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LITTLE ROCK MAGIC RING 29

It's all about the Magic...

The Arkansas Masters of Illusion Dazzle DeMolay Boys at the Albert Pike Masonic Temple

by Richard Knoll

On August 10th the grandeur of the Albert Pike Masonic Temple in Little Rock, Arkansas, was matched only by the mesmerizing performances of the Arkansas Masters of Illusion. The esteemed group of magicians, juggler, and illusionists put on a show for the Arkansas DeMolay boys that will be remembered for years to come.

The DeMolay, a youth organization associated with Freemasonry, is dedicated to building character and leadership skills in young men aged 12 to 21. Events like these not only provide entertainment but also help foster a sense of community and camaraderie among the members. As the boys entered the historic Masonic Temple, they were greeted with an air of excitement and mystery. The Temple, known for its beautiful architecture and rich history, provided a perfect setting for a night of magic and wonder. With its grand hall, high ceilings, and intricate woodwork, the Temple created an enchanting backdrop for the evenings performances.

The Arkansas Masters of Illusion, a renowned group of magicians from across the state, did not disappoint. They began the evening with a series of classic tricks that captivated the audience from the very start. With each trick, the boys were drawn deeper into the world of magic, their eyes wide with amazement as they witnessed objects levitating, cards appearing and disappearing, and even the occasional dove being pulled out of thin air.

The night was filled with laughter, gasps of surprise, and enthusiastic applause. The performers ensured that the show was not just about showcasing their skills but also about connecting with the audience. Their charismatic presence and humor made the evening lighthearted and fun, with moments of sheer wonder that reminded everyone of the joy of experiencing something truly magical.

As the show concluded, the DeMolay boys and their adult advisors gave a standing ovation, clearly impressed by the talents of the Arkansas Masters of Illusion. The evening was more than just a magic show; it was a shared experience that brought the group closer together, reinforcing the values of fellowship and community that are at the heart of DeMolay.

After the performance, the magicians took the time to greet the boys, answering questions about their craft and even teaching them a few simple tricks. This gesture of generosity and mentorship was not lost on the DeMolay members, who left the Temple inspired and with newfound appreciation for the art of illusion. It was a night where the impossible seemed possible, and where magic brought people together in the most wonderful way.



Paul Carlon & Eclipse - Jimmy Rhodes
Richard Knoll - Blayk Puckett - Joey Williams

Meeting Information

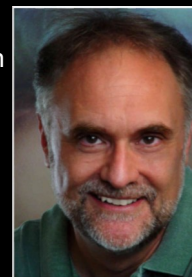
Meeting October 10, 2024
Lecture: Losander

Upcoming Events

Meeting November 7, 2024
Meeting December 7, 2024
Ring Christmas Party

"The art of the magician is not found in the simple deception, but in what surrounds it, the construction of a reality which supports the illusion."

- Jim Steinmeyer -



President's Report

Marty Haughn

It has been a long hot summer but things look to be cooling off a little, finally.

We are now on the road to another benefit show with Dane Dover heading a committee to get everything set up. He will be looking for two people to assist in this endeavor. Let's make this one bigger and better.

The show is being planned for early fall 2025 in order to give the committee, and members, time to locate sponsorship, venue and performers. If you have a solid 20 minute show and would like to perform, please let Dane know.

We are also looking for performers to work the January show. Each performer must have at least 30 minutes of material. Like last year, we will only have three performers but each will do a full 30 minutes. Again, if you are interested in performing in January, please let me know (Marty Haughn) to be considered. You will need to provide a list identifying what you will perform in order to prevent duplication.

The club is also looking for new members. If you know of anyone who may be interested, bring them to a meeting so they can decide if the club is for them. If you know any former members who still like to perform please invite them back to the club.

A special thank you to Richard Knoll for the front page article and photo.

Marty

Secretary Report

Joel Nicholson

Little Rock Ring 29 had fun Thursday, September 5, 2024, when we met at 6:45 PM at the Community Room of First Community Bank at 17820 Chenal Pkwy in Little Rock, AR. We are very grateful for securing this special meeting location.

Our newly elected President Marty Haughn opened the business meeting with info of upcoming events, such as our Christmas Party date, and an upcoming Fund Raiser Show to be held in early Fall. Derrick Rose has been kind enough to volunteer for the commercial side of things, with Dane Dover heading that committee. Sponsors and performers were another area of discussion.

Marty then reached into a bag and pulled out sequentially numbered tickets and passed them out to all Ring 29 members for Jim Henson's drawing for gifts. Marty turned the meeting over to Jim Henson who had lots of items to cover. Jim mentioned the recent passing away of one of our former Ring 29 members Theron Nunley. Jim told a few funny short stories about Theron and his activities. James Kinsey and Theron once did a Dueling Magicians routine at a Christmas party that included some very funny things that happened before and during that performance. Theron knew Jim is hard to trick but trick he did when he got Jim completely fooled and ended the joke he pulled on Jim with the words "I got you!"

Jim made sure Ring 29ers received a book by Milbourne Christopher "100 Tips on Tricks" and "Strange Secrets" by Annemann. Jim had books to giveaway to ticket winners during the drawing included Magic as a Hobby, The Magic Book, Magic College, Playing in Traffic, Card Magic, Book of Magic, Miscellaneous Numbered Decks of Cards, and back issues of Magic Magazines. He then performed a trick, all the while saying "I'm not a performer!" He said "Did you like that? I've got one for everybody!" Jim pulled out a series of tricks and Marty called out numbers and winners got to pick their choice of prizes.

Mary Ann Campbell (Dr. MAC) gave us a report of the TAOM meeting she attended. She reported on lectures, vendors, young magicians, food, shows, Japanese magicians, best magic, incredible magicians, fellowship of magic, family shows, SAM, FISM, Gloria Dea (19 year old woman, first magician to perform in Vegas), David Copperfield show, David Copperfield Museum (Women in Magic Museum), Francis Marshall (tutored Mary Ann), Michael Claxton, Magic Circle in London, Magic with money. Mary Ann is willing to work (train) any lady in the Little Rock area that is interested in magic.

Dane Dover handed a spectator his prediction in a sealed envelope and with audience participation, he played Magic Bingo on a large notepad. Columns and rows were eliminated as spectators called out their letter choices until the choices left were totaled and they matched Dane's prediction.

A visiting magician from New Jersey (Jack Morrowin) gave us his personal performance of the egg bag illusion. It was his own rendition with many original humorous energetic moves and patter lines. James Kinsey was his assistant. James was taught on stage how to perform the routine to the Theme song of 2001: A Space Odyssey (Thus Spoke Zarathustra).

Marty Haughn has learned how to spell Magician and now after 300 practice sessions he picked two assistants to take 10 cards each and mix them and pull from the magic of his Tarot card. They discarded about half of the ten cards they each held but did not count the number left. They were then instructed to look at bottom card and

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remember it. Now “as above” and “so below” routine was used to alternate moving card to top or eliminate a card until assistants had only one card left. Then Marty and the assistants all showed their cards all matched!

So everyone could go home quickly and smiling Joel and Janie Nicholson demonstrated how to strike and light a match under water.

Tomorrow may not come for you. This may be the last day of your life. Live it well.

Joel Nicholson, Secretary

Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis

This month we take a 10 year look back to the September, 2014 meeting of the Ring. The President at that time was Aaron Acosta and the Secretary was Robert (Bob) White. The Ring met monthly at Shuffeld Auditorium, Little Rock.

"On September 4, Ring 29 met for its regular meeting at the Sheffield Auditorium at Baptist Hospital. At the business meeting, we discussed Boo at the Zoo and the Tri-Ring meeting, which will be in Dardenelle on October 4.

The theme for the meeting was "Paper or Money Magic." First to share his talents was Mike Jones, who had two volunteers, Jim Henson and Bob White, select cards. Mike had previously made predictions. The first card prediction was half of the value of the first selected card. The second prediction was double the value of the second card selected, the Fourteen of Clubs! Jo Jones, using Mike Curtis as her volunteer, had Mike select a word out of a magazine and letter by letter she divined the word he had chosen ("Glance"). Joel Nicholson asked Jim Henson to come forward and perform "Matter through Matter," where a ribbon magically penetrates a piece of Plexiglas. Joel then mentioned he and his wife, Janie, were about to celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary. He brought out two books which revealed the secret of their long marriage: *Pleasing Your Wife* by I.R. Single and *Successful Farming Tips* by I.B. Broke. The wooden books were made by Janie's dad many years ago.

Bob White amazed with his versions of a money puzzle where a five-dollar bill melted through a one-dollar bill and demonstrated "Psychic Surgery" on George Washington using a pen as a scalpel to tear and restore the one-dollar bill.

With flare, Don Baer used Jan Hecke to tear and restore a napkin. After the restoration, he produced streams of colored paper out of their hands and created a Hawaiian lei which he placed around Jan's neck.

Cedric Morley with the assistance of Jo Jones was able to produce out of his pocket the correct amount of change Jo would have had after making a purchase. He then had Jo sign a coin which disappeared and later reappeared inside a small bag which was inside two more boxes sealed with rubber bands.

President Aaron Acosta with the help of a guest, Gary Fambrough, was able to make visible and invisible coins pass back and forth between their hands. It was an impressive movement of coins. Last but not least,

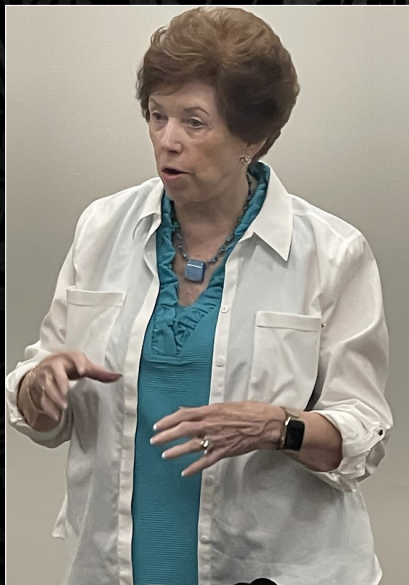
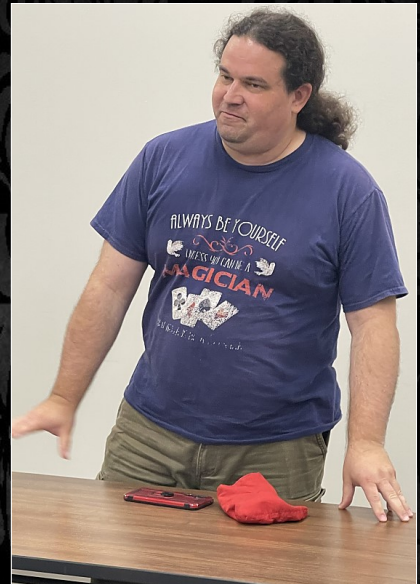
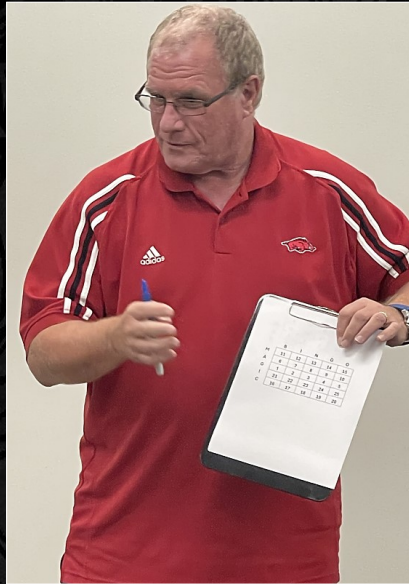
Jim Henson talked about the big house he and his wife wanted. He used a large drawing of the house which folded down to the house he could afford – an outhouse! Jim performed his favorite trick when he was traveling. He changed a one-dollar bill into quarters by using a miss-made bill. Then, with the help of Judy Martin, Jim performed "Feel a Color."

Come join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and magic. You can call Mr. Magic at 501- 455-6242 for location and/or directions."

Paper, money and a few cards, with some skillful help from our Ring members, kept everyone entertained at that jam packed Ring meeting. Those that were there got to witness some excellent presentations with unique personal twists thrown in. It's always a good idea to make it to the meetings because you never know what amazing feats you might behold. It's also great to see that, since that meeting, the discussed Tri-Ring meeting has now progressed to a Quad-Ring meeting which several enjoyed this past month in Morrilton.

Until next time, remember the words from "Macbeth" by William Shakespeare, "Things without all remedy should be without regard: what's done is done."

September Performers



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	Marty Haughn
October 10	First Community Bank	LECTURE TIME	Losander	Marty Haughn
November	First Community Bank	Escape Magic	N/A	Marty Haughn
December 7	Stagecoach Clubhouse 1:00	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

These are our normal meeting gatherings. Any additional activity throughout the year will be listed.

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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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