

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:

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MAGIC SHOW

LARRY BEAN CEDRIC MORELY

MARK MULKERIN JOEY WILLIAMS
EMCEE

May 2, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.
Veterans Park Event Center
508 North Lincoln Street
Cabot, Arkansas

WHERE THE
MAGIC
BEGINS

IBM Ring 29

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

Meeting Information

April 4th
TBD

*"Every time you perform a magic
trick, you're engaging in
experimental psychology."*

Teller



President's Report

Marty Haughn

Our annual show is locked in for May 2 at Veterans Park Event Center in Cabot.

Due to miscommunication, more the lack of, on the part of the community center, having the show in Jacksonville was not possible.

We were fortunate to be able to find an acceptable venue as most places were either too expensive or already booked.

Tickets for the show are now available for \$5.00 each. We are limited on the number so please get your tickets early so you won't be left out. Look for any changes or updates on the website.

Our show will be considered as our May meeting.

As for a meeting place for April, it isn't looking too good at the moment. We are in search for an alternative but have yet to find one thus far.

James Kinsey has been busy trying to contact someone at Baptist so we can get back into their classroom. It was the perfect location and space for our meetings.

Again, keep an eye on the website for updates regarding meeting locations.

In June we will be having our officer installation.

Stay tuned for further information.

Secretary's Report

Mark Mulkerin

Little Rock Magic Ring 29 met Saturday, March 14, 2026 at the First Community Bank Community Room. President Marty Haughn presided with Secretary Mark Mulkerin assisting.

After Marty opened the meeting shortly after 1pm, Mark presented the official business beginning with plans to advertise for new youth and adult members. Posters and business cards were distributed in pursuit of this effort.

The meeting then progressed to bringing in lecturers and having members present mini lectures. Several magicians were suggested along with strategies for discovering additional lecturers who may come to the area.

Mark then proceeded to other logistics including the prospective locations for meetings through June, the securing of a third performer for the annual show, and the logistics around the Jon Bucher benefit auction. Members were reminded of the upcoming Cavalcade of Magic in Eureka Springs and the need to check Treasurer James Kinsey regarding dues.

With official business done, the meeting transitioned to performances with Melvin Brown performing humorous spoof versions of a dove production, egg bag routine, and six card repeat, but finishing his take on the Professor's Dilemma containing a spiritual message.

Sid Salmans performed next eliciting the name of a card from an audience member. Sid then pulled a card from a wallet which was off by one, but upon turning the card over a second prediction revealed he'd be off by one. Dan Hecke then had five audience members pick from among four clear and one red stone and he was able to discover who had the single red stone.

Bob Bullock next engaged the audience with an ambitious card routine followed by Shawn Miller exploring the observer effect as a chosen card grew and shrank relative to the remainder of the deck. Mark finished off the performances his take on topsy turvy bottles with the assistance of Tammy Haughn.

The meeting at about 2:40pm with reminders of the need for members to put themselves forward for office.

Blast from the Past

Bob Bullock

Ring 29 Officers (March 2012)

- President: Tyler Vodehnal
- Vice-President: Jon Bucher
- Secretary: Aaron Acosta
- Treasurer: James Kinsey
- Historian: Mike Curtis
- Sergeant-at-Arms: Bob White

A Master Class in Cards and a Look Back to '82

March 2012 was a month that truly celebrated the fundamentals of our craft, from the high-stakes pressure of our annual competitions to the quiet discipline of a master class.

Mastering the "Natural" Look One of the major highlights of the month was the arrival of master card magician Aaron Fisher. Coming out of the UNLV magic scene, Aaron brought with him the wisdom of legends like Larry Jennings and Johnny Thompson. His lecture wasn't just about flashy moves; it was a deep dive into the rigors of study and that "ever-elusive concept of naturalness" that elevates sleight of hand to art. For those of us who picked up his book *The Paper Engine*, it was a reminder that true creativity is built on a solid grounding in the classics.

Competition Fever The energy at Baptist Hospital's Shuffield Auditorium was high as we kicked off our 6th Annual Close-Up Competition. It's always a treat to see our Junior and Senior members go head-to-head, being judged on everything from originality to technical skill. President Tyler Vodehnal was already looking ahead to April's stage competition, reminding us of the year we had 20 performers—one of the most amazing nights in Ring 29 history.

Around the Magic World

In the broader magic community of March 2012:

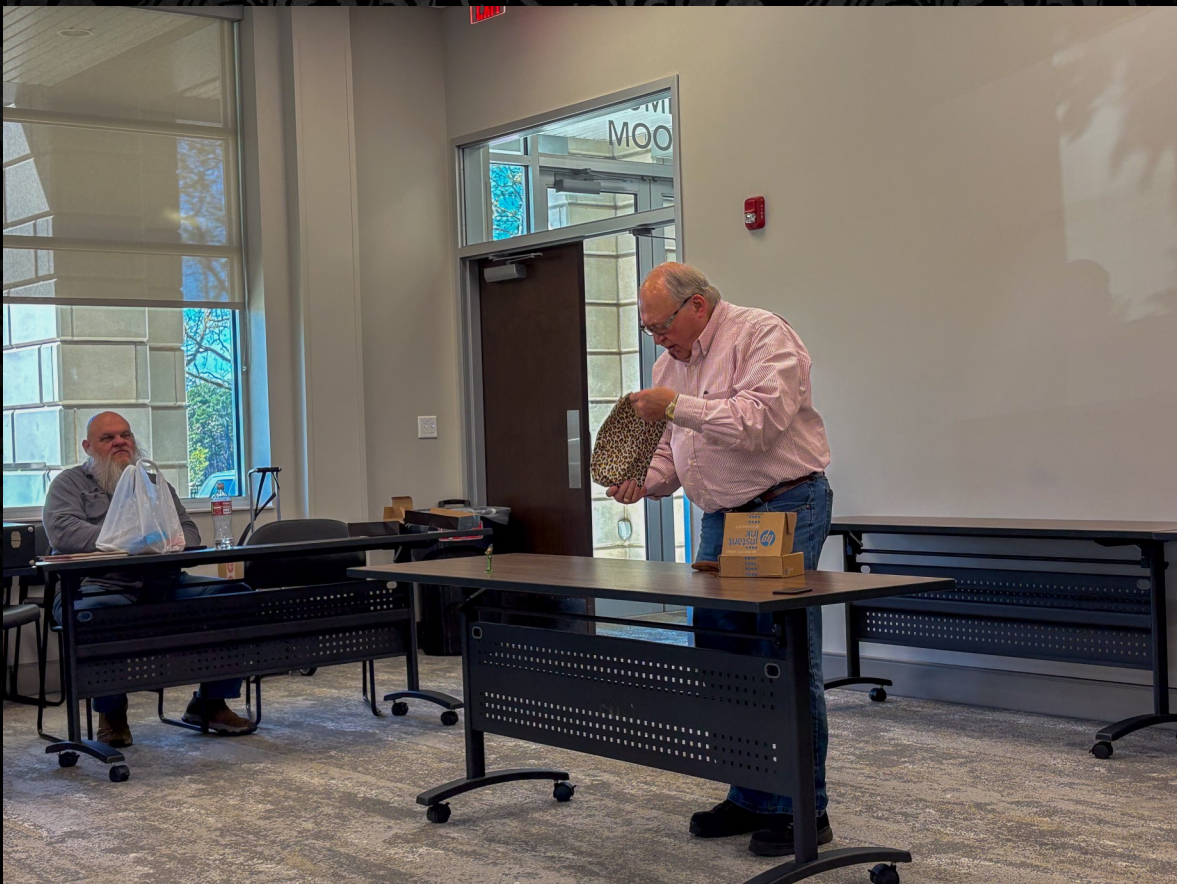
The Magic Castle in Hollywood was hosting its "International Week," bringing in performers from across the globe.

Cesareo R. Pelaez: The founder and director of the world-famous "Le Grand David and His Own Spectacular Magic Company" passed away on March 24, 2012. In honor of his wishes, magic clubs of the I.B.M. and S.A.M. performed a "Passing the Wand" ceremony instead of a traditional Broken Wand ceremony.

March Meeting 2026



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Schedule of Events

2026

Date	Meeting Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
January 3	1:00 p.m. First Community Bank Community Room 17820 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock		N/A	
February 7	1:00 p.m. First Community Bank Community Room		N/A	
March 7	1:00 p.m. First Community Bank Community Room		N/A	
TBD	Location to be announced		N/A	
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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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