

The **PERFORMER**



Little Rock Magic Ring 29 *Newsletter*

November 2024

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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 Huggins • 2025

Meeting Information

December 7, 2024

Ring Christmas Party

1:00 - 4:00

Stagecoach Village Club House

Upcoming Events

January 11, 2025

Annual Show

February 7, 2025

Meeting

"A magician is not a magician because he knows tricks, but because he knows magic - the principles, the fundamentals."

- Harlan Tarbell -



President's Report

Marty Haughn

Thank you, thank you and thank you again for attending the November meeting. We had an extraordinary group of magicians and veterans in attendance for this special presentation. Now lets do it again in December!

If you do not know by now, through Project Magic and Mary Ann Campbell, David Copperfield donated \$7500, yes, I said, \$7500 to Feed the Vets. With the proceeds from the benefit show last year that brings the total to \$10,000 given to the food pantry. We will never be able to thank Mr. Copperfield enough for his generosity in support of our local veterans.

Awards to Mary Ann Campbell and Blayk Puckett were given for their support and efforts in organizing last year's benefit show. Although unable to attend, Randall Eller will receive the same award at a later date.

There was a ton of food to be enjoyed by everyone along with great conversation and introductions. After all the presentations and Ring business, the magicians of Ring 29 and a few visiting magicians entertained our guests. I am still hearing about the magic performed and how amazing it was from the veterans. Each and everyone of you demonstrated that Ring 29 is a first class organization.

Thank you to Deyonka Hickey, Tom Saunders and TC Roddy for representing Feed the Vets at the meeting. We hope you enjoyed the entertainment.

----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 met Friday, November 7, 2024, at 6:45 PM at the Community Room of First Community Bank, 17820 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock Arkansas, 72223. Our room was filled with delicious food, snacks and drinks and everyone enjoyed the special treatment.

Our President, Marty Haughn, was a very busy and able leader tonight. He opened the meeting with thanks to everyone for their attendance and during a special presentation event introduced our group of special guests from Feed the Vets. Our special presentation was an oversized check for \$7500 donated from magician David Copperfield through Project Magic. This was an unexpected surprise for everyone especially to the food pantry. The Feed the Vets Food Pantry founder and CEO Deyonka Hickey expressed a very appreciative thanks to all of Ring 29 and especially to Blayk Puckett, Marty Haughn, Mary Ann Campbell and Randall Eller for their very profitable contribution of time and talent to help get the Ring 29 entertaining fund raiser show proceeds for Feed the Vets. Tonight they had the opportunity to see Ring 29 "work their magic".

Blake Puckett and Mary Ann Campbell were presented a Volunteer Service Award by Marty Haughn. Dane Dover the Ring 29 Vice President and chairman of the benefit show for 2025 are gearing up for a fall show.

We were proud to have our Territorial Vice President Larry Bean in attendance and were pleased to see him perform tonight.

Sunday, November 17, at 2:00 at the Ft. Smith Library, Ring 75 will have a lecture by magician Keith Leff from Kansas City.

We were happy to see our old friend Shawn Miller make it back to our meeting and Marty introduced him as our first performer. Shawn probably made card magic history as he used a borrowed black coat for his card close up pad as he began his card routine. It brought a lot of laughs. He proved once again he's a lot of fun. He tried a bit of mentalism with cards as he chose an assistant. After spreading small piles of cards and with a bit of patter he proved he knew which card would be chosen.

Another fun guy Sid Salmans kept us smiling as he presented card antics. With 4 cards, two in each hand, and a quick puff of air from his mouth the cards kept changing locations from hand to hand. One copper coin and one silver coin were pulled from his pocket and he kept putting one of them the audience chose in his pocket and the coin would always return back to his hand. Four Jack cards were laid on the table and the deck remaining was spread and a random card was added to another two cards and suddenly the chosen card was gone and had jumped to the other stack of cards.

It's always offbeat fun to see Derrick Rose work the crowd with his card trickery and this time he presented a "Pre Cut" deck which was cut diagonally longitudinally into two parts. He made a psychic connection in the audience for a 1 in 1,704 chance that the two in the audience would secretly randomly pick matched parts of the same card. The two took the halves at random and they matched!

Unique, likeable, and very talented entertainer Blayk Puckett asked for a volunteer member with the ability to keep a straight and stoic face expression and with a 100% vote Marty Haughn was selected. Lie to Me was Blayk's micro expression reading of Marty's secretly chosen card. Blayk would pick up a card and hold it up

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to Marty and say "Is that your card?" Marty could lie with his answer. Blayk would not know where the card was because Marty had placed it randomly back into the deck and shuffled it. Two piles were created by Blayk and spread face up. Blayk said is your card in this pile? "No" was Marty's answer and Blayk eliminated it. Blayk picked up two cards and picked one and said "Is this your card?" and it was the chosen card!

Voodoo Boodoo was a nickname I gave Marty Haughn's trick. It was very spooky. Marty finally persuaded two skittish folks to volunteer to sit on either side of him to be spookily amazed, even though he was holding up a long needle with a red feather fletching that he waved to the audience. Marty said he'd not use a real voodoo doll he named Larry, so he just drew an outline of a doll on a note pad. The first volunteer placed an x anyplace on the voodoo doll image. Marty placed the needle into the X the volunteer made and then moved a pencil along the outline of the doll he had drawn and the feathered needle began to move! The same thing happened when they repeated the steps using the other volunteer! Spooky indeed!

With one volunteer to select secretly a card and conceal its identity from him, Will Ketcher had the volunteer select a card randomly from the deck and show the audience while Will's back was turned. The card was then placed back into the deck at random and Will found its exact location immediately.

A paramedic, Rod Barrett from Fayetteville, Arkansas, almost didn't make it on time when he had to stop along the way and give First Aid to an accident victim. Making coins disappear and multiply should be called jump and multiply when handled by him. He baffled us with his "Two Coin Trick" and his finale was that ended with Nun figurine.

Dane Dover presented a relic bullet from the Civil War that was the latest & greatest, statistic wise, of Civil War bullet performance. He micro lectured about the atrocity of injuries and deaths that type of round had caused. His performance of bullet thru a solid bandana was climaxed by a prayer to never engage in such a senseless battle ever again.

With Shawn Miller's now famous borrowed black coat for a close up pad Bob Bullock presented his not yet famous presentation of Cheat or Luck card playing. His assistant placed a few cards in four piles with random quantities up to a total of five max. Bob told the volunteer to turn the top card face up on each of the four piles and each card was an Ace! Riding on his just performed successful illusion, Bob continued spreading cards into piles for his volunteer to select and discard until only 4 downturned cards remained and though randomly selected by the volunteer the cards in his chosen stack were all Aces when he turned them face up!

Our kid's magician Mark Mulkerin asked Will to fold his card in half lengthitudinally and the magician inserted another folded card together widthitudinally and tore the cards in half but when inspected the halves did not match. Will wondered if he should have volunteered as the magician tore folded cards

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in half and they changed their identity.

Larry Been told us of friends and family adventures of Uncle Leo and Uncle "Pinto" Bean and Larry's Dad in the military before showing us his Dad's favorite card trick. Larry's volunteer had to keep naming random cards and their values as Larry questioned him. A number chosen by the volunteer was 37 and Larry went to his pocket pulling out cards until number 37 which Larry pulled from his pocket and it was the card that matched the volunteer's selected card!

Joel Nicholson brought a box of wood that contained a wine goblet that rather tightly fit inside. He looped a chain around the neck of the goblet and locked the other end together after passing the chain thru a hole in the door. He had several folks say a magic word they thought would release the chain from around the neck of the goblet. James Kinsey said the right magic word which released the chain from the goblet and he pulled it thru the hole in the closed door as proof. The trick: "Toast to Houdini".

Saturday, December 7, 2024 at 1:00 PM, at the Stagecoach Village Clubhouse, Little Rock Ring 29 was announced as the date for our annual Christmas party.

Ring 29 will have The Arkansas Masters of Illusion (AMOI) in a show on January 11, 2025. It will be held at Jacksonville Community Center in Jacksonville, AR.

Finally, we got a group photo of all attendees and visited with each other as we continued snacking on the more than ample food supply.

Be friendly, and tactful, and overlook those that are rude and untruthful.

Joel Nicholson, Secretary

Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis

This month we look back 13 years to the November, 2011 meeting of the Ring. The President at that time was Tyler Vodehnal and the Secretary was Aaron Acosta. The Ring met monthly at Shuffeld Auditorium, Little Rock.

“On November 3, we gathered for our regular monthly meeting. We started with a quick business meeting and then we had a teach in. Members went to four different areas and learned and practiced for about twenty minutes.

Bob Bullock taught an awesome Cut and Restored Rope effect. Bob White taught a flawless top change with several tricks. Dan Hecke taught two mind-blowing Book Tests that was blowing every body away. Aaron Acosta taught a two phase coin Matrix. All the teachers did a great job; thanks, guys.

Donald Wortman did a fantastic rope trick. Next Michael Wilkerson told us about his and Larry Beans pod cast www.magicrush.net. Check them out if you can – they’re great. He told us about how they are getting creative on the ad they are doing for the sponsor Mr. Magic and Novelties.”

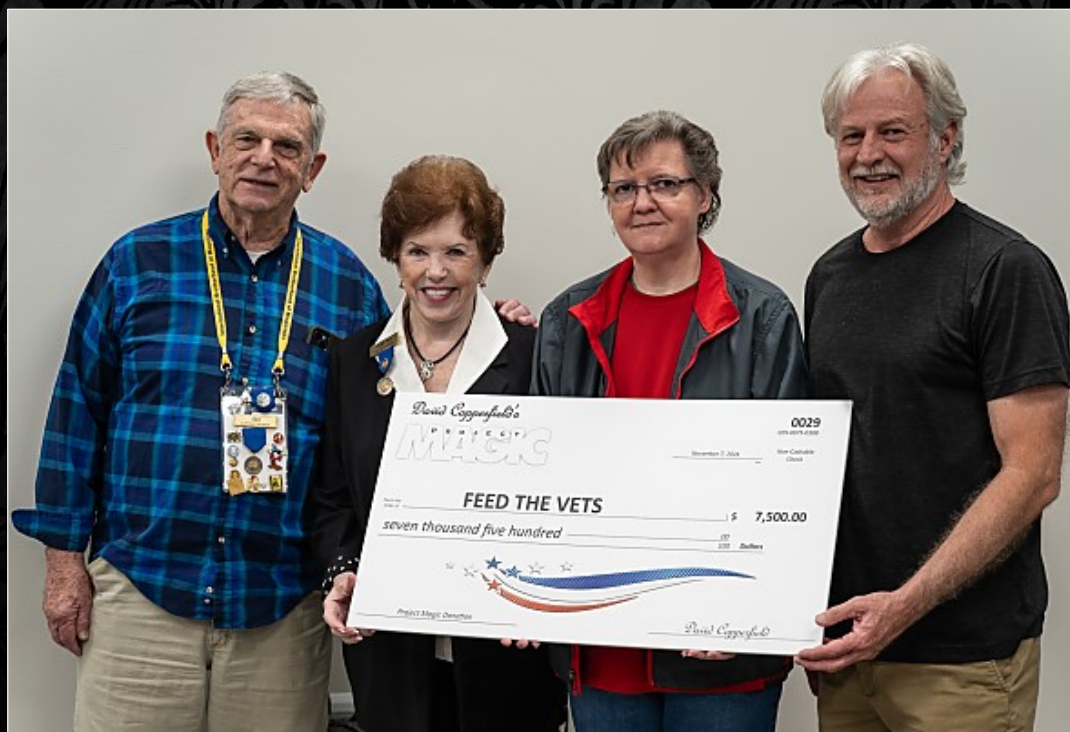
That meeting was a great opportunity to learn some great magic from some master Ring members. The four station format worked well to give everyone a chance to learn all of the magic “up close and personal”. The evening was a success and everyone went home with new magic to think about.

Until next time, remember these words, “The past is a place of memories; the present is where moments are made; the future is a canvas waiting to be painted.” (Author unknown)

Presentations



Marty Haughn, Deyonka Hickey and Mary Ann Campbell. Presenting a symbolic check for \$7500 donated by David Copperfield for Feed the Vets food pantry



Project Magic Magicians in attendance:

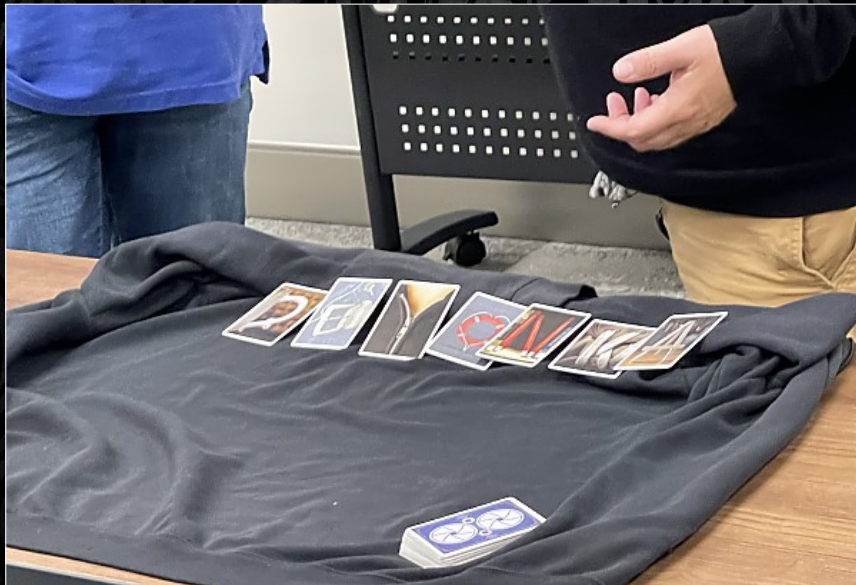
Jim Henson - Mary Ann Campbell - Lisa Bolin - Paul Carlon

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Blayk Puckett and Mary Ann Campbell being presented with a Volunteer Service Award for their efforts and hard work in the planning of our October 2023 Benefit Show for Feed the Vets.

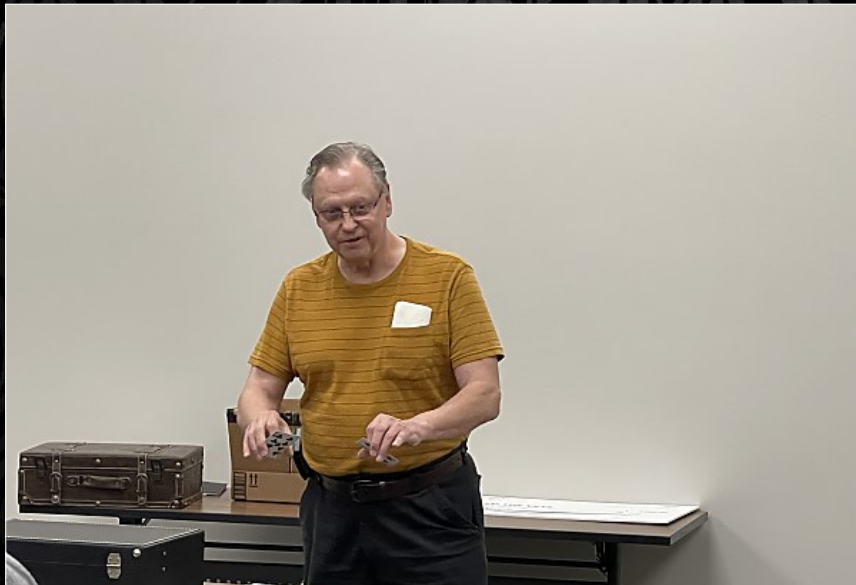
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Shawn Miller working his magic of "Snaps" for Deyonka Hickey, Founder/CEP of Feed the Vets.

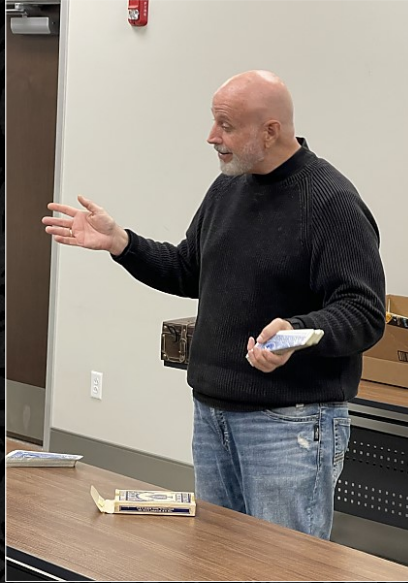
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Sid Salmans



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Derrick Rose



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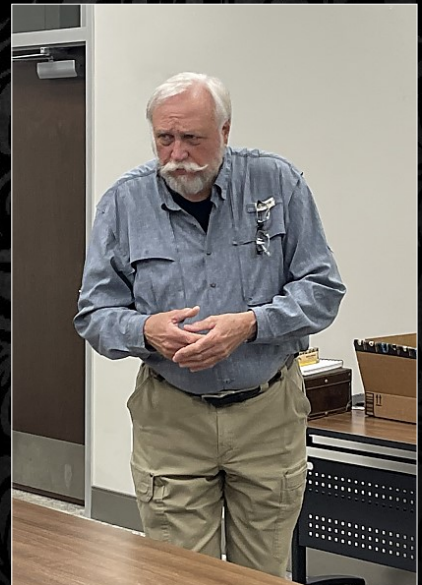
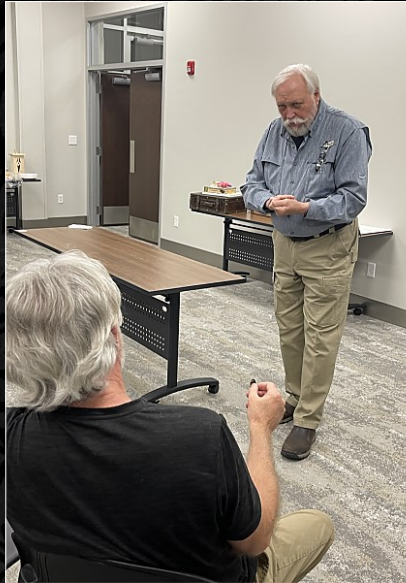
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Will Ketcher



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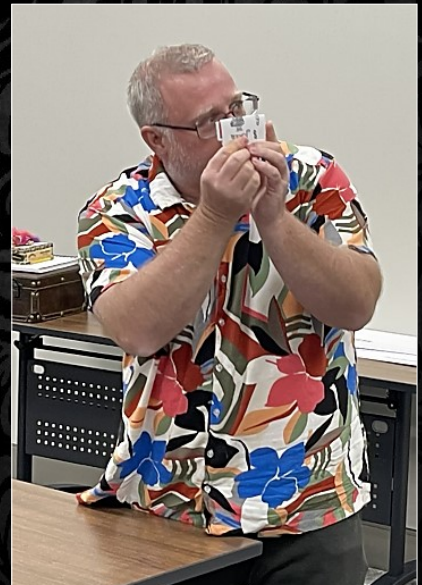
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Bob Bullock



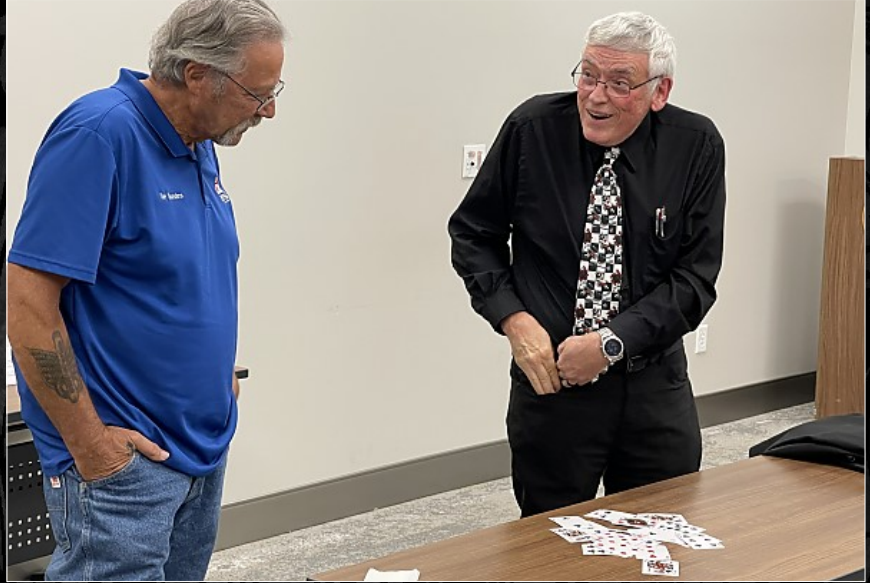
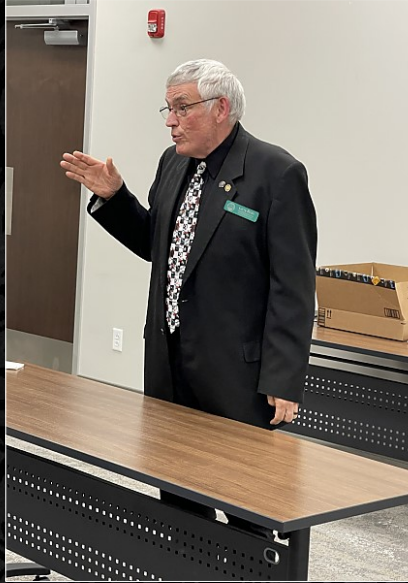
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Mark Mulkerin



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Larry Bean



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Schedule of Events

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Date	Meeting Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
January 11, 2025	7:00 p.m. Jacksonville Community Center	Annual Public Show Arkansas Masters of Illusion	N/A	Marty Haughn
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		N/A	
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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