



# Heart of the RING

“Quality Ring Award Winner”

September 2006 Newsletter

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US Toy

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Best Western

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Mission, KS 66205

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## NEXT MEETING

**Sep 7, 2006 7:00 P. M.**

Best Western  
Rainbow & Southwest Blvd.  
(directly behind Applebee's Restaurant)



**Stage Winner Steve Steiner  
& Assistant Crystal Clayton**

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## Midwest Magic Jubilee 50th Anniversary Highlights by Rod Sipe

The fiftieth anniversary of "The Midwest Magic Jubilee" was well attended by the members of our Ring129. Thursday night's show was M.C.ed by Terry Elton who also did a turn in the show to open the convention and also lectured that night, I believe that would be considered a magical hat-trick, (that was like a magic joke, kind of), anyway lets move on. Fridays close-up show included Jason Dean who was his usual excellent self, and then late that night lectured to a large crowd of eager close-up fans way past midnight and rumor has it that some of our younger and not so younger dudes not to mention any names /john hicks/ stayed up all night bending cards and dropping coins.

The dealer's room was always busy and represented KC well with Dale Huffman and Phil Klein working the US Toy booth, Terry Elton with his own line of products and Kirk DeWeese selling the wide selection of IBM regalia and relieved at times by several past and current international presidents of the IBM including Roger Miller.

Saturday morning was the stage contest with our member Steve Steiner and Co. performing in the fifth slot out of six. The winners were announced late that afternoon with Steiner and Co. placing First. They also opened the Saturday night public show that included Aldo Columbini, Whit Haydn, Jania Taylor and Mandre. I would say that the public show

performance by Steiner and Co. was even stronger than their performance in the contest and the audience was very pleased and surprised at several points which was very obvious by the long and loud round of applause by the crowd, a really good performance that set the tone for the rest of the show.

KC folks spotted in St. Louis were in no certain order, Mike Melito, Rod Sipe, Dale Huffman, Kirk DeWeese, Roger and Sheila Miller, Laird Wilcox, John Hicks, Doug Clark, Terry Elton, Dennis Burks, Chuck Macon, Carl Macon, Jason Dean, Phil Klein, and possibly some that I have forgot or overlooked.

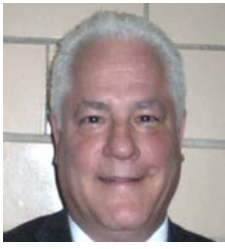
Huffman, Melito and Sipe were awarded first place in the category of fewest number of magicians to occupy one room and have a total weight of over one-half ton.

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A **Fund Raising Raffle** will begin next month and prizes will be drawn at the December meeting. So far there is over \$100 in prizes. If you would like to donate an item inquire at the next meeting.

Ticket prices are:

\$1 for 1 ticket  
\$5 for 6 tickets  
\$50 for 70 tickets



## President's Column

by Chuck Macan

The month of August was a great month for Ring 129. We ended July with our Close Up Magician of the Year contest and our hats go off to all who participated both as a competitor and to those who came out to watch, and be entertained. Congratulations to Dale "Huff Daddy" Huffman who came away as our 2006 Champion. Everyone who competed that night was a winner. Your performances showed the level of expertise, showmanship and love of the art of magic that has made Ring 129 the poster child for excellence in magic in the IBM.

This was the first time that I competed in the Close Up Magician of the Year contest and I will tell you it was a great thrill. If you have not been part of the close up or stage competition or it has been a while since you competed, the thrill of competition and performing cannot be matched. I encourage all of you to put together routines and compete.

August brought the Midwest Magic Jubilee to St. Louis. A number of ring members went to the Jubilee to be entertained and entertain. First of all I want to congratulate our own Steve Steiner who took first place in the stage competition. I heard you brought the house down. Way to go. Terry Elton was an emcee, performer and lecturer. Jason Dean was a performer as well as a lecturer. Congrats to all of you – you made the Ring proud.

Coming up this month on the lecture tour we have the Docc Hilford lecture on September 6<sup>th</sup> followed up by Docc's workshop on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Both the lecture and workshop will be at US Toy. Richard Sanders will be here on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Please Note --- The Richard Sanders lecture will be at the Best Western where we have our normal monthly meetings NOT at US Toy.

On Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup> we will have a Sorcerer's Circle event at the Renaissance Festival. Please see Kirk DeWeese or Rod Sipe for details.

Don't forget to sign up to attend the Woods/Atkinson wedding on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Eric and Christy/Pam have been gracious enough to invite all of us to their union. It promises to be a magical day.

What a way to end summer and bring in Fall. See you all at the meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

### Halloween Show

5 Acts: Duane Fields, Larry Pogue, Dennis Burks, Steve Steiner, Terry Magelssen. If you want to help (perform walk-a-round magic or sell magic kits) you MUST be in costume. Stage help needed also (costume optional). Contact Kirk DeWeese.

## YOUR INVITED

By the future Mrs. Woods

I would like to begin by thanking you all for the help and support you have given Eric, Jon and I as we start our lives together. This is the official invitation to the wedding come one come all. It will be a fun magical evening you won't want to miss. It is being held at the Fairmount community center where the SYM and SAM meetings are held. The time the magic begins will be 2:00 pm on October 7, 2006 this is a Saturday. It will begin with a short magic show, then the wedding full of magic and surprises, followed by the reception. The meal during the reception is potluck so bring your favorite dish. If you are not a cook drinks of all sorts (leaded and unleaded) will be needed as well. Walk around magic is encouraged during the meal and there will be places set up for anyone who wants to do magic.

Please bring your digital cameras and the cable to be plugged into one of the 2 laptops. This is how we are getting our wedding pictures. The pictures will be displayed during the reception in slideshow format if there are any pictures you want I will have some blank CD's available. If you need help down loading or copying pictures there will be help available. We could also use help with clean up.

Gifts are optional we are registered at Home Depot, and Wal-Mart.

After the reception the party will be moved to my Uncles house where there will be DJ music and 2 live bands. Drinking alcohol will be allowed there. No drinking is allowed at the community center according to their rules. There is plenty of parking at my uncles but you may want to bring a chair.

Here is a quick list of what is needed, digital camera with cable (if you have one), potluck dish or drink and a chair for my Uncles house.



**Special Sorcerer's Circle Members Event.**  
 September 24 @ the Renaissance Festival  
 Fair Grounds. The event is free for Sorcerer's  
 Circle members and one guest. Reservations  
 must be made by Sep. 16. Sign up at this  
 months meeting or contact Doc Blum for  
 more information. [drblum@doc4kidz.com](mailto:drblum@doc4kidz.com)  
 913-383-2586



### What's Wrong With This Picture?

There is a matter that has been on my mind for quite some time that has caused me some great deal of concern. It has to do with the level of current magic activity in the restaurant scene in my local area. The ramifications of this concern could be applied to many other areas of the country.

I have always taken pride in Houston being a hub of magical activity with over two dozen full time working, and well known, pros. I consider Los Angeles first in the magic scene, Chicago second, New York third, and Houston tied for fourth with Atlanta. What helps make this town ripe with magic is not only those who reside here but also those who come in to work the Magic Island. Much like the Magic Castle in Hollywood, many well known "names" in magic drift in and out of town while working at the Magic Island and allow us a chance to watch some of the best magic performances today. They give us a richness of flavor with their talents and friendliness. They give us an influx of new ideas and an idea of what's going on in the magic scene outside our area.

We have some of the best lecturers that the magic world has to offer giving us the chance to learn the most up to date moves and routines and to purchase the newest props, gimmicks, and gaffs. We have four thriving clubs with the I.B.M. Ring, two S.A.M. Assemblies, and of course, the Houston Association of Magicians (H.A.O.M.). Membership and attendance in each of the clubs continues to remain steady as people come and go. If you add the three magic shops we have in the city, then it can be safely said that we have the best resources that any magician (beginner or pro) could want.

With all of the advantages of being a magician and living in Houston, we are only utilizing a small portion of our potential. We know the moves, we have drawers and closets full of magic "stuff", and the lambs are awaiting the slaughter with our "killer" magic. They are living, breathing and, more importantly, eating right now as you are reading this article. And you could be entertaining them (and earning money) in the place where they eat!

I visited Tulsa recently and read their magic club's newsletter. I was amazed to see that nearly half of the back page was filled with the names of magicians who were performing in restaurants! In a city with a population of less than 500,000 there are five magicians working regularly as house magicians in seven local restaurants! In Houston we have over

1,000,000 people and we currently have a grand total of zero magicians who regularly work in restaurants other than the Magic Island.

What's wrong with this picture? As I have been quoted as saying before . . . "A magician who is not working is only fooling himself." Why don't we have more magicians working in restaurants? It's good for the restaurant's business and it's certainly good for the (currently unemployed) magician. Why not turn at least one evening a week from watching TV into making money by entertaining the masses of diners and making contacts for even bigger jobs?

I don't know how many restaurants there are in your city but I would venture to guess that there are at least 25-50 within a three mile radius of your house. Easy pickings, untapped gold in your own back yard! In a city the with so many restaurants and with the magical talents you possess, how many of you have pursued a job as house magician at any restaurant? Is it because of a lack of time? A lack of interest? You don't need the extra money? A lack of drive and/ambition? Is it a problem with insecurity in performing for "real" audiences? You will have to do some soul searching and come up with you own answers to these questions. But if you're just not sure how to go about landing that job in a restaurant or which restaurant is right for you, then you can find these answers from your brother magicians (remember all the resources I spoke of earlier?).

A few years ago there was a full time restaurant performer working in Houston and he worked up to nine restaurants per week! We have not seen his like before nor since. You can't find him working tables any longer as he used his contacts as a springboard to a lucrative profession as a trade show magician.

All I can say is, the work is out there so make a plan and go out and get a job.

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### Docc Hilford's Entire Act Exposed!

Imagine seeing a professional mentalist's act and wanting to add one, a few or all of the effects you saw to your show. You attend his lecture, but he only explains a few tricks and none of them from his actual act.

Many professionals refuse to perform their "A" material if there are magicians in the audience; they don't want their private effects to get out. This is understandable, but what if a professional mentalist was to give a special lecture that explained every detail of his entire act, the act he's presenting around the world? Would you miss it? Or would you eagerly run as fast as you could to get the real secrets?

Docc Hilford's special lecture will teach his complete act! This isn't an act that was popular in the past; it's the act he's using today. It has been a hit at private parties and theaters across the U.S., England, Scotland, Brazil, and the Aladdin Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

**In this lecture, nothing will be held back.**

You'll learn:

**Jaks' Room** —Combining the effects of *The 16 Digit Trick*, *Koran's Medallion* and *Annemann's Swami Test* into the perfect opening. (Unpublished)

**The Ultimate Magazine Test** —A full routine with no less than EIGHT climaxes! It's a theater piece that can stand alone and is guaranteed to generate publicity. (Unpublished)

**Smoke Pictures on Glass** —A thought is expressed as a beautiful picture in smoke. (Unpublished)

**And much, much more!**

#### SPECIAL BONUS

**The Complete Nite Club Act** —A fast-paced, multi-trick, 15 minute act designed for dance floors in hotel nite clubs.

The effects in this act are so clever, Docc won't reveal them outside of his special lecture. The opening test is worth the entire lecture.

#### AND EVEN...

##### **Buddha Billet Tests** —

These are the three billet tests Docc uses to sell his act. *The Whispering Buddha*, *The Wish* and *Buddha's Message* are pieces that bring beauty to selling the act. (All unpublished)

You'll get all the patter, bits of comedy and tips to perform these acts. Most of the material is unpublished, for the obvious reason that it's not been released. The lecture is over 2 hours long!

*Why would Docc expose the act he uses? Because over the years the best tips have come from other magicians. Docc will be going on a world tour of hotels, theater and nite clubs in several countries in November, December and January. He wants to learn more about his act, and teaching others is the best way.*

This lecture will only be available in the summer/fall of 2006 and will not be repeated. **Only 20 cities will be booked.** After that, the act will be secret again. **Don't miss this one time event!**

These effects WILL NOT BE EXPLAINED when Docc lectures at **Mindvention** in Las Vegas in November! This is your only chance.

Professional Mentalists DON'T Want You to Know These Real Secrets! They're just TOO GOOD!

Banachek, Ted Lesley, Jon Stetson, Jack Dean, Al Mann, David Alexander, Alain Nu, Bob Sheets, and many other working mentalists have asked Docc NOT to reveal the secrets that are taught in his new workshop; they think they're too good to let out. But Docc's all NEW workshop has the secrets YOU need to know!

Here is what you'll learn in this workshop:

##### Secret Number 1 Real Work on Billets

How entertain from 1 to 1,000 people with a couple of slips of paper. This really inside stuff.

##### Secret Number 2 Where to Get the Cash

Places to earn at least \$1,000 a show with what you've learned.

##### Secret Number 3 The Perfect Question and Answer Act

Q and A that can be performed anywhere, anytime!

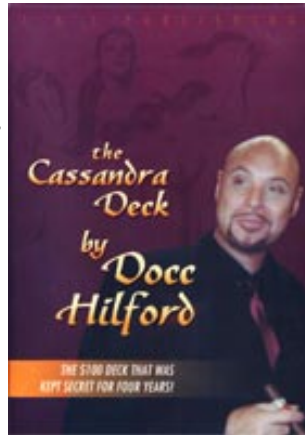
The question and answer routine has long been the mainstay of mentalism. Those who actually perform it make great fees. Those who don't struggle. Over 15 years ago Docc Hilford invented a method of Q&A where NOTHING IS WRITTEN yet 15 or 20 specific questions are answered. No pre-show work or anything like it. You just walk on and start working! Docc used this act to earn the money that bought his first home. The effect is remarkable to an audience, but the professional mentalists who learned the secret claimed it to be the best they ever used.

Plus FREE...

Participants will receive the full secrets above, as well as a CD version of the classic book, One Man Mind Reading Secrets by Ralph Read. This is one of the textbooks for mentalists. It covers billet work and advanced mind reading techniques. Also included are two books by mentalist Ted Annemann, Annemann's Buried Treasures, Annemann's Mental Mysteries. These rare books include everything from needle swallowing to mental tests. And a special 5,000 word report, The Most Powerful Approach to Personal Success in Show Business. The books and report are FREE.

So, the workshop is over 3 hours long, you'll learn the top three secrets including Docc's special Q&A act, and you'll get all the above mentioned books. All for \$35! *There's a minimum of 6 people needed to make a workshop, but most cities have about 12 attendees.*

**IBM Performance Insurance Policies begin in August. If you haven't done so now is a good time to get insured. Visit [www.magician.org](http://www.magician.org) for details.**





## Who is **Richard Sanders?**

**Just back from lecturing and performing at FISM 2003**

Called by Jay Sankey, "One of the best kept secrets in magic," Richard Sanders is a boni fide, underground treasure.

His material has appeared in such respected magazines as The Magical Arts Journal, New Directions, Genii, The Magic Menu, France's Arcane, and his marketed items have infiltrated the working repertoires of magicians around the world.

David Acer wrote, "When Richard Sanders picks up a deck of cards, the cards quite simply sing. His Elmsley Counts, his Double Lifts, his Classic Passes are mesmerizing, because he has that quality - that ability to bring a technique to life - in greater abundance than anyone else I've ever known.

Add to that an excellent sense of theatre and a dynamic performing style and you've got one exceptional magical entertainer."

Don't Miss the lecture at Best Western Suite D. Sep. 26 7PM

### Our Web Page

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### A Ring 129 Welcome to:

**Evan Magelssen**  
258 SE Topaz Cir.  
Lee's Summit 64063  
816-246-5577

**Linda (the Card Man's better half) Hicks**  
1523 N. 82nd Terr.  
Kansas City KS 66112  
913-334-1392

We are glad to have you as new members to one of the largest, and most active Magic Clubs in the World. We wish you the best in your magical endeavors and look forward to seeing you at upcoming meetings.

NOTE: New Members are required to perform/present within 90 days of joining the club.

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### Slate of Officers for 2007 –

President – **Michael (Doc) Blum**  
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Secretary – **John Hicks**  
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Sergeant at Arms – **Mike Melito**  
Board Member – 3 year term – **Rod Sipe**  
Board Member – 2 year term – **Eric Woods**  
Board Member – 1 year term – **Ken Reedy**  
Past President – **Chuck Macan**

### Roger Miller Roast

We will start taking reservations for the Roger Miller Roast next month. Ticket prices are \$19.00 including meal and entertainment. The event will be held in the SOOOO BIG town of Blue Springs, MO, at the **Blue Springs Country Club**. (not in the sooooo small town of Boner Springs, KS.) This will be the first roast we have had in two years, so don't miss it!! Who knows when the next one will be?!?!

### Magician of the Month Winners

Magician of the Month Winners			Magician of the Month Winners		
Stage	Close-Up		Stage	Close-Up	
01/06	Roger Miller	_____	07/06	Mike Melito	Mike Melito
02/06	Barron Stringfellow	_____	08/06	TBA	TBA
03/06	Eric Woods	_____	09/06	_____	_____
04/06	J. E. Mastin	_____	10/06	_____	_____
05/06	Marty Isenberg	_____	11/06	_____	_____
06/06	Steve Steiner	_____	12/06	_____	_____

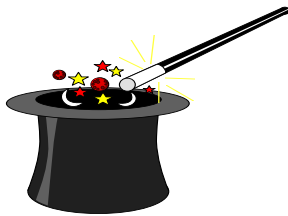
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## RING 129 AGENDA

Items in red have firm dates, all others are not yet set or are subject to change.

Jan 28      **Magician Of the Year Stage**  
Feb 18      **Kids Show (RPCC.)\***  
Mar 11      **Magic Auction**  
Apr ??  
May ??  
Jun 03      **Ring Picnic**  
Jul 29      **Close-up Magician of the Year**  
Aug ??  
Sep ??  
Oct 13      **Halloween Show (RPCC.)\***  
Nov 4      **Roger Miller Roast**  
Nov ??  
Dec ??

### \*Roland Park Community Center

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Mission, KS 66205

## Tentative Lecture Schedule

No Lectures scheduled at this time.  
Check the ring website: [www.ring129.com](http://www.ring129.com)  
for up-to-date info on all lectures.

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*Unless Specified All lectures held at:*

**US Toy Magic**  
2008 W. 103rd Terr.  
Leawood, KS 66206

<b>Sorcerers Circle:</b>	<b>\$5</b>
<b>Regular Member</b>	<b>\$6</b>
<b>Non-Member</b>	<b>\$15</b>