

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
IBM Ring 29 BEGINS

Marty Houghton - 2026

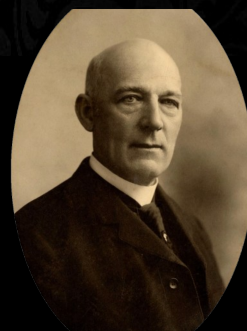
If you have any news for future newsletters, email them to markmulkerin@yahoo.com.

Meeting Information

May 2nd—7pm
Veterans' Park Event Center
508 North Lincoln Street
Cabot, Arkansas

*"The end of all magic is to feed with
mystery the human mind, which dearly
loves mystery."*

Harry Kellar



President's Report

Marty Haughn

We are heading into the summer months, kids will be out of school, parents already looking for somewhere for the kids to go.

Arkansas magicians can make a difference and help promote the magic community. With the proceeds from our auction of Jon Bucher's estate we can offer mini camps, classes in magic for most age groups, and help promote our Ring.

I think during the June meeting we should form a committee to organize these magic sessions and work on increasing our membership.

As a reminder, June is our officer installation. Positions to be filled will be President, Sgt. At Arms, and possibly a secretary.

For those members lacking a challenge coin, we have plenty available. To receive one you need to be current with your club dues.

May 2nd is our show date and tickets are on sale. Just let a club officer know how many you need and we can hold them for you. They are \$5.00 each.

The show will be at the Cabot Veterans Event Center. Need directions? Send me an email or text and I'll send you a map to follow or you can just plug the following into your GPS...

508 N Lincoln St
Cabot, AR 72023

Secretary's Report

Mark Mulkerin

Little Rock Magic Ring 29 met Saturday, April 11, 2026 at Saint Michael's Episcopal Church in Little Rock. President Marty Haughn presided with Secretary Mark Mulkerin assisting.

After Marty opened the meeting shortly before 1:30 pm, Mark presented the official business beginning with the planned public magic show on May 2nd at the Veterans Park Event Center in Cabot, Arkansas. The show will feature Larry Bean, Cedric Morley, and Mark with Joey Williams acting as emcee. Members were reminded to arrange for tickets through Treasurer James Kinsey.

Discussion of the Ring 29 and Ring 308 auction of Jon Bucher's estate followed which will be held at the Stagecoach Clubhouse on May 9th at 1pm. The meeting continued with a reminder of the new officer installation at the June meeting with expected openings for the Sargeant-at-Arms and the President or Secretary. Marty provided clarifications regarding the rules around office holding. It was noted that nominations could be submitted to Marty or Mark.

James then shared information regarding upcoming lecturers, Jamie Williams and Keith Leff followed by a discussion of avenues to promote magic in the Greater Little Rock community. Marty shared his thoughts on offering magic classes through various venues with the Ring providing the magician and the venue providing necessary materials. Ring members will reach out to various venues such as libraries and community centers to judge interest and opportunities.

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 Shawn Miller starting things off with a card prediction gone apparently wrong until his whiteboard was partially erased to reveal the correct card. He followed it up with a number prediction trick using spare change.

Dan Hecke was next to perform with his exploration into the world of remote viewing using two decks. Bob Bullock followed with his demonstration of a one-hand knot that he was working on mastering. With Shawn and Marty's assistance, Dane Dover demonstrated sympathetic magic with a blister mysteriously forming on Dane's finger corresponding to the finger Marty had indicated on Shawn's hand. Dane followed this with a pen penetrating a handkerchief.

Jim Henson was last to perform with several uses of a specialized deck then he shared some stories from magic history related to Arkansas with some fun and funny contributions by Mary Ann Campbell. The meeting wrapped up at about 2:30 pm and was followed by a brief tour of the building.

Blast from the Past

Bob Bullock

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Referencing: April 2011

Ring 29 Officers (April 2011)

- President: Tyler Vodehnal
- Vice-President: Jon Bucher
- Secretary: Kylan Mann
- Treasurer: James Kinsey
- Sergeant-at-Arms: Pam Medrez
- Historian: Mike Curtis
- Webmaster: Bob Bullock

A Magical Spring: From Young Stars to Final Farewells

April 2011 was a month that truly captured the "passing of the wand" within Ring 29, featuring a showcase of our youngest talents alongside a visit from one of magic's most beloved legends.

April Fools? No, April Stars!

We kicked off the month on April 1st, not with pranks, but with "Arkansas' Masters of Illusion" at UALR. This benefit performance featured seven of our own junior members—including Tre' McDonald, Liz Sharp, and Stephanie Wilkinson—performing on a professional stage with full lighting and sound. One of the most heartwarming moments of the evening was the intermission, where our local professional magicians took the time to teach small effects to children in the audience, helping to inspire the next generation of mystery-makers.

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Competition and Comedy

The hospital's Shuffield Auditorium was a busy place that second week of April. On Thursday the 7th, we held our 5th Annual Close-Up Competition, where members competed for top scores in originality and technical skill. Just 24 hours later, we were treated to a lecture by Rachel and Aldo Colombini. This was a particularly special night because the Colombinis' were in the midst of their "Final Farewell Tour". Their blend of comedy and clever routine building reminded us all why they had been nominated twice by the Academy of Magical Arts as Lecturers of the Year.

The Global Magic Scene

On the world stage in April 2011, the magic community was buzzing with several major headlines:

- Aldo's Farewell: The Colombinis' decision to retire from big international tours was front-page news across the I.B.M. and S.A.M. networks as they visited local rings for one last goodbye.
- The Linking Ring: The April 2011 issue of The Linking Ring featured the talented Lizhi Zhao on the cover, along with a deep dive into the history of magic in Columbus and a look back at magic pricing through the decades by Walter Zaney Blaney.
- Convention Fever: Plans were being finalized for the upcoming international conventions, with a heavy emphasis on preserving the "classics" of the craft while embracing new technology.

As we prepare for our own 2026 events, it is wonderful to look back at that month in 2011 and see how much the seeds planted by our junior members and the wisdom shared by legends like Aldo continue to bloom in our Ring today.

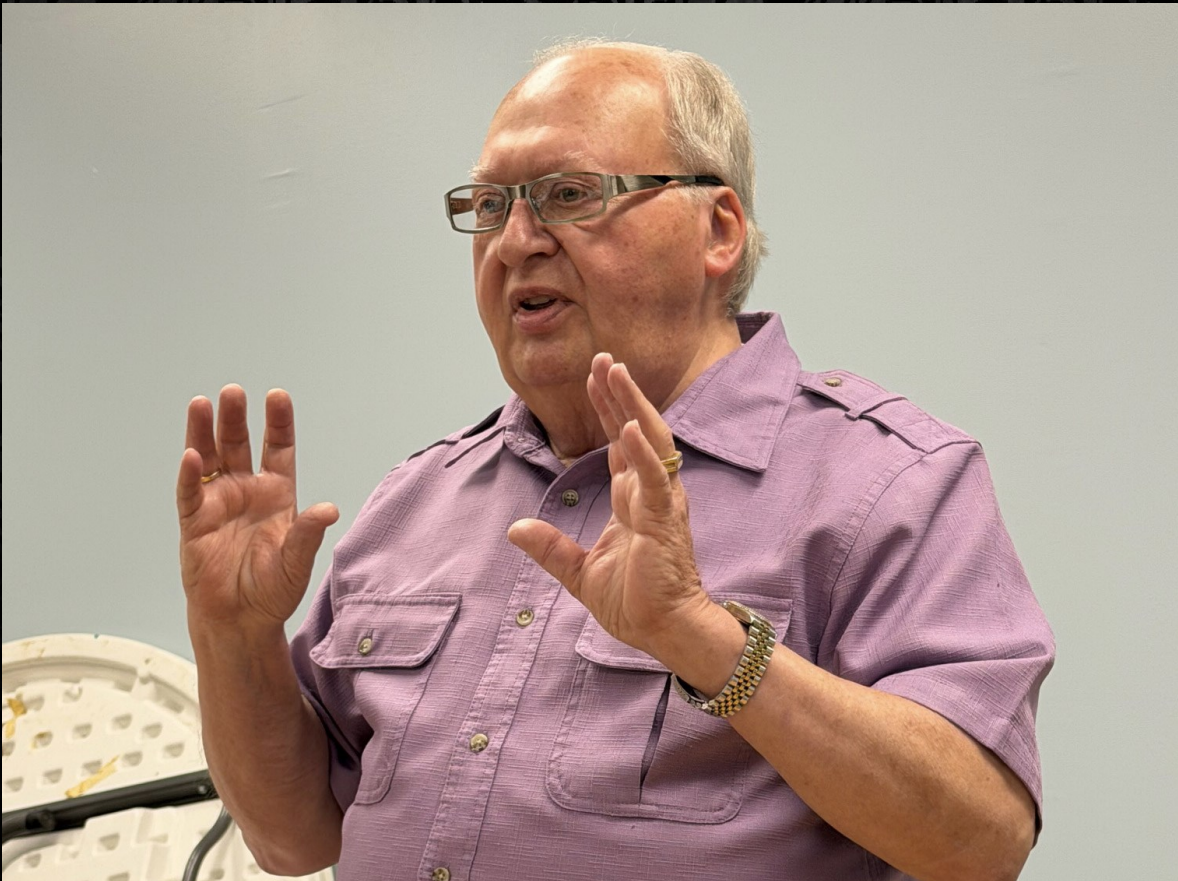
Until next month, keep the magic alive!

Your Humble Historian

April 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 17820 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock		N/A	
March 7	1:00 p.m. First Community Bank Community Room 17820 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock		N/A	
April 11	1:00pm Saint Michael's Episcopal Church 12415 Cantrell Road, Little Rock		N/A	
May 2	7:00 pm Veterans' Park Event Center 508 North Lincoln Street, Cabot		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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