

The **PERFORMER**



Little Rock Magic Ring 29 *Newsletter*

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LITTLE ROCK MAGIC RING 29

It's all about the Magic...

Officer Installation

The officer Installation will be held June 14, 2025 at 1:00. We will be having a potluck as well. Meeting at the Stage Coach Clubhouse.

Magician's Estate

Larry Bean and Marty Haughn drove to Prairie Grove Arkansas this month to help a widow remove her husband's magic so she could move. These items have been distributed between the four Arkansas Rings to sell and keep the money raised. Please bid generously to help the Rings.

Ring 29 Auction

The Ring will be having an auction. Items to be sold come from a magician (John Ransom) estate out of Prairie Grove, Arkansas. There is a page on the website to view each item. There are some reserves on a few items and are identified on each image. The prices shown are RETAIL, not what is expected to be paid.

There should be opportunity for members to bring in 1-2 items to sell as well. It is unlikely we will get through everything so do not be disappointed we did not get to your items. There will be a follow-up auction to sell the rest at a later date.

Ring 75 Auction

Ring 75 will hold their auction on July 13, 2025 at 2:00 in the Ft. Smith Library. Details can be had by contacting Larry Bean.

Ring 308 Auction

Still in the planning stage but if held it should be on July 14, 2025. Contact Blayk Puckett for details after May 12, 2025.

Ring 405 Auction

Ring 405 will also have an auction but details have not been passed on just yet. Contact Joey Jones for details.

New Webmaster Assigned

Please welcome Mark Mulkerin as the new website editor. He will be taking part of the responsibilities for upkeep and posting. This is not an easy task so please be patient as there may be a few delays.

Meeting Information

Officer Installation
June 14, 2025 - 1:00
Stage Coach Clubhouse

Ring 29 Auction
July 12, 2025 - 1:00
Stage Coach Clubhouse

Upcoming Events

Annual Show
November 1, 2025
Doors Open: 6:30
Show Begins: 7:00

Secretary's Report

Joel Nicholson

Hello from Ring 29 in Little Rock Arkansas. The weather is still making the news headlines as it has for several weeks with warnings for severe thunderstorms, high winds, flooding, and possible tornados. Arkansas has had record numbers of tornados this year.

Marty Haughn, Ring 29 president, led our meeting business session. He announced the details of upcoming show at Jacksonville, AR to be performed by the Ring 29 members that form the Arkansas Masters of Illusion. He had new information on an upcoming magic auction of the magic estate of John Ransom. He also gave dates, times, and locations of next month's Ring 29 officer installation and the following month's meeting. Marty announced that he has an Assistant Website Manager: Mark Mulkerin. Mark will be helping take some of the load off Marty.

First illustrator was John Wofford who displayed his arm brace he had created from hand tooled and creatively multi-colored leather. It had Japanese writing in symbol and it will be used in his upcoming podcast based on Japanese super monsters.

I was very thankful that Mark Mulkerin demonstrated expertly my new gospel magic trick Miracle Loaves and Two Fishes. Mark told this story as he handed the audience the never-ending cards that had loaves and fishes printed on them. Here's the story: Jesus had the disciples look for any food among the crowd with over 5,000 men, not counting women and children. A young boy was found to have a few loaves and fish. Jesus had the items brought to Him. He looked toward heaven and prayed giving thanks to His Father. He then proceeded to hand the disciples the food as He broke it and everyone was fed to satisfaction. Twelve baskets were filled with the broken leftovers.

John Wofford held onto the bolt handed to him by Dan Hecke who then threaded a nut fully up on the bolt and with some high degree of magical method the nut began turning and unscrewing itself fully off the bolt.

Dane Dover transferred cards from an onlooker's sealed envelope to Dan Hecke's own sealed envelope. Here's more info. Players were to make 4 piles of cards starting with 4 aces on bottom of the piles and 3 random cards on top of each pile. A random player picked a random pile and placed it in an envelope and Dane picked up one of the piles and placed it in another envelope, and the envelopes revealed when opened that the cards on both envelopes had been transported to each player's envelope.

Dr. Chris Westfall, had 3 people play this trick with him. Janie Nicholson was asked to glance at the card she selected and remember it. Janie shuffled her selected card into 4 equal piles. Her card was lost for good. She then had to point to any pile and hold those cards. Time for all 4 pile possessors to throw in (burn) 1 card and the next thing all 4 players did was throw in a few more cards. They 1-at-a-time showed top card and it was close to Janie's memorized card but not quite exactly hers. Janie was last to check her top card and it had traveled miraculously back to Janie because it was the selected card.

Mark Mulkerin grabbed a pile of variously colored Sponge Bob socks draped over both his arms and had Tammy Haughn and Janie Nicholson to decide which ones to eliminate. The last two socks on his arms let the ladies decide which one to keep and it matched with the one he previously had chosen.

Three different colored large plastic eggs were placed on the table. Volunteering was Dane Dover to get the first prize. His selection won the 2nd prize (pocket lint), and he gracefully accepted the prize. We tried again with Tammy Haughn and she won the first prize a huge bag of Baby Tootsie Rolls. We then cut the top off of a huge bag of peppermints and passed it around to everyone so they'd all be winners!

Blast from the Past

Mike Curtis

This month we travel back just 8 years, to the May, 2017 meeting of the Ring. The President at that time was Jo Jones and the Secretary was Gary Fambrough. The Ring met monthly at the Conference Center at Baptist Hospital, Little Rock.

Ring 29 met Thursday, May 4th, 2017 at Jim Henson's residence in Little Rock. The venue change for this particular meeting was a nice gift to the club as all those that attended were finally able to see the Mr. Magic warehouse. Jim has retained all of the inventory from the brick and mortar Mr. Magic store and is now using phone sales and his online presence to conduct business.

As per usual, the night started off with club President, Ms. Jo Jones, presiding over the meeting. Over thirty club members and guests spilled into the warehouse for the meeting. Jo started off with an announcement for June 12th, regarding Ring 308's lecture presenting Mr. Tom Craven. Incidentally, Tom is one of only two people to have attended all forty-one of the Fechter's Finger Flicking Frolic (F.F.F.F) Conventions. To find out more about Tom, you can listen to The Magic Word November 16, 2011 podcast.

Next up was an announcement regarding 2017-2018 Ring 29 officers. All officers currently serving are up for re-election. There were no opposing nominees so it appears our staff will continue the honors for another year. The installation for officers is tentatively set for June 24th, 2017 at the Whole Hog restaurant in West Little Rock. Time and location is subject to change.

With the meeting officially adjourned, the fun began. This month Ring 29 held the annual magic auction. The auction was held in Jim's warehouse and it must be stated that it was a packed house! There was a ton of items up for bid in both a silent and oral auction.

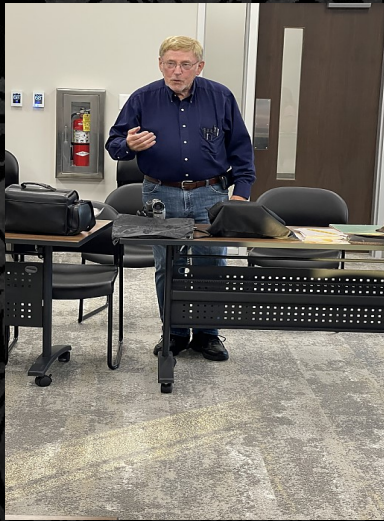
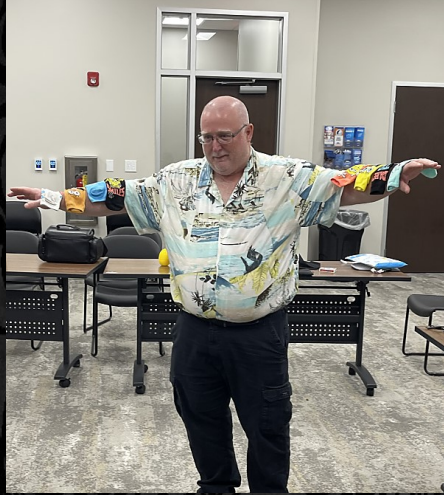
Our auctioneers were Dan Hecke, James Kinsey, and Mike Curtis. Along with Jim Henson, the auction turned out to be a huge success. Items being auctioned ranged from a set of Dai Vernon DVDs to books on Houdini's life, to some pretty elaborate stage and parlor props. All in all, lots of good bargains were found and the Ring even made a little bit of money, as a small part of the proceeds goes to the club.

After a full three hours of auctioning, things closed down with a lot of happy folks. Ring 29 would like to thank all those who attended and especially those who worked so hard in making sure the auction ran smoothly. Have a very magical May! We'll see you again in June.

This was certainly a special meeting at a special place. The Ring elected officers for the next year and also held the annual Ring auction. The place was special because Jim Henson graciously opened his new and impressive warehouse of magic for the members to meet in and hold the auction. Surrounded by shelves and plastic tubs and more shelves full of magic, the atmosphere couldn't have been any better for the magic auction. Wild bidding, wild antics and contagious laughter made for a great evening full of fun and fellowship. Competitive bidding made for happy buyers who were able to add new effects to their collections and happy sellers who were able to unload those unused or unwanted items and get a few bucks to buy other people's stuff. What a win-win experience!

Until next time, remember that according to Stephen Ambrose, "The past is a source of knowledge, and the future is a source of hope. Love of the past implies faith in the future."

May Performers



Schedule of Events

2025

Date	Meeting Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
January			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 14	Stagecoach Clubhouse	Officer Installation	N/A	Larry Bean
July 12	Stagecoach Clubhouse	Ring 29 Auction	N/A	
August	First Community Bank		N/A	
September	First Community Bank		N/A	
October	First Community Bank		N/A	
November 1 Doors 6:30 Show 7:00	Jacksonville Community Center	Arkansas Masters of Illusion	N/A	Marty Haughn
December	Stagecoach Clubhouse	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 locations. 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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