



# MAGIC NEWS

## HEART OF THE RING

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

### Upcoming Events

**Thurs., July 1,2004**

**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**

**May 20, 2004**

**At Kirk DeWeese**

**Magic Supply Company**

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details.**

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**The Board Meetings are open  
to all members of Ring 129.  
Come along and see how it's  
done. My, how interesting it is.**

***Come To The Board Meeting  
And Earn Sorcerer's Circle  
Points.***

**May 20 ,2004**

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### **I DIDN'T KNOW THAT...**

Mary Stuart was crowned Queen of Scots in 1543. She was imprisoned in the Tower of London by her cousin, Queen Elizabeth of England in 1568. Elizabeth had Mary beheaded at the Tower of London in 1587. What a family.

**PRESIDENTS  
COLUMN  
Terry Elton**

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<p><b><u>Ring 129 Officers</u></b></p> <p><b>President: Terry Elton.....</b> 913-268-8187  <b>Vice President: Alan Goodheart....</b> 913-648-0331  <b>Treasurer: Kirk DeWeese .....</b> 816-224-5000  <b>Secretary: Don Douglas.....</b> 913-888-9236  <b>Sergeant-At-Arms: Jason Dean.....</b> 816-364-4241  <b>Board Member: Mike Blum.....</b> 913-383-2586  <b>Board Member: L.C. Collier.....</b> 913-268-7388  <b>Board Member: Dan Bradbury.....</b> 816-931-5027</p>
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<p><b>Magician of the Month Winners</b></p>
<p><b>April 2004</b></p>
<p><b>Stage Marty Isenberg</b></p>
<p><b>Close-up Todd Lamanske</b></p>

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

*Ring Report as submitted by our very own Stu Lewis*

We've grown so used to good attendance at our meetings (45-50) that I had thought anything about the number of people at our June meeting until someone commented that this was a good turnout for a summer meeting. We began by thanking Ken Reedy and Walt Mitchell for their work on "The Healing of Magic." They were the subject of a two-page spread in the June *Linking Ring*. After an expanded dealer segment, Jason Dean taught a sleight-of-hand version of spectator-cuts-the-aces.

We then moved on to the contests, with two competitors vying for each title. Harris Deutsch led off the stage contest with an act based on the idea of seeing magic everywhere. He demonstrated some optical illusions, showed us a coin star, and restored a torn-up newspaper along the way. L.C. Collier's act included a chop-cup routine and multiplying superballs. Stu Lewis opened the close-up contest with a couple of card routines: an ambitious card sequence followed by his own "Ruthless," in which a shaggy-dog story is used to locate three aces and the card selected and signed in the previous effect. Jason Dean did some fancy card locations then used the aces to locate a selected card, only to have the selected card change places with the aces. He also performed a coins-across routine which finished with about a dozen coins spread across the mat ("Explosion").

Finally came the open, non-competition portion of the evening. Ken Reedy did a two-deck "you do as I do" routine. Chris Black did a variation of "name that card" with a different premise—a marked deck where the name of one selected card was printed on the back of a second selected card. Jason Mastin did some humorous work with sponge balls.

Before we adjourned, the winners of the contests were announced. Harris Deutsch took the stage contest, while Jason Dean earned the final spot in our annual close-up contest.

I missed the Dan Garrett lecture May 17, but I heard good things about it. He provided a lot of good tips on presentation and on children's magic.

On the evening of June 12 we returned to one of our old meeting places—the Radisson Hotel (formerly Holiday Inn) in Lenexa, KS--for our annual close-up contest. Five of the eight eligible winners of our monthly contests were on hand to compete. Jason Dean completed a first-ever three-peat (winning for the third consecutive year) with an act similar to that described above. Terry Elton took second place with a routine involving vanishing and reappearing salt, an in-the-hands coin routine, and some card routines. Harris Deutsch did some nifty coin sleight-of-hand and Rene Levand's one-hand oil-and-water, earning third place. John Hicks (cards) and Ken Reedy (linking pins) were the other competitors. We hope to be able to provide more detail with a photo-spread in a future issue of *Linking Ring*. Watch for it.

### SPECIAL ATTENTION

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### WEBMASTER

**Ken Reedy**

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[webdesigners@kc.rr.com](mailto:webdesigners@kc.rr.com).

**Stage Winner**  
Marty Isenberg

**Close-up Winner**  
Todd Lamanske

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**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!**

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