

The **PERFORMER**



Little Rock Magic Ring 29 *Newsletter*

December 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

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Meeting Information

Annual Show
January 11, 2025
Doors Open: 6:30
Show Begins: 7:00

Upcoming Events

February 6, 2025
Meeting

March 6, 2025
Meeting

"A Simple trick plus your true story equals real magic!"

- Jeff McBride -



President's Report

Marty Haughn

Just a short note this month. Once again, Ring 29 came through for Feed the Vets by donating 126 pounds of non-perishable foods for the Christmas Holiday. On behalf of FTV and from myself, I sincerely thank each and everyone of you!

I also want to give thanks to all who have purchased a ticket for the January Show. It does promise to be a good one not to be missed. Although the latest poster said we were sold out, well almost, there were some loose tickets turned in that were not sold. I currently have 5 available and there may be a couple more in the wind. If you know anyone interested in purchasing a ticket or three, please let me know.

Until I see you at the show, Be Safe, Be Healthy and have a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Secretary Report

Joel Nicholson

Little Rock Ring 29 met Saturday, December 7, 2024, at 1:00 PM at the Stagecoach Village Clubhouse, Little Rock Arkansas, 72210. Thanks for securing this location goes to Ring 29 member Bob White.

Marty Haughn announced that the Ring 29 had credit for the largest donation (\$10,000) to Feed the Vets for the entire year.

Marty presented Randall Eller an award created by Bob Bullock for locating and securing a venue for the fund raiser variety and magic show in 2024.

The Arkansas Masters of Illusion (AMOI) show will be on January 11, 2025 at Jacksonville Community Center in Jacksonville, AR at 7:00 PM.

Dane Dover gave an update for the next charity show fund raiser for fall of 2025. It is beginning to be organized, and sponsorship donations and facility for the show are items of importance to be worked on.

Jim Henson (Mr. Magic) distributed a gift of magic trick "Charisma" by Tenyo, and he announced December 17 through Dec 24th Maxwell Blade welcomed Ring 29ers to visit Hot Springs and see his magic show.

Giveaways continued to be awarded to Ring members with drawings by Marty Haughn.

Randall Eller said he was going to dispel confusion of the hole card, the whole card and no hole card, and spot card, and as magicians often do he kept us in confusion as hole cards disappeared into whole cards, and spot cards disappeared into blank cards. He is a real showman.

Bob Bullock fooled us with one rope and one ring on and then off again and grand finale move two knots around ring released themselves upon command.

Sid Salmans held a wand with five unequal length hanging cords each with a bell at their ends. The spirit showed its presence: the longest cord with bell started swinging while the others stayed totally still. Next five quarters were dropped onto the table by Derrick Rose and heads and tails showed up and Sid moved cards from "heads stack" or "tails stack" to be a visible record. After repeats of this until all cards were used and sorted it was found that the value total number of cards was exactly the value of the five quarters.

Turn a die up to 1 of 6 numbers and cover with a cup then have the magician turn and correctly announce which of the 6 sides is facing up under the cup. Larry Bean performed this feat of "Nerd Linguistic Program" magic with Tammy Haughn. We were proud to have our Territorial Vice President Larry Bean for Ring 29 in attendance and were pleased to see him perform tonight.

Dane Dover's Christmas themed outfit had lights a-blinking all over. Janie Nicholson assisted him in a Christmas card spelling trick where the most important word of the card shown to the audience was "Jesus."

Mark Mulkerin was assisted by Phoebe Mae Vodehnal (5-yrs old) she picked a card, hid it from Mark, showed the audience, buried it hidden in the deck, and challenged Mark to find it. Mark pulled out one card and asked Phoebe "Is this your card" and she replied "No!" Mark said "Well then, we need a magic word and Phoebe said

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"Abracadabra!" and Mark's hand shook and the correct card appeared!

Jon Bucher laid a penny, a nickel, and a dime on the table in front of Sarah Dover and Jon then hid another coin in Derrick Rose's hand. Sarah was to pick up two of the coins when Jon counted to three and clapped his hands loudly. Jon took one of the coins from Sarah. At this point Jon showed Sarah and Derrick that the predicted coin in Derrick's hand matched the coin that Sarah had chosen!

Three generations of the Henson Family performed next. Jim Henson, Christy Vodehnal, and Phoebe Mae Vodehnal, entered with music playing and a tall red box about 18" high x 5" square. Inside was a slightly smaller red sleeve with no ends that was pulled out of the top end of the box and shown empty to the audience and replaced into the close fitting box. Phoebe then waved her magic wand and reached into the sleeve and pulled out items that only could have been done with magic!

Marty Haughn asked Sarah Dover to pick one of the items he had placed on the table, and she picked the radio. Three rows of cards were laid on the table and Cedric Morley randomly chose five cards and laid them into a holder as he spelled out a word with them and then turned the cards in holder toward the audience. The word spelled was the match for the name of the radio that Sarah had chosen!

Derrick Rose dazzled us with his quick hands manipulating the single ball and cup routine. The ball kept showing up in unexpected places until it grew in size three times and became so large that it would not even fit in the cup!

Be sincere, and work wisely, and uphold truth.

Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis

This month we look back a mere 9 years to the December, 2015 meeting of the Ring. The President at that time was Aaron Acosta and the Secretary was Jo Jones. The Ring met monthly at Shuffield Auditorium, Little Rock.

The Little Rock Magic Club met December 3 for its annual Christmas Party hosted by Jim and Brenda Henson and Tyler and Christy Henson Vodehnal at Mr. Magic's. The Henson family was sharing with the members of Ring 29 their celebration of the 25th anniversary of the magic shop. As members watched magic videos and visited, they ate the delicious foods prepared by Brenda.

TVP Larry Bean was recognized, as was our Ring president, Aaron Acosta.

Aaron announced that the annual Christmas Magic Show would be January 16, at the Jacksonville Community Center. The BBQ dinner and show will cost \$10 for adults and \$8 for children.

Jim Henson announced that his three favorite magicians would be the evening's entertainment. The first magician to perform was Jon Bucher portrayed by member Blayk Puckett with the assistance of Jan Hecke. Blayk did a great job, not just performing Jon's sponge ball and stacking dice routines, but nailing Jon's mannerisms, adages, and idioms.

The second favorite magician was Ed Marlowe depicted by Jimmy Rhodes. Jimmy had a terrible time keeping up with the toupee that seemed to be ill-fitting. He did a good job performing one of Marlowe's card tricks with the assistance of Lewis Darling.

The third favorite magician, Carl Ballantine, was portrayed by Jon Bucher. Jon's comedy routine created a lot of laughter from the audience.

After the magicians performed, the Henson family had prepared several games to be played by those in attendance, especially those who had made reservations before the evening's events. The Henson family gave away about \$5,000 in magic prizes. Tickets were handed out to all who made reservations to attend. Drawings were made. Each person holding a ticket won a large sack filled with magic tricks and gimmicks.

During the second game, those with a ticket selected an envelope. One envelope had a slip of paper inside with the word "Winner" printed on it. The winner, Dan Hecke, was given fifteen minutes to move throughout the store collecting magic items he wanted. He succeeded in selecting exactly \$500 of some awesome magic in the time allotted.

Mike Martin asked to make a presentation to Jim. He presented Jim with a framed copy of the newspaper article and picture of Mr. Magic's move to its present location. The move occurred in October 1994. Mike wanted to thank Jim for getting him back into magic.

The Hensons were not finished giving away prizes. Now they drew tickets giving away decks of card magic, calendars from the past containing nice magical pictures, magic t-shirts, and magic DVDs and

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Mike Curtis

books.

Jim asked all present to sign a Mr. Magic t-shirt for him to keep as a reminder of the celebration. Finally, Jim gave away tickets from the 1999 I.B.M. Convention held in Little Rock. He had created a collage out of the tickets he had kept.

Jim closed the evening by announcing that Mr. Magic would be closing its physical location at the end of December. The shop will go online at mrmagicstore.com.

The evening was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Jim, Brenda, Christy, and Tyler for a fun evening. The shop will be missed by magicians in the area. It has served as a place to shop for magic, but more importantly, it has been a gathering place for magicians to share their magic skills or to just hang out. Mr. Magic will be missed.

Christmas is upon us so quickly and it's certainly a very special time of the year. This 2015 Christmas gathering at Jim Henson's shop, Mr. Magic, was also a very special time as well. Jim, Brenda, Tyler and Christy hosted the evening with plenty of food, games, magic and prizes. Jim was overly generous, as usual, giving away a great selection of magic. It was a combination of joy for the season and magical fellowship but sadness for the announced closing of the physical shop. Over its 25 years, it had become an oasis for magicians to find those special effects or to just "hang out" and talk magic. Although the shop closed, fortunately, Mr. Magic has continued supplying those needs of magicians near and far.

Until next time, remember someone once said, "In the book of life, the past chapters are already written, but the rest of the story is still in your hands."

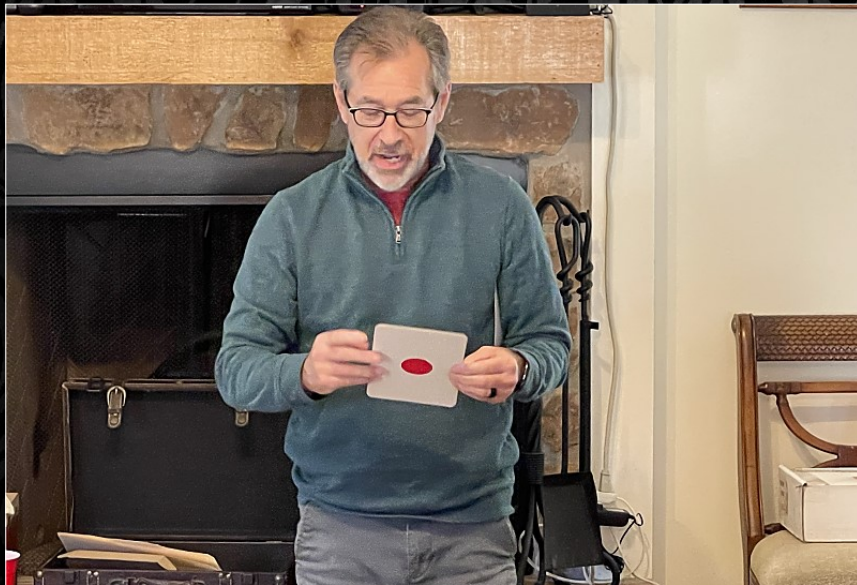
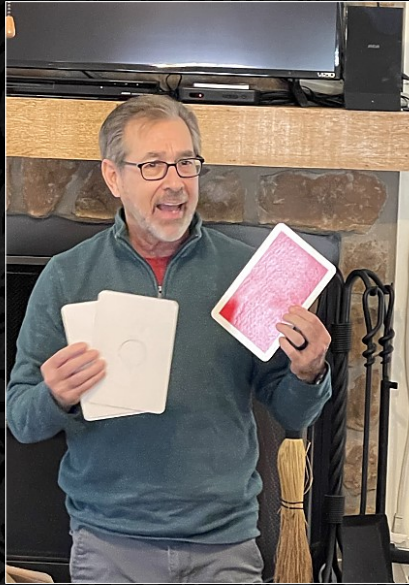
December Christmas Party



December Awards



December Performers



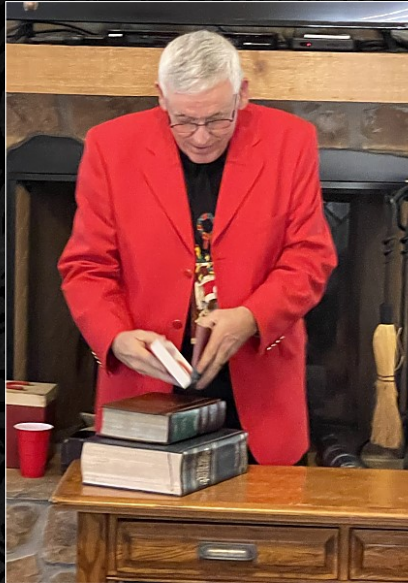
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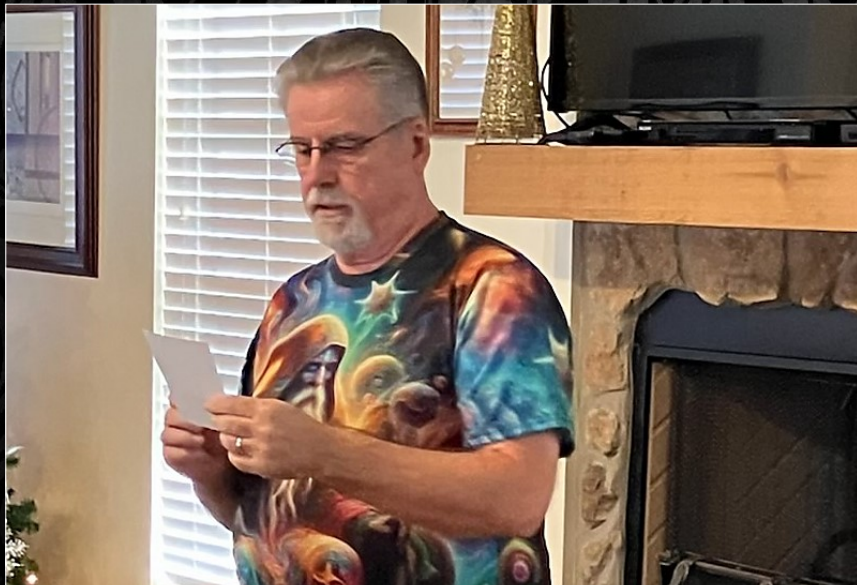
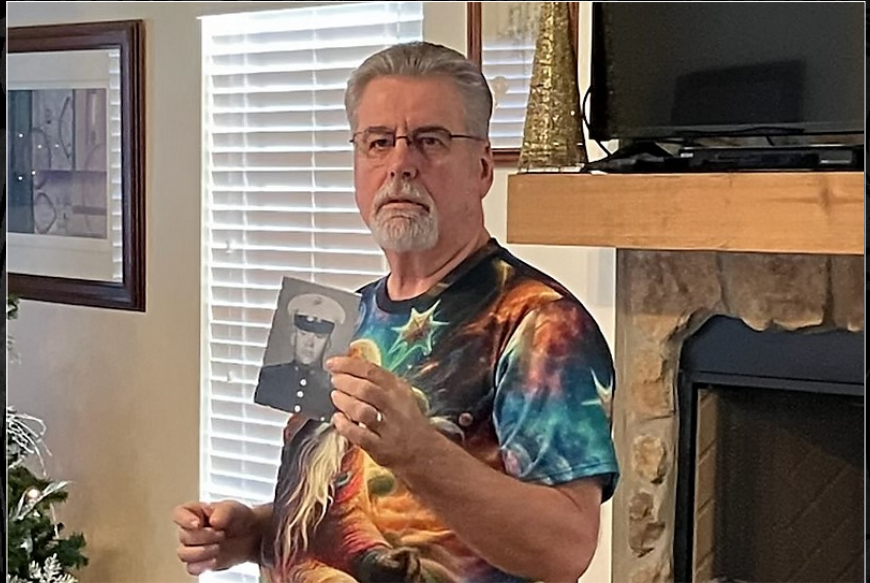
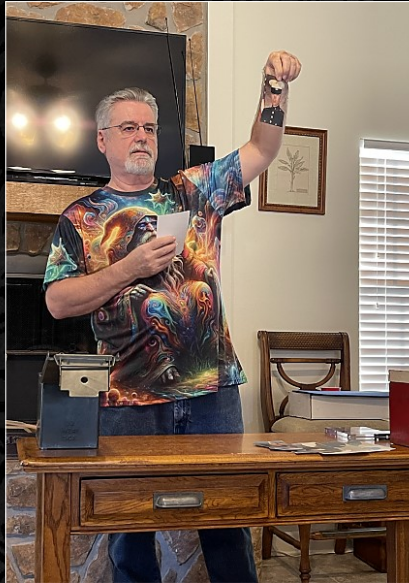
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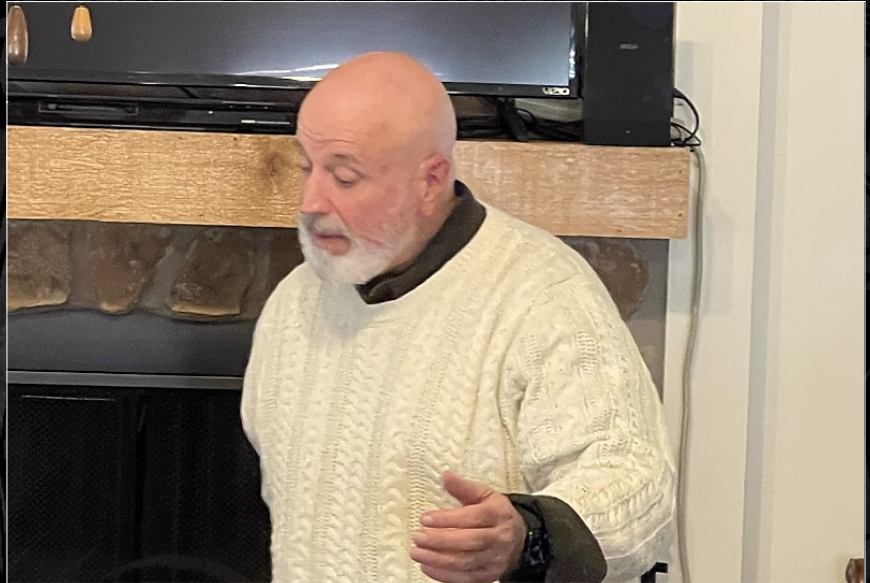
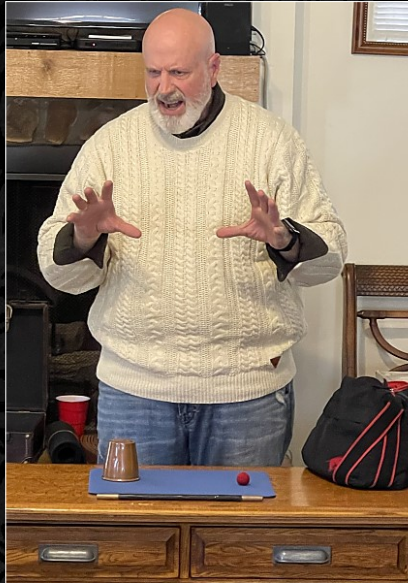
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MERRY CHRISTMAS



Schedule of Events

2025

Date	Meeting Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
January 11, 2025	7:00 p.m. Jacksonville Community Center	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	TBD	Ring Christmas Party	N/A	

- 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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