



MAGIC NEWS

HEART OF THE RING

IBM Ring 129 - "The Heart of America Ring" - Kansas City

Upcoming Events

Thurs., January 8, 2004
Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
At Best Western Inn
and Conference Center,
Southwest Blvd.

(IN KANSAS – I-35 AND
RAINBOW BLVD. EXIT) At

Rainbow

501 Southwest Blvd.

behind the Applebee's on North
side – lower level

Board Meeting

January 21st, 2004

At Terry Elton's

Check www.ring129.com for
details.

January 31, 2004

6:00PM

Stage Magician of the Year
Banquet and Show
Roeland Park
Community Center

February 7, 2004

Kid's Show, AT 2:00PM and

Ring Auction AT 5:00PM

At Roeland Park CC

Thursday, February 5th, 2004

Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

At Best Western Inn
and Conference Center,

Southwest Blvd. At Rainbow

IT WAS NEW YEAR'S EVE. IT WAS 12:01AM.
HE GAZED INTO HER LOVING EYES
AND SOFTLY SPOKE THE WORDS SHE
HAD BEEN WAITING TO HEAR.....

Goodnight Mom, I'm going to bed.

Now that we have your attention, it's to remind you about the upcoming
H. CLAUDE ENSLOW STAGE MAGICIAN of the YEAR BANQUET
AND MAGICAL REVIEW FEATURING THE FINEST MAGIC TALENT IN THE
GREATER KANSAS CITY AREA.

Some members may not have know Claude. Some may not have belonged to Ring 129 during Claude's time. Some may simply be to young. For all to know, Claude was one of Kansas City's finest performers. With emphasis on the word performer. Claude was totally at ease with himself and the world around him. He projected a very warm and friendly image on stage. Someone you would like to have for a friend. His magic was not spectacular. But smooth as silk and fun to watch. In fact to watch him, one would not necessarily think of him as a magician. *Joe White* He was a story teller and the magic just happened. He was so smooth. His gestures, mannerisms and stature were carefully thought out He moved with a grace and dignity not often seen today. And a true gentlemen, in every sense. I remember one afternoon when Claude and I were going to lunch and I suggested a particular restaurant. He respond that the food was good but the place setting came wrapped in a paper napkin. He would not to an establishment to eat unless they provided cloth napkins. The many lunches he served at home always came with cloth napkins. Now that is classy. He always wore a suit and tie to club meetings and everywhere else he would go. You would not see Claude wearing blue jeans out of the house. But he did in his work shop. He was an avid inventor of magic and produced some of the finest devices available anywhere. He produced from scratch mini-sliding die boxes, side tables, magic wands and a wonderful head chopper plus many other items of which I have no idea of the names. But he made them. He had particular fun in making min-magic wands. The kind used at a magic funeral memorial. His workmanship was in the manner of fine furniture making. Several ring members have items he produced. Claude would spend time with anyone seeking his advice or just conversation. He was the voice of experience. He was the voice of wisdom. He continues to be missed by those privileged to have him as a friend and in magic. And that's why it's called the **H. CLAUDE ENSLOW STAGE MAGICIAN of the YEAR BANQUET and MAGICAL REVIEW.**

NEW BOARD MEMBER

Effective February 1st, 2004, Ring member Dan Bradbury has been appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ernest Bruch. Congratulations Dan, the officers and members of Ring 129 are delighted to have your presence on the board.



PRESIDENTS COLUMN

Larry Warshaw is smiling a lot these days. Nobody is quite sure why . . . but I suspect that it has something to do with the great year the club had while he was President. It might

also have to do with the fact that he can relax a little now that he doesn't have to lead club meetings and board meetings, or field phone calls, or myriad other challenges that come your way when you are managing a club that is as active as ours. Great job Larry and well done. (But don't get too comfy in that rocking chair . . . there are exciting times ahead and we're gonna need your help.)

For those of you who don't know me very well, let explain a little about who I am. My name is Terry Elton and I'm the incoming President of Ring 129. Last time I was President it took the club 20 years to get over it. So just when you thought it was safe to attend club meetings . . . heeeee'ssssss back.

You will find that I am a very shy person until I get on stage and then my alter ego comes out. I'm action oriented and have lots of ideas but I'm not real fond of detail. To that end I asked Dr. Blum if he would be good enough to serve on the board to keep me straight. (A full time job) In a moment of weakness he agreed and he will be serving out the remainder of my Board Member term. (One year) Thank you Doc.

We literally have a long list of ideas that we want to explore. One of which is a committee to explore possible ways to come up with the funding for us to buy or long-lease a location that can become a permanent home for Ring 129. Other ideas are designed to make the club more fun, more helpful and more supportive of its members. We want to know what you think and what you want from the club to make it more meaningful to you. Can we set up classes or teach-ins to help you with: Stagecraft, or stage presence or speech, or how to develop your magic effect idea into your own personal masterpiece. Maybe it's more Performance Workshops or whatever else we can do to help you become a better performer or collector or hobbyist. Maybe we should have a swap shop in addition to the auction, maybe before the auction or on a completely different date. The point being that this is your club and if you tell us about your ideas, I promise the Board will take a look at them.

New programs or services take planning and commitment so we will be looking for volunteers to serve on committees. In fact, we want you all to get involved in whatever committee or project your time will allow. Don't sit and complain if you're not participating. If you want to sign up for a Mini Lecture or a Teach-a-Trick please sign up with Jason Dean one month ahead of time so that we can tell the members what you are going to Lecture about or teach and what props, if any, they should bring in order to learn the trick. Also, we want you to get into the habit of visiting our website to see what lectures or activities are coming up.

Ring 129 is a model for what an IBM Ring should be and in 2004 we're going to make it even better by building on the hours of hard work and creative dedication that have made the club what it is today.

As Bob Newhart said some years ago in one of his routines; "My door is always open . . . and I think you know why it's always open . . . so would whoever took it please bring it back.

So for a good time, please call Terry Elton 913-268-8187 or email me at telton@kc.rr.com and let me hear your ideas. For a good time call . . .

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<p>Ring 129 Website http://www.ring129.com</p>
<p>Magician of the Month Winners</p>
<p>December 2003</p>
<p>Stage Dale Huffman</p>
<p>Close-up John Hicks</p>

IT'S NOW TIME FOR RING 129'S PREMIER EVENT!!! STAGE MAGICIAN OF THE YEAR BANQUET AND SHOW EXTRAORDINAIRE!!!!

Once again the time has arrived for our ring's big event of the year – H. Claude Enslow's Stage Magician of the Year Banquet and Show. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, January 31st, 2004 at the Roeland Park Community Center. 4850 Rosewood, in Roeland Park, Kansas. Doors open at 6:00pm. A wonderful buffet dinner will start the evening at 6:30pm followed by a top notch stage show. Those members qualified to perform are; **Harris Deutsch, Kyle Scheel, L.C. Collier, Marty Isenberg, Ken Reedy, Roger Miller, Stu Lewis, and Larry Poague.** *Rob Scheel* We are honored to have as our Master of Ceremonies one of the ring's very best – **Mr. Terry Magelssen.**

We are pleased to have as our guests the International Brotherhood of Magicians President, **DAVID SANDY** and his wife, **Kristi.**

Cost for the event are \$17.00 for regular and associate members and \$15.00 for Sorcerer's Circle members. **IMPORTANT:** Bring your checks or cash to the January 2nd meeting and pay there or, you can send your checks to Alan Goodheart, 8803 West 102 Place, #1, Overland Park, Kansas, 66212. Seats are assigned on a first-come PAID reserved basis. Cut off date for ALL reserved seats is January 27th FOR SURE! This event is the highlight of our magic year. Come and enjoy the camaraderie. Bring a pocket trick just for fun.

RING SHOW AND AUCTION!

Each year, Ring 129 members give their time and energy, and considerable skill, to entertain and amaze children. The Roeland Park Community Center will again handle the sales and distribution of tickets. All we need to do is show in top form and astound the kids. Both events are scheduled on Saturday, February 7th at Roeland Park Community Center. The Kid's Show starts at promptly 2:00pm and the ring auction follows at 5:00pm. Keith Leff is the producer for the Kid's

Show. Kirk Dewese and Rod Sipe are co-chairman of the auction. This is the time to go through your magic and bring those items which may have lost the original charm and reap huge rewards....so you can buy more magic.

*Were you ever a past
President of Ring 129???*
If so, please contact Terry Elton at 913-268-8187, or Don Douglas 913-888-9236

Ring 129 dues are still due. If you have not paid bring your \$20.00 to the January ring meeting and pay Kirk Dewese.

www.ring129.com

**Stage Winner
Dale Huffman**

NEW WEBMASTER

Congratulations to Ken Reedy for being named our new Webmaster

Go to www.ring129.com and see all the new changes that have been made and all that you can see and download!! Contact Ken at

816-734-1484 or email him at **webdesigners@kc.rr.com.**

Thanks to Tim Zager for all his past efforts at taking care of this important position.

**Close-up Winner
John Hicks**

Ring 129

Lecture Fees

Unless listed otherwise,
are as follows:

Non-Members \$15

Members in good standing \$12

Sorcerer's Circle Members \$10

HIDDEN WORD CONTEST IS BACK

**Look for your name in italics
somewhere in the newsletter,
and just let Don Douglas
know you saw it, and claim
your prize!!**

SO START READING!

If You Missed Last Month's Meeting – Here's What Went On.

Ring Report as submitted by our very own Stu Lewis

About forty members and guests were on hand December 4 as we wound down what must have been Ring 129's greatest year: hosting the International convention and seeing the installation of two of our members as international officers, including the presidency. *Cliff Morris* This evening found us more in the mood to perform than to compete, with only three members entering the contests but ten (the most in recent memory) presenting in the non-competitive open division.

Before the contests, however, Jason Dean treated us to a mini-lecture on the subject of contests. He gave us some tips on how to put together a routine and practice it to make it contest-ready. He spoke from experience, for not only has he twice been named Ring 129's close-up magician of the year; the past summer he won the close-up contest at the Midwest Magic Jubilee. Jason is a 20-something magician who affects a sort of punk look and style (he admits he would look ridiculous in a tux), but behind the façade there is a lot of hard work and attention to detail.

The highlight of the business meeting was a report from Ken Reedy on the publicity he has been able to attract for the Healing of Magic program. Ken, who has had some bouts with serious illness himself, has put countless hours into using his knowledge of magic to help others in need of a helping hand.

Two magicians vied for the title of close-up magician of the month. John Hicks did a card effect involving a spectator choosing to have two cards dealt in order or reversed, but nevertheless causing the cards to fall in a predicted order. He followed this with "Out of this World." Dale Huffman did a prediction based on Nostradamus (a variant of the "Insurance Policy" force.) We then moved on to our magic contest, in which Dale Huffman had no one but himself as competition. He did a mental effect (actually a "quick-math" effect since he was "predicting" something which had already transpired) in

which he instantly provided a total for some numbers generated at random by a spectator. John Hicks was voted close-up winner, while in the absence of a competition, the board will later decide if Dale can be considered winner of the stage division.

Tim Zager opened the open segment with a humorous "12th Century Silk" routine with lots of audience involvement. Ken Reedy did a math-based card routine. Chris Scudiero portrayed a comic character in a jump suit, using the cut-deeper force to lead to a clever revelation; he feigned having a cold, but the handkerchief he used to blow his nose with turned out to be a card hank with the selected card. Dale Huffman did a math-based spelling trick. Al Sawyer restored several pieces of newspaper into a full sheet, and then did a routine where he restored a crushed soda can into a full unsealed can twice! Duane Fields did a gag card routine in which one spectator communicated the name of a card telepathically to a friend (Duane actually held the card over the unsuspecting spectator's head). Stu Lewis did a mental routine with art cards, successfully drawing duplicates of the cards cut to by three spectators. Ryan Fricke had a spectator cut to the four aces. Carl Macan did some impressive spoon bending. Finally, Daniel Jackson borrowed a bill, vanished it, and found it inside a closed pill bottle.

All in all, there was lots of magic to share, and for many this meeting was a good warm-up as they prepared for their holiday shows.

--Stu Lewis, ring reporter