



Heart of the RING

“Quality Ring Award Winner “

March 2006 Newsletter

Regular Meeting

Mar 2——7 PM
Best Western

Magic Auction

Mar 11—— 2 PM
RPCC

Board Meeting

Mar 16—— 7 PM
Denny's Restaurant
9001 Shawnee Mission Pkwy

Mark Wilson Lecture

Mar 29——7 PM
US Toy Magic

NEXT MEETING

Mar 2, 2006 7:00 P. M.

Best Western
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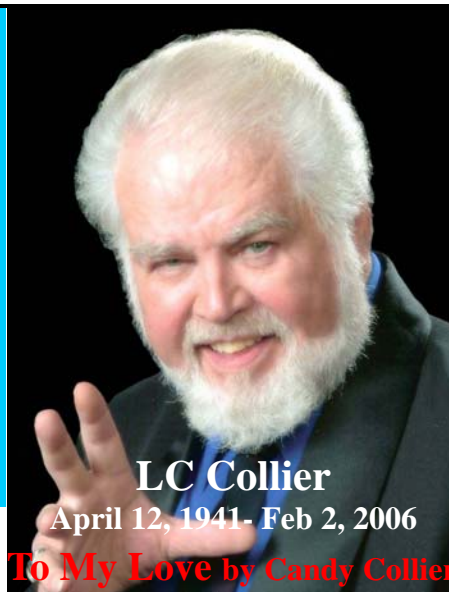
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L.C. is what we called you - People knew you everywhere - because your spirit was so bright - You took the time the care. Your talent was amazing and the magic that you shared, came from your heart and you performed with such great flair.

Not many become famous but you truly were a star. That hardy laugh you had, could be heard from near and far. You spread love and joy to everyone - a stranger you never knew. I guess that's why God made only one like you.

The pedestal you put me on made me touch the sky. The love you gave to me, I'll cherish 'til the day I die. Someday we will meet again, though I don't know when. You made the world a better place for all of us to live in.

It's odd but we're even - I just don't understand. How this all worked out, just as you had planned. You said, "I hope that I go first, because I couldn't live without you." But now that you have left me I don't know what I'm to do.

I hope you understood how much I truly loved you. L.C. You answered Heaven's call to perform on the biggest stage of all and God told you it was time to go and with that great big grin you were so proud to step in because you knew God was sitting on the first row!.

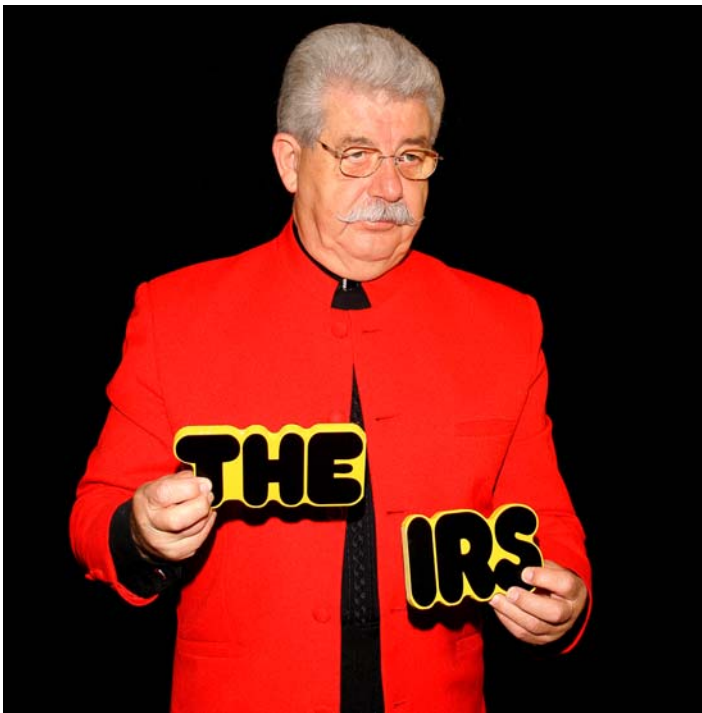
You took your final bow on the grandest stage by far,
And God told all who witnessed "That's L.C. -
My Favorite Star!"



Stage Magician of The Year Competition 2006

By Alan Goodheart

This was a great year for magic in Ring 129, and it showed in this year's competition for Stage Magician of the Year. H. Claude Enslow, the Ring member for whom this wonderful event was so named, would have been proud! There was no disappointment at all for those in attendance. The competition was fierce, and judging the winner was difficult at best. But as in years past, there came a clear leader in the name of our own **Terry Elton**, this year's **Stage Magician of the Year**. You can tell Terry brought his "A" material ready to WOW the audience. There are few that perform the Multiplying Bottles as well as he does. And he finished his routine with his own creation of what he calls "Something, Nothing, and More" to ruckus laughter from the audience. Congratulations, Terry!



Terry Elton

2006 Stage Magician of the Year
(Coincidence? I think not!!)

Mr. Elton was not the only magician that performed for the contest – there were eight others – (in no particular order) – **Marty Isenberg, Steve Steiner, L. C. Collier, Terry Elton, Barron Stringfellow, Blake Silvernail, and Kyle Scheel**. (Those not participating that did qualify were **Joe White, Mark Myers, and Harris Deutsch**). Besides Terry Elton's grand

performance, we had a top notch performances by the First Runner-up Steve Steiner, and our Second Runner-up was L. C. Collier.

Special thanks go out to many others that helped make this event such a success. The banquet committee consisted of **Alan Goodheart, Chuck Macan, Dan Bradbury, and Julia Clark**. Thanks to all of them for the long hours they spent coordinating this evening. **Duane Fields** did a stellar job of being the Master of Ceremonies, **Mike Blum** chaired the judges committee and coordinated them, **Eric Woods** and **Eric Braun** worked as a stage grip and curtain respectively, **Carl Macan, Athena Stringfellow, and Dale Huffman** handled the door responsibilities, **Terry Magelssen** of *Amazing Productions* made the lights and sound of the evening better than ever and made the performers look fantastic, **Peggy Adams** and **Janie Fields** made the tables outstanding with their decorating flair, **Kirk Dewese** assisted the performers backstage, and **Bruce Goodheart** worked the spotlight.

Thanks to all those that performed and helped make this evening at Roeland Park Community Center one to remember for a long, long time.

Jason Dean will present a Teach-a-Trick at the March meeting. I am sure you will not want to miss out on what he has in store for us, so make plans to attend this meeting.

Don't forget about the
Ring Auction
March 11, 2006 starting
at 5:30 P.M. There is a
need for auctioneers, if
interested contact
Kirk Dewese or Alan
Goodheart.



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 Phone: 816-304-5934
 Item for Sale: 100+ count of rubber bands for Folding/Flipper coins and any thing else that uses small bands. \$2 a baggie - CoreyHarris1982@yahoo.com

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 121 West 8th Street
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 Item for Sale: WANTED...Phantom Tube - Metal - 24" Long and 10" in diameter....or as close to these measurements as possible!

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 Contact Kirk Dewese**

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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.

YOUNG MEMBER PROGRAM

We are getting ready to implement the Ring 129 Young Member Program. This exciting new program will be open to any member, 12 years old through 16 years old, who wishes to learn about and practice our beloved art of magic. The only cost to the student will be the magic supplies needed for the program.

The program will begin teaching our young members the basics of all facets of magic and allow the student to move on to higher skill levels, while attaining awards in the process. We will also bring in valued guest speakers who will pass on their experience and, in the process, give back to the magic community. Our goal is to turn out magicians who perform well and fully understand the art.

We are presently looking for a suitable (centrally located) public facility in which to have our monthly meetings. The meetings will be one hour long and will be held on a Wednesday evening, every month.

Eric Woods and Jason Dean have agreed to chair this worthy effort and would like to see all of our magic community become involved. The program has been written and is easy to implement. With lesson plans already typed and a curriculum in place, anyone will be able to teach under this system. If you would like to become a part of this valuable group, as an instructor or as a student, please contact Eric Woods at 913 709-1606 or email him at ewoods20@hotmail.com.

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Magician of the Month Winners

Stage		Close-Up	
01/06	Roger Miller	Barron Stringfellow	
02/06	Barron Stringfellow	Harris Duetsch	
03/06	_____	_____	
04/06	_____	_____	
05/06	_____	_____	
06/06	_____	_____	
Stage		Close-Up	
07/06	_____	_____	
08/05	_____	Laird Wilcox	
09/05	_____	Mike Melito	
10/05	_____	Blake Silvernail	
11/05	_____	Chuck Macan	
12/05	_____	Eric Woods	

RING REPORT

By Stu Lewis

Tragedy struck Ring 129 twice in the past month. First came the death of long-time member Dave Buttram on January 24. He was a former ring president and territorial vice president, and was responsible for much of our ring's present structure, including the monthly contests, the banquet contest, and the Sorcerers Circle, our ring's honor society. As a performer, he is best remembered for his droll sense of humor, as in a classic routine in which he used a hacksaw and a blowtorch to effect a ring-on-string penetration. Though a combination of declining health and business obligations had caused him to become less active in the ring in recent years, he is still remembered fondly by the ring's old-timers.

On February 2 we received a bigger shock, with the sudden death of our newly installed ring president L.C. Collier, less than a week after he had placed third in our Stage Magician of the Year contest. L. C. was a full-timer performing professional, but was never too busy to be a part of the magic fraternity as well. He enjoyed attending conventions, where he frequently placed first in the competitions, and he had won the Enslow award as Ring 129's stage magician of the year five times. He had also held numerous positions on the ring board, including one previous term as president.

L. C.'s funeral, attended by a several ring members and former members, was truly a celebration of his life. Mark Tams, Terry Elton, Rod Sipe, and Duane Fields all spoke at the funeral, sharing recollections of a man who was a friend to the entire magic fraternity. More than one person could recall post-meeting conversations that lasted literally until sunrise. David Williams performed the Broken Wand ceremony. Through a hastily prepared video presentation, L. C. even got to "perform" at this own funeral. Tears were mixed with laughter as we watched his award-winning comedy magic routine.

Life nevertheless goes on. We have submitted a separate report of our banquet show, so I'll just mention it briefly here. Terry Elton took first place with his "Nothing, Something, and More" routine. Steve Steiner, helped by his mischievous assistant Crystal Clayton, took second with an act reminiscent of the Thomsonis. As mentioned earlier, L. C. with his silent act, took third. Other competitors were Marty Isenberg, Barron Stringfellow, Kyle Scheel, and Blake Silvernail. Duane Fields served as master of ceremonies.

At the February meeting Harris Deutsch took the close-up contest with some torn-and-restored dental floss. Paul Brune did some card routines, including one where the

name of the force card could be seen on the back of his hand. Barron Stringfellow used an innovative approach to the Invisible Deck to win the stage contest, over Steve Steiner's rope magic. In the open division, Stu Lewis gave a tribute to our departed members, doing a ring-on-rope with a ring he had purchased from L.C. and teaming with Duane Fields to recreate Dave Buttram's comedy two-person mental act ("Comb through your imagination to tell me what object I am holding"). Daniel Jackson, Duane Fields, Harris Deutsch, Dale Huffman, and Eric Woods also performed.

We've had two lectures of note since our last report: Eric Evans, with some tips on street magic and walk-around, and Eugene Burger on close-up. The latter's focus was not on sleights but on presentation tips that could make a self-worker into a piece of theatre. Both are highly recommended.

--Stu Lewis, ring reporter



Feb. Magician of the Month

Close-Up Winner
Harris Deutsch
(Pictured above)

Stage Winner
Barron Stringfellow
(pictured on Right)



MAGIC AID 2006

There is great hope for the future of the Art of Magic. The young magicians that performed at the US Toy sponsored Magic Aid presented new and fresh ideas. Each of the performers deserve more accolades than this brief article can convey; so for now enjoy the photo's below and stay tuned for a proper article in the near future...



Blake Silvernail
First Place

Clayton Clark
Second Place





Reynolds' Remarks

How To Develop A Go Anywhere Routine

By Quentin Reynolds

As a new contributor let me introduce myself and tell you a little bit about me. If I'm bold enough to expect you to read my articles, I'd like you to know where I'm coming from.

My interest in magic started at the age of six when I saw Irish magician Albert LeBas perform at a birthday party. The only trick I can recall him doing was Harry Leat's, 'The House That Jack Built', a production prop based on the Japanese Handkerchief box.

Aged 10 I saw a classified ad in The Hotspur comic for Eddie Burke's Magictrix House of Magic. The day the lists arrived was the day the bug bit really deep and it has been that way ever since.

A couple of years later I met Dick Richards from Cardiff who was the children's entertainer at Butlin's Holiday camp in Ireland. He put me in touch with the Supreme Magic Company and Abracadabra magazine.

Edwin from Supreme sent me a couple of big catalogues. Wow! I devoured them all. When I later joined the Society of Irish Magicians, I must have thoroughly irritated the auctioneers at the annual auction, for I was able to describe with current prices all the items from Supreme that came up in the lots.

My next major contact was with Eric Sharp from South Wales who taught me the finer art of entertaining children and for the next twenty-five years that was my sole source of income.

In the 1990's I started to develop an adult act and get into the world of professional speaking.

If I have achieved any recognition in the magic world it is probably through the DVD "Five Minutes With A Pocket Handkerchief", distributed by Meir Yedid. Your only prop is a man's pocket handkerchief which goes through a series of adventures before evolving into the animated mouse.

The routine is based on bits of business that are already in the magical literature. What I'd like to suggest to you here is that you go and create a similar routine for yourself. Not necessarily with a handkerchief - it could be with anything at all.

Dennis Loomis has a DVD with a routine simply based on tying knots in a rope. Meir Yedid built an act on using his fingers. Pretty much all the material both used was already in print. All they did was routine the individual bits into a coherent and entertaining routine.

So how are you going to create your own routine?

Magic books, DVDs and magazines are full of impromptu bits of business and effects. You must already be familiar with a lot of them, tucked away in the back of your mind. Pick a theme for your routine. Meir was fingers, mine was a handkerchief. Make a note of all the gags, tricks, business that you can think of. Ask magical friends for input.

Do your research. The older books and magazines are a goldmine of untapped treasures. Books written for beginners are an equally rich source. Don't overlook Martin Gardner's 'Encyclopaedia of Impromptu Magic' and George Blake's 'Forgotten Magic'.

Soon you will have more material than you can use and you have two problems. What to leave out and how to routine it. My best suggestion is put together what you think feels best, try it out on audiences and let their reaction be your guide.

If you are looking for a ready made routine look at the Arms and Hands routine in JG Thompson's 'MY BEST'. Add a few similar ideas from the Gardner book and you will have a top class routine you can perform anywhere.

Here's the real secret of building such a routine. Any of the bits can be amusing and entertaining on their own but it is the compounding effect of relatively minor effects that creates the impression on the audience.

So get out those books, do your research and I look forward to you showing me the routine that this article inspired you to develop.

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magician and speaker.

You can read about one of his programs at
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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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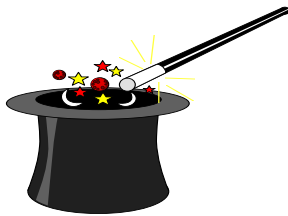
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RING 129 AGENDA

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 ??	Ring Picnic
Jul 29	Close-up Magician of the Year
Aug ??	Roast
Sep ??	Fun Magic Day
Oct 13	Halloween Show (RPCC.)*
Nov ??	Magic University 103
Nov ??	Magic Swap & Shop
Dec ??	Holiday Party

*Roland Park Community Center

4850 Rosewood Drive
Mission, KS 66205

Tentative Lecture Schedule

Mark Wilson

March 29 7 PM

Barry Richardson

April 22 7 PM

Daryl

April 27 7 PM

Martin Nash

April 30 7 PM

Paul Stone

May 6 7 PM

Pavel

May 19 7 PM

All lectures held at:

US Toy Magic

2008 W. 103rd Terr.
Leawood, KS 66206

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