



Heart of the RING

“Quality Ring Award Winner”

December 2005 Newsletter

Regular Meeting
Dec. 1 — 7 PM
Best Western

Board Meeting
Dec. 13 — 7 PM
Cinzetti's
7201 W. 91st Street
Overland Park KS
(91st & Metcalf)

*** **Joint meeting for both the
2005 and 2006 Board of Directors.**

**Stage Magician of the Year
Banquet and Contest**
Jan. 28 — 6 PM
Roeland Park CC
4850 Rosewood Drive
Mission, KS

NEXT MEETING

Dec. 1 2005 7:00 P. M.
Best Western
Rainbow & Southwest Blvd.
(directly behind Applebee's Restaurant)



**The Magnificent Jon
& Genii Christy**

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Our First Big Show by Genii Christy.

One year after discovering the IBM we had our first big performance. Mistakes were made, laughs were had and we were shaking in our boots.

On October 22, 2005 Jonathan and Jon's mom 'Christy' (Pam) performed our first big show. We went to God's Mountain youth camp and volunteered to perform for their end of camp big blow out. When I agreed that Jon and I would perform, I pictured 50 kids rotating from game to game and our show. I decided to hand out little quarter size mazes I got from U S Toy to anyone who came to watch us perform. So we could say, "We have an amazing gift for you at the end of the show."

I called to find out exactly how many kids would be there, when the answer came back as, well last year there were 300 people... the shock and fear filled my body, briefly the thought of chickening out flashed in my mind, but alas, it was too late.

We arrived Friday night (one day early) and stayed up until midnight rehearsing. Saturday morning came way too early. With bags under my eyes and a sleepwalking teenager we made it to breakfast. We then continued to rehearse until show time. Stopping once to thank God for the one hour rain delay.

The knock rang loudly from the door, a friendly voice exclaiming "Time to set up" filled the air. Decision time — open the door or pass out. I opened the door with a smile. As the gentleman entered the room he said, "Good news you get one of the prime spots inside out of the cold." I SCREAMED WITH FEAR... (On the inside)

then replied, "That is good news." We used the table that was built at the S Y M and set up was quick.

It's show time. The chairs were full for all 5 performances with people standing around. (Remember this fact when you read about show # 4.)

The first show was perfect just as we rehearsed the audience loved it and we felt great. Show # 2 we woke up and remembered we have stage fright; we rushed, didn't tell any of our jokes and couldn't wait to be done. The audience loved it but we didn't feel so great. Jon was ready to get out of there.

Show #3 went as planned starting off with a few rope routines switching to a couple of predictions, next we performed a routine with the Satan box a wooden box passes through a magic wand ending with change bags full of stuff we threw at the audience, using all our jokes. Over looking the one little mishap we had with the box thru the wand, (covered by extending the story as Jon found the wand) this show was great.

Show # 4 - the show of shame on me. The show had just began and was going fantastic maybe the best so far and we were interrupted by an announcement that the drawing for door prizes was about to begin. I stopped the show for the announcement then I repeated the announcement and I sent the audience away. At first they wouldn't go, I said "No that's okay go get your door prizes then come back." Okay, they didn't come back and I learned not to send your audience away. Show # 5 was our best and we ended with a bang.



Presidents Column

Before I begin, I must ask you this baffling question - just exactly where has this past year gone? It seems just like we got through the Holiday season and spring was in the air when, low and behold, it's that time of year again. Time to celebrate with friends and family the many meanings of what THIS upcoming Holiday season brings to us. Thankful that we had another year with our parents, children, and grand children. Glad that we took time to share our magic with whoever would listen or watch. Happy that we may have made a difference in but one life or made a day a little brighter when it looked darkest. That's what is so special about our Ring - our Brotherhood. You see it and feel it every month at the meetings, when we gather to share, and when we help each other through tough times, we struggle to find just the right way to create an effect.

For this past year I have been the guide - leader if you will - of this wonderfully creative group. This was the first time I have had the opportunity to be President of any group I have been associated with, and I valued the trust you placed in me for this position. As I look back to reflect, I see nothing that I regret. I left nothing on the table that I chose to accomplish. I wanted to help make this group more excited about magic, more able to share our ideas and techniques without fear of being plagiarized. What I saw was enthusiasm whenever we were together.

Meetings had higher attendance, we did lots of extra "jam" sessions, and our regular Ring events were very successful! Our membership has grown to more than 120 members! You cannot achieve your goals without a group of guys and gals that support you and believe in you. My Board this year was amazing when it came to stepping up to assist. Many of you in the Ring helped make a difference when called upon, but as perfect as it all sounds, we can still do better. How? If those of you that are at all the meetings could just lend 30 minutes every quarter (that's only 4 times a year), or jump out of your chair when we ask for a volunteer to help us, it would be one of the strongest groups around. Because YOU make the difference! YOU are what makes this Ring such a fun and energizing place to be! So take the bull by the horns and lets get Ring 129 to the next level. Be sure to give L. C. Collier and next year's board your undivided support and attention. We are poised to reach to even higher heights - be a part of the excitement!

Here's wishing each member and their family and friends the very best for the upcoming Holiday season and may each of you be granted your wishes in the coming New Year.

Nov. Magician of the Month Winners

Close Up Winner

Chuck Macan

Stage Winner

Steve Steiner

Congratulations to the winners! We look forward to the upcoming performances.

Submit your Want Ads: & Buy, Sell, and Trade...

Check the website and you will see a new form in the **downloads section** that will allow you to put your want ads in the newsletter. This free service to all paid members may include, but is not limited to magic items.

Our Web Page

Go to www.ring129.com

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See all the new changes that have been made and that you can download!! If you have questions, contact Ken Reedy at **816-734-1484** or email him at ...

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Ken Reedy

A List of Magician of the Year 2006 Competitors

	Stage	Close-Up		Stage	Close-Up
01/05	L.C. Collier	_____	07/05	_____	_____
02/05	Joe White	_____	08/05	Kyle Scheel	Laird Wilcox
03/05	Mark Myers	_____	09/05	_____	Mike Melito
04/05	Terry Elton	_____	10/05	Barron Stringfellow	Blake Silvernail
05/05	Marty Isenburg	_____	11/05	Steve Steiner	Chuck Macan
06/05	Harris Deutsch	_____	12/05	_____	_____

Special Thanks From Harley Manker

I want to thank you so much for all of the cards, letters and phone calls during the illness and passing of my wife **Dolores**.

It was wonderful that so many of you came to the visitation and service.

I cannot tell you how much our family appreciates all of the love you have shown us.

Thank You Very Much — **Harley Manker**

MAGICIAN'S FOR HIRE

We have added a new web page to our web site for all of you. It is a "Magician for Hire" page. I say it is for *you* because if you are a working magician you can put your ad on it so that people can see it and hire you. This is a free ad for you and it is easy to use. You can view the page and see what kind of info we need from you at <http://www.ring129.com/hire.htm>. If you wish to be added to our "Magician for Hire" page on our web site then please send Ken Reedy your name, stage name if any, brief one line description of your act, phone number, email address and your web page address with an attached photo. Please make the description of you act as brief as possible. We only have room for one line. *DUES must be current in order to remain on this portion of the website.*

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Note:

We will be taking reservations at the Dec meeting for the Stage MOY Banquet and Show Jan 28th, 2006 at RPCC. Bring checks or cash to reserve your seats.

The Mid-Year Meeting of the IBM International Board is coming to Kansas City the weekend of Jan 19th – 21st. More information next month...

Dues are due!!!

We need you to help with the RING #129 MAGIC PARADE

By LC Collier

We are going to submit a Ring 129 Magic Parade to the Linking Ring Magazine and you will want to be a part of it!

As you know our own magnificent Roger Miller is the current President of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. Roger's term in office will expire at the next national convention in July of 2006. We need to honor him by submitting a "Ring Parade" that can be published prior to that event.

We contacted Jon Racherbaumer (the parade editor) to find out how much lead time he needs and what we need to do to make this happen. He says we need eight to ten submissions to make it work. **We would like to submit fifteen** because he may need to add or subtract some to make it the length he needs. **We have nine to date.** Please get your submission to LC Collier **ASAP!**

If you have a magic trick you would like to share with the world, write it up or video tape it and get it to LC Collier as soon as humanly possible. We do not want to let Roger down!

Please do not say to yourself, I don't have anything that is earth shattering, so I will just pass. I can tell you, from having traveled the country and visited many magic clubs, the Kansas City Ring 129 has some of the most talented and creative magicians in the country. The things we consider to be just another trick are viewed by others to be unique and special.

Others of you will say, I am not a writer and can't do it justice on paper. **DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT!** Stu Lewis and Eric woods have volunteered to rewrite any thing that needs it. With their help we will look like a bunch of geniuses. Artwork is also covered! Eric Woods is a good illustrator.



Submit your entry to LC at lccollier@earthlink.net or physically get it to him ASAP. If you need to check with him on anything, his phone number is 913 579-1506.

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If you know of a ring member or their family member who is hospitalized or has passed away Contact:

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Members are encouraged to submit articles and comments for publishing and earn additional Sorcerer's Circle Points.

Articles must be in the Editor's office by the 20th of the month.
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The time has come to pay your annual dues. Pay your dues by the December meeting and you will attend the first *Regular Lecture FREE!!*

Stu Lewis' Ring Report

Our November meeting began with the election of officers. Long-time member **L.C. Collier** will be our new president. Other officers are **Chuck Macan**, vice president; **Matt Gurley**, sergeant-at-arms; **John Hicks**, secretary; **Kirk DeWeese**, treasurer; and **Eric Woods**, at-large board member.

The highlight of the evening was a 50-minute lecture by our past president, **Terry Elton**. The title of the lecture is "The Devil is in the Details," and the focus was not on tricks but rather on performance. He showed how to create interest in a routine by establishing a story line, finding routines that fit the performer's personality, and creating a character. He spoke of maintaining a consistent tone, and focusing on seemingly small details such as where to place a volunteer. He demonstrated his ideas by showing us two of his routines, including an original rhyme for the Gozinta box. He explained how he had spent too much money over the years buying tricks that did not fit his personality, and he explained that he hoped he could save others the wasted time and money he had experienced until he found his own voice. It was an excellent, professional presentation by a true professional.

Two competitors vied for the position of stage magician of the month. **Jim Wright** did a routine with jumbo dollar bills, and he followed his magic with a performance of a country song. **Steve Steiner** followed (and won) with the restoring of a crushed pop can, which he used to represent crushed souls.

Three magicians competed in the close-up contest. **Laird Wilcox** entertained us with an ambitious-card sequence and a Ninja Ring

(small linking rings) routine. **Chuck Macan** followed (and won) with a two-in-hand, one-in-pocket sequence with a handful of dice, following it with a card-sandwich routine, which concluded with a previously selected card that was found inverted in the deck. **Joe White's** contribution was a cups-and-balls routine and an effect in which several colored disks were put inside a tube, with all but the chosen one being threaded on a string that was run through the tube.

The highlight of the open, non-competitive segment of the meeting was a visit from former member **Mark Tams**, who was visiting from Tulsa. He showed us why he had won our annual close-up contest three times in his performance of his original rope routine, along with a multi-phase card routine (Juan Tamariz) in which shuffled cards kept returning to their original order. **Blake Silvernail** performed a card force in which the cards are dealt into the shape of a clock. **Brian McElvain** performed a card location. **Mike Melito** showed us a bell that could be made to ring or not ring at will. **Jason Dean** had a spectator cut the cards into four piles, and then count down to the aces based on the value of the top card (i.e., if she cut to a three, the ace would be three cards down). **Dale Huffman** also did a four-ace cut and an ESP effect. Mentalist **Marty Isenberg** performed a billet-reading routine.

There was enough magic in the air to carry over to the following Saturday, when our Jayhawks beat Nebraska in football for the first time in thirty-six years.

--Stu Lewis, ring reporter