

The **PERFORMER**



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LITTLE ROCK MAGIC RING 29

It's all about the Magic...

ARKANSAS MASTERS OF ILLUSION

January 11, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.
Jacksonville Community Center - Jacksonville, Arkansas
Admission: \$5.00
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30

Little Rock Magic Ring 29 presents

A Night of Magic

Mary Heagerty • 2025

Meeting Information

Meeting November 7,, 2024
First Community Bank

Upcoming Events

Meeting December 7, 2024
Ring Christmas Party

January 11, 2025
Annual Show

" As a magician, I think everything is possible. And I think if something is done by one person it can be done by others. "

- David Copperfield -



President's Report

Marty Haughn

November 7, I call on all Arkansas magicians to come to our meeting for a special presentation event along with a bit of magic. We have invited guests from Feed the Vets for a special presentation and the opportunity to see Ring 29 "work their magic". Please do plan to attend.

----Old but Current News----

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 have performers set up for January. The Arkansas Masters of Illusion promises to be a great show. Tickets are \$5 each and availability will be made soon. There will be limited seating so you will need to get tickets early. I have a feeling this show will sell out quickly. May not have any for the door.

Doors open promptly at 6:30.

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 dabble in magic please invite them back to the club.

Marty

Secretary Report

Joel Nicholson

Little Rock Ring 29 had Losander as our lecturer Friday, October 11, 2024, when we met at 6:30 PM at the Clubhouse at 100 Stagecoach Village in Little Rock, AR. We are very grateful for Bob White securing this special meeting location.

Our President Marty Haughn opened the meeting with thanks to everyone for their attendance and introduced our special guest lecturer, professional magician, and inventor, Dirk Losander.

Losander was very impressive to us all. He was polite, respectful, encouraging, sincere, genuine, tactful, friendly, helpful, and seriously caring that each of us were entertained and taught how to be better performers in the art of magic.

He began his performance with musical accompaniment and caused white balls to appear and disappear and multiply and jump to various locations on his body and clothing. He was smiling and laughing while he amazed us and was quite relaxed in his moves as we were applauding.

It was interesting and enjoyable to see Losander's masterful routine and story explanation of the three ropes he manipulated to our amazement. He then went to one rope and coiled it up snake-like in his upturned outstretched hand. The rope came alive and raised its snake-like knotted head as if to strike Losander and he quickly dropped it on the floor and it again raised up even higher straight up as music and Losander's hand charmed the snake-rope and it calmed down and dropped on the floor as if to sleep. Now, with the sharpest of tiny scissors an audience member was asked to cut the rope and magician Losander restored the rope and applause from the audience was immediate.

A little red silk just kept showing up in Losander's hand then ducking down and away in his hand so he asked an audience member to help trap the red rascal but this time it appeared in another audience member's wallet.

A clear wine glass was then covered with a foulard and Losander touched two corners only and the glass began to rise from the table where it had just been placed. It floated around the stage until Losander coaxed it back down to its original resting place. He removed the foulard and only the glass remained.

With help from the audience Losander had black electrical tape tightly wrapped near the end of his index finger and thumb so they could not grip or allow anything to get between them. But then the shock to the audience began when he looped an endless chain between them and out again. Then he looped a strap from a briefcase through the fingers and out again with apparent ease. He got the tape unwrapped and off his finger and thumb before it cut off the blood circulation any longer.

The puff of air through a tube just dipped into a soapy solution produced a 5 inch bubble which Losander could raise, lower, move away then back again, and even go under a large foulard and push it up and float through the air until Losander burst the bubble.

Secretary Report

Joel Nicholson

Now it was time for my favorite effect. Losander is terrific at enchanting everyone with the Floating Table. He finished, we all thought, until he brought out a great sized foulard and laid it over the table top and it touched the floor. He counted one, two, three, and the foulard was thrown away and the table was no more!

The remainder of time we had left was spent with Losander teaching us the tricks he had performed. But that's a secret. So I have to keep that a secret.

Remember, it is not what we have that is important, but what we do with what we have.

Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis

This month we look back 10 years to the October, 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 Shuffield Auditorium, Little Rock.

"During the October 2 business meeting conducted by President Aaron Acosta, a discussion was held concerning a new meeting place, new popular television shows and movies about magic, and the Penn & Teller show in Memphis. Dennis Schick talked about the Weekend of Wonder in Hot Springs.

MC Cedric Morley told funny, but corny, jokes about Halloween between every performance. Yak Williams, a visiting magician from Ring 325 in Branson, Missouri, began the evening of magic by performing "Gem Clear" and a version of "Three in the Hand and One in the Pocket" with a nut and screw. Judy Martin, with the assistance of Armilda Morley, performed a magic trick for the first time. She was able to match all ESP symbols correctly. We appreciated her participation in the magic portion of our meeting.

The president of Ring 325 in Branson, Morris Robert, presented "Lord of the Rings" with multiple predictions, using a ring box and cards with pictures. Paul Hyland of the Wessex Magical Association in England performed his version of "Ribbon Development." He was assisted by Dennis Schick and Christy McKinsey. Jim Henson, using a skeleton puppet with a jester's hat, had Jane Bundy (Paul Hyland's wife) select a card, which was comically found. Jim also performed the "Vamp" card trick, the "Haunted House," and "No Ghost Run," which is a rare effect. Aaron Acosta, with the help of Tyler Bass, performed several versions of "Static." He also performed "Souvenir Linking Rubber Band" with the help of Judy Martin. Cedric Morley performed a Halloween trick, using the Potato Head concept and four audience members, who chose cards that had the facial features of a pumpkin. There were three sacks containing spiders and one sack containing the pumpkin prediction.

The evening ended with Jim Henson passing out numbers to each person. The numbers corresponded to magic tricks. This was done with the idea of gaining more participation at the Ring meetings and other Ring activities. We want to thank "Mr. Magic" for donating the items given away. Thanks to the visitors who came from Branson, Missouri and Wessex, England. Come visit when you are in the area. You can call Mr. Magic at (501) 455-6242 for time and location."

This was a magic packed meeting enhanced with participation of visiting magicians. Yak Williams and Morris Robert from Ring 325 in Branson, Missouri and Paul Hyland from the Wessex Magical Association in England "wowed" everyone with their devious skills. Our local members celebrated the evening with a variety of spooky effects to get everyone in the Halloween spirit. It's always great to have visiting magicians attend our meetings and share that special bond of magic.

Until next time, remember these words, "The past is a bridge that brought you to the present; the present is a stage where you perform, and the future is the theater of your dreams." (Author unknown)

Losander Lecture



Schedule of Events

2024

Date	Meeting Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
January 11, 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	Larry Bean
July	First Community Bank		N/A	
August	First Community Bank		N/A	
September	First Community Bank		N/A	
October	First Community Bank		N/A	
November	First Community Bank	Open Magic-Something special for guests	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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