First Community Bank		N/A	
April	First Community Bank		N/A	
May	First Community Bank		N/A	
June	Stagecoach Clubhouse	Officer Installation	N/A	
July 11	First Community Bank	LECTURE TIME	Giancarlo Bernini	Marty Haughn
August 1	First Community Bank	Card Magic	N/A	Dane Dover
August 31	Yesterday's - Morrilton, Arkansas See address below	Quad-Ring Meeting	N/A	Larry Bean/ Marty Haughn
September	First Community Bank	Prediction Magic	N/A	
October	First Community Bank	Mentalism/Halloween	N/A	
November	First Community Bank	Escape Magic	N/A	
December	TBA	Ring Christmas Party	N/A	Marty Haughn

- The clubhouse address: 100 Stagecoach Village, Little Rock, Arkansas.
- First Community Bank Address: 17820 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock, Arkansas
- Yesterday's Address: 1502 Oak Street, Morrilton, Arkansas

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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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