

The **PERFORMER**



Little Rock Magic Ring 29 *Newsletter*

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LITTLE ROCK MAGIC RING 29

It's all about the Magic...

In the News:

February 25th, Nathan Kranzo will be lecturing in Little Rock.

The Cavalcade of Magic will return to Eureka Springs on March 26-27.

IBM Ring 29's 2026 Magic Show will perform May 1st. If you are interested in performing or emceeing, notify Marty by the March meeting.

If you have any news for future newsletters, email them to markmulkerin@yahoo.com.

Meeting Information

TBD

*"It's not just making it disappear; it's
the return that makes it magic!"*

Mac King



President's Report

Marty Haughn

Another year now in the books as we head into the holidays.

We had a lot of fun at the December gathering with food, fellowship and of course some magic.

I want to thank everyone for bringing food donations for Feed the Vets. It was most certainly appreciated.

From my family to yours...

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Be safe and healthy everyone.

Marty & Tammy Haughn

Secretary's Report

Mark Mulkerin

Little Rock Magic Ring 29 met Saturday, December 13, 2025 at the Stage Coach Clubhouse. President Marty Haughn presided.

The meeting began shortly after 2 pm after an hour or so of good food and companionship for our annual Christmas party. Marty began the meeting with official business. First on the agenda was a proposal to have metal challenge coins made with the IBM logo on one side and our Ring logo designed by Dan Hecke on the other. The members voted to have 100 coins minted.

Upcoming events were then highlighted including a February lecture by Nathan Kranzo, the Cavalcade of Magic convention in March, and Ring 29's Magic Show in May. Marty also reminded the gathered that club officers would transition in June 2026 except for the club secretary, planning was underway for Jon Bucher's estate auction, and local dues were now due with payment through Kinsey.

With administrative business out of the way, the long and festive list of performers began with Jim Henson with Christy Henson Vodehnal and Phoebe Vodehnal offering Christmas themed magic involving Santa, Rudolph, and Frosty. Mark Mulkerin followed with some mindreading using personal affirmation. Dan then offered a "one handed" card trick.

Shawn Miller then offered both wordplay and magic in a sucker trick using a small sign. Randall Eller was then convinced to perform an impromptu mathematical prediction with Derrick Rose presenting an ever-expanding newspaper next.

Sid Salmans then enlisted the help of spirits to write the name of a selected card on a slate. Bob Bullcock lived up to his reputation with ropes as he made a large ring melt on and off his rope. Bob White followed by making time disappear from a watch and his kicker had a surprise ending.

Mary Ann Campbell offered some Christmas themed magic culminating in a fanned flurry of paper snow though she earned extra applause for her fundraising successes on behalf of Feed The Vets. Cedric Morley presented buttons magically relocating from one imagined snowman to another.

Melvin Brown performed next with a series of humorous tricks including a vanishing thumb tip, a predicted word found in a dictionary, and a 3 ½ of clubs revealed as half the total of a selected 7 of clubs. Melvin ended his performance with a Professor's Dilemma that carried the religious sentiment of the season.

Marty rounded out the performers with a numeric prediction trick that didn't go according to plan.

Jim was brought to offer his typical generosity with various giveaways, but before he began with that, he recognized the officers visiting from other Rings which included Larry Bean, Arkansas Territorial Vice President, Joey Williams, Ring 403 President, and Christy, Ring 403 Vice President. Jim then proceeded with his gifting of books, tricks, DVDs, and more. The meeting concluded some time after 4 pm.

Blast from the Past

Bob Bullock

Blast from the Past

December 2010

As 2010 wound to a close, Ring 29 celebrated the holidays with fellowship, food, and, of course, magic. The December meeting was a festive Holiday Party held at Mr. Magic and Novelties, complete with prize drawings, holiday-themed tricks, and the ever-popular Brenda Henson's cheese dip. Every magician in attendance received a special magical gift, making the evening especially memorable.

The officers that December were: **President** Tyler Vodehnal, **Vice President** Jon Bucher, **Secretary** Kylan Mann, **Treasurer** James Kinsey, **Sergeant-at-Arms** Pam Medrez, **Historian** Mike Curtis, and **Webmaster** Bob Bullock.

The Ring was also preparing for its Annual Christmas Party in January, to be held at Central Baptist Church in North Little Rock. The larger venue was chosen to accommodate the growing membership and the thriving Junior Magic program. Dinner from Whole Hog Café, potluck desserts, a magic show, and year-end awards promised to make it a night to remember.

That December's Blast from the Past column looked back forty years to November 1970. At that time, Walter F. Scott was president, and Cary Stirman had just taken over as secretary. The meeting included memorable performances by Reverend Ralph Bird, who specialized in number tricks, and Noland Blass, who emphasized "magic without trickery." Guests that month included members of the Little Rock Central High football team and visiting magicians Bill and Marquerite Pitts from Fort Smith. The meeting also honored J.W. Paquette, Ring 29's oldest member, on his 96th birthday—a reminder of the long and rich history of our club.

Looking back at December 2010, we see a club in full stride: celebrating its members, welcoming new generations, and carrying forward traditions both festive and magical.

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Schedule of Events

2026

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- 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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