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Little Rock Magic Ring 29 Newsletter

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LITTLE ROCK MAGIC RING 29

It's all about the Magic

In the News:

Ring 29 Magic Lecture Jamie Williams - August 31st

Creative Influence. Professional Insight. Real-World Magic.

Jamie Williams is recognised internationally as a highly respected magic creator, performer and lecturer whose work has influenced magicians across the UK and around the world.

An international multi-award-winning magician and Associate of The Inner Magic Circle, his lectures combine strong commercial routines with deeper insights into psychology, structure and audience connection — offering attendees not just tricks, but a more sophisticated understanding of modern magical performance.



Little Rock PhotoExpo Derrick Rose - Friday July 17th

Derrick will be performing at the opening of the PhotoExpo next month. He just finished up at the Bradley County Pink Tomato Festiva on June 12-13 in Warren, Arkansas.

If you have any news for future newsletters, email it to Magicbobj@gmail.com.

Next Meeting Information

July 11 - 1 p.m.

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

12415 Cantrell Road, Little Rock, AR

*"The most beautiful thing
we can experience is the mysterious.
It is the source of all true art
and all science."*

Albert Einstein



President's Corner

Mark Mulkerin

Summer has arrived and with it a shuffling club officers. Sickness and schedules pared down our Officer Installation, but it was handily led with humor by Larry Bean.

As we look forward to the remainder of the summer and beyond, balancing the camaraderie of our club with the benefits of bringing in new people will be an ongoing challenge. To that end, several officers have been discussing how to foster interest through our website or social media and magic in the community like classes. Of course, any and all members are welcome to join in the discussion and efforts as we look to bring magic to our communities.

We are also looking forward to the August 31st lecture by Jamie Williams with the location to be determined. As we go forward, regular meetings can be expected at St. Michael's on Cantrell as the space is free with more event focussed meetings at paid locations like the Clubhouse. We are open to affordable or free options should anyone have any connections or suggestions - let me know.

Finally, I want to give a big shout out to Marty and all the officers, current and previous, for their many seen and unseen efforts that have kept Ring 29 going all this time. I may be late to the club, but I plan to do what I can to keep things thriving into the future.

Thanks - The New Guy.



For the Record

Bob Bullock - Secretary

Little Rock Magic Ring 29 met on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at the Stagecoach Clubhouse for its highly anticipated monthly meeting and annual Officer Installation Ceremony.

The business meeting concluded with productive discussions regarding upcoming club initiatives, educational projects, and future programming. A detailed discussion took place regarding proposed summer magic camps, exploring dates for two-hour kids' day camps and adult Saturday camps in July and August.

It was agreed that these camps provide vital organizational benefits, such as attracting younger members and sparking a community interest in the art of magic. Collaborative prospects with the Searcy magic club were raised, and Susan proposed utilizing accumulated auction funds to finance these educational projects.

Members were also updated on upcoming public shows and educational lecturers. Two prominent guest lecturers have been booked: Jamie Williams of England will lecture on August 31 at 6:45 or 7:00 PM, and Keith Leff will present a lecture on Saturday, November 7, at 1:00 PM, aligning with the club's regular meeting day.

Finally, the club established a unified outreach strategy to foster membership growth and attract more energetic, younger magicians. The core strategy centers on revitalizing the club's digital presence by reactivating and regularly updating a public-facing Facebook page, alongside the prospective launch of an "Arkansas Magic" page to promote statewide wizardry. The membership cited the immense efficacy and cost-effective nature of leveraging social media, pointing to the successful Facebook page managed by Jody Burtsfield for Ring 75 as an ideal blueprint.

The ring will also explore low-cost, targeted Facebook advertisements to reach local magic enthusiasts who remain unaware of the local club. Moving forward, each nearby ring will be encouraged to maintain its own page and subscribe to sister rings for internal updates. Mark invited all interested members to coordinate directly with him and Bob Bullock to help execute these vital promotional initiatives.



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Bob Bullock - Secretary

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The primary purpose of the gathering was to formally install the new officers and board members for the upcoming fiscal year. The traditional ceremony was expertly led by Larry Bean, though the customary unity candle was omitted this year. The newly installed officers pledged an oath administered by Larry Bean to uphold the club's bylaws and faithfully execute their designated duties.

The leadership team for the upcoming year consists of Mark Mulkerin as President, Marty Haughn as Vice President, Bob Bullock as Secretary, James Kinsey as Treasurer, and Shaun Miller as Sergeant at Arms a

To commemorate the occasion, personalized aluminum business cards and engraved name tags were presented to the officers in attendance by Larry Bean, accompanied by lighthearted gag candy bar gifts tailored to their specific duties.

Following the business and installation proceedings, the meeting transitioned into an excellent lineup of postceremony performances.

- Mark Mulkerin commenced the magic session by demonstrating a card routine utilizing a "Hero's Builder" deck, drawing creative parallels to Magic: The Gathering.
- Bob Bullock followed with a first-time performance of his "Nut, Rope and Knot" routine — a highly clean piece of magic that was very well received by the membership.
- James Kinsey then took the floor with a card mystery titled "Time Dilation." The cards were interlocked and folded together, culminating in an apparent front-to-back inversion through a warp as the cards passed through one another.
- Shaun Miller delivered a multi-phase performance combining an Uno card routine with a mentalism demonstration framed around the Gilbreth principle and endless chain theory. He then transitioned to telepathic drawing, successfully sketching a frog that perfectly matched an animal previously written down by a participant. He concluded with a demonstration of, tear-resistant paper resembling Tyvek that he had manufactured himself, illustrating the properties of "Strong vs. Weak".
- Closing out the afternoon's magic, Sid Salmons showcased a highly unique and engaging variation of the classic Color Monte routine, cleverly substituting the traditional cards with a set of multi-colored keys.



Blast from the Past

Bob Bullock

We're going "Way back" this month to June 1996!

Ring 29 Officers (Elected June 1996)

- **President:** James Kinsey
- **Vice-President:** Don Baer
- **Secretary:** Bill Fulton
- **Assistant Secretary:** Greg Collett
- **Treasurer:** Mary Ann Campbell
- **Assistant Treasurer:** Lisa Bolin
- **Historian:** Mike Curtis
- **Sergeant-at-Arms:** Jim Henson



A Packed Summer in Branson, Magic Castle Strategy, and a New Addition

Looking back three decades to June 1996, Ring 29 was gearing up for a very active summer. The club was buzzing with upcoming elections, a local birth announcement, and plenty of magic making waves on television and regional stages.

Branson's Magic Boom: In June 1996, Branson, Missouri, was absolutely loaded with top-tier magic talent. Local members heading up north had three fantastic shows to choose from.

Blackstone was headlining the Hot Country Revue on Ice at the Osmond Family Theater, pulling off two shows a day. Meanwhile, **Kirby Van Burch**—"The Prince of Magic"—was back with his grand-scale illusions and his comedian sidekick. If that wasn't enough, **Martin Preston** was performing his incredible magic-infused Liberace tribute over at the Grand Palace.

Local News & Castle Strategy: Back home in Little Rock, the club celebrated a very special arrival. Derrick and Tracy Rose welcomed a baby boy, Jett Hunter Rose, born on May 16th. Because the local magic crew kept calling the hospital to check in, a whole fleet of members—including Jim Henson and Don Baer—were officially dubbed "Honorary Daddies".



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The June newsletter also featured the second part of Michael Strobel's "Hollywood Magic" series, offering tactical advice for visiting the Magic Castle. His expert tip for maximizing a trip? Skip the full menu, order just the \$17 salad buffet to save time, and sprint straight to the close-up line before the 25 seats fill up!

Around the Magic World

On the global stage in June 1996:

The magic world was mourning the recent passing of the legendary Harry Blackstone Jr., who had just spent his final weeks performing in Branson.

Television networks were fully leaning into the 90s magic boom, airing back-to-back network specials during sweeps weeks, keeping the art in the mainstream spotlight.

The International Brotherhood of Magicians was preparing for its annual summer convention, celebrating a surge in youth membership across international rings.

As we head into our own summer events, it's wonderful to see that the same passion for regional trips, great lectures, and supporting our growing magic families is just as strong today as it was thirty years ago.

Your Humble Historian,

Bob Bullock



Photo Gallery

Monthly Meeting 2026



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Event Calendar 2026

Date	Meeting Time/Location	Theme	Lecturer	Host/Emcee
January 3	1:00 p.m. First Community Bank			
February 7	1:00 p.m. First Community Bank			
March 7	1:00 p.m. First Community Bank			
April 11	1:00 p.m. St. Michael's Episcopal Church			
May 2	7:00 p.m. Veterans' Park Event Center	Magic Show		
June 6	1:00 p.m. Stagecoach Clubhouse	Officer Installation		
July 11	1:00 p.m. St. Michael's Episcopal Church			
August 31	TBA		Jamie Williams	
September	TBA			
October	TBA			
November 7	1:00 p.m. TBA		Keith Leff	
December	TBA			

St. Michael's Episcopal Church: 12415 Cantrell Road, Little Rock, AR
Stagecoach Clubhouse: 100 Stagecoach Village, Little Rock, AR
First Community Bank: 17820 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock, AR

These are our normal meetings. Any additional activity throughout the year will be listed.



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Membership

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*.

Website

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.

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.

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