



MAGIC NEWS

HEART OF THE RING

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

Upcoming Events

October 3, 2002

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

NEW LOCATION!!

Best Western Inn and
Conference Center
501 Southwest Blvd.
Kansas City, KS
(See article at right)

October 9 – 12, 2002

Workshop Reunion; Ramada

Inn; St. Joseph, MO

(See related article)

October 17, 2002

Board Meeting

At

Mag Supply Co., 40 Highway and
Walnut, Blue Springs, MO

November 7, 2002

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

At Best Western Inn
and Conference Center,
Southwest Blvd. At Rainbow

November 21, 2002

Board Meeting 7:00 PM

To be announced

January 24, 2003

Sorcerer's Circle Event

To Be Announced

January 25th, 2003

Stage Magician of the Year

Banquet

Roeland Park Community Center
Mark your calendar!!

New Location Awaits



Best Western Conference Center A Great Change For Ring

One thing is for sure – change is constant. This can be seen all too well with the excitement of Ring 129's new meeting location at the Best Western Inn and Conference Center located at 501 Southwest Blvd. in Kansas City, KS. This is on the SW corner of Southwest Blvd. and Rainbow Blvd. You can easily access this from I-35 North or South at Exit #234– Rainbow Blvd. Exit the highway, and go south about two blocks. It is at the stoplight next to Applebee's Restaurant. Meetings begin at 7:00 PM SHARP in the Village Hall, Room D. So come early and gather at Applebee's before the meeting, or stay late and toss one back and share some magic. Be sure to make our inaugural meeting of many to come. See you there!!

Can you feel all the enthusiasm among our members as we end this year and get ready for the next? New meeting place, the Reunion Workshop, lectures, and the International Convention here in Kansas City in 2003. What a great time to show our Ring to prospective new members. So, for the next three months, we are prorating our regular membership fees. This makes it a perfect chance to bring someone to a meeting and add new members to our club. Let's all try and bring in some fresh, new, enthusiastic faces!

Unusual? Bizarre? Freaky? Scary? That's What We Want To See At This Month's Meet- ing

Attention all members – new and old, short and tall, male and female. Do you have Magic that is spooky, scary, filled with horror, madness, eerie effects, or just plain fun, then this is your time to shine. Let's try to have a fun night of magical bewitching Halloween style tricks and illusions at our meeting. What a great way to kick off our new meeting venue and exchange ideas to make *our* time – Halloween – one of the best ever! Let's bring our creepy, wiggly, slimy things and shock the pumpkin out of us all!



President's Column
By
Mike Blum

The month of September has been an very introspective one for me and for most people. We can all remember where we were last year September 11th. Many

of us have changed the way we do things in our lives. I think the most important question we all ask ourselves is what is happening in America. Things seem to be changing. It is not easy to get around the country any more. We must plan ahead and make many contingency plans in case of a change. Planning is very important. Our club has a board who spend hours planning events and functions to benefit the club. There is also a very large group of people, not on the board, who similarly devote a significant amount of time to help with club ideas and events. Everyone in the club is a valuable asset. Why? If you are not on the performing end, perhaps you are on the watching end (the audience) or perhaps the set up end or perhaps the clean up end. My point? We need everyone in the club to do something. Anything!

During the last several weeks I have watched several magicians perform. They planned. They presented. Sometimes they had to ad lib and make a lateral move to 'cover-up' a mistake in the performance. They had practice enough to be able to make their presentation most enjoyable. During the next several months, please come to club meetings. Perform. Socialize. Be an audience. Be a critic to a fellow club member's performance. Bring a friend to join the club. We are doing very well. It is fun being a member of Ring 129.

SORCERER'S CIRCLE POINTS SHEETS
The time is NOW! You should be keeping track of your **Sorcerer's Circle** points on our helpful points sheet available on-line at www.ring129.com, or if you do not have internet access, please see a board member to get a copy. Find it in your Magic souls to better yourself and your Ring by working hard and becoming a member of **The Sorcerer's Circle**.

LAST CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE!
THE WORKSHOP REUNION
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY
OCTOBER 9, 10, 11 & 12, 2002
The WORKSHOP Reunion, now expanded to three full days plus one evening, will be held October 9, 10, 11 & 12, 2002 at the Ramada Inn in St. Joseph, Missouri
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<http://www.ring129.com>

Magician of the Month

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Stage
Brent Ahsmuhs

Close-up
Jason Dean

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Board Nominations This Month

Last month at our regular meeting we appointed by vote this year's committee to nominate next year's Ring 129 Board of Directors. The nominating committee consists of Terry Elton, Tim Zagar, and Jay Godwin. They have met several weeks ago, and will bring their recommendations to this month's meeting. All regular and associate members of Ring 129 of the IBM are eligible to be nominated. Along with the committee's list, we will open nominations from the floor at this meeting as well. Then, in November, we vote. Any nominees that are not elected have an opportunity to have their name re-submitted in the running for another open office. Then at the Stage Magician of the Year Banquet in January 2003 the new Board will be installed. So make your way to our meeting and volunteer your service to the Club, or support your fellow Ring members as our new regime takes shape.

A Letter From The Editor

By Alan Goodheart

What a wonderful time of year! The leaves are ready to change, high school, college and Pro football are beginning. Kids are back in school. You can feel the Holidays fast approaching. It's a great time of year.

This means that from Ring 129's perspective, it's time to be thinking who we want to serve on our Board. With the 2003 International IBM Convention just 10 months away, it makes you think who you want representing our Ring, and who you feel will energize us to join together for this great year. For it will take true leaders – movers and shakers – to get us through this next 15 months.

It seems as though too few care to get involved. Truthfully, it is not as bad as you may imagine. For if we each did just a little, the results may surprise you.

Here is my hope and desire – to get some of our new members involved on the Board or committees, but, and this is so crucial, we must have some of the long, established members that have not been involved for years, to step up and give us your support now when we need it most. Consider serving your Ring once again, and bring the exciting spirit that we have going to a higher level. We need your knowledge, input, enthusiasm, and ideas. Choose wisely. Let's create the best leadership we can, and make the 2003 Board one to remember!

Go to www.ring129.com

Tablesides Tales

by Todd Lamanske

I love to hear funny or once-in-a-lifetime stories that have actually happened to magicians. Here is a great one from my friend Ed Iooore. Ed is a lawyer and also a great magician from Raytown, MO. He has filled in for me at Rembrandt's about million times and this is a cool story that happened to him.

Ed had finished his 2 hours of Close-Up at Rembrandt's and was getting paid by the hostess. Now, I should tell you that, when you work at a restaurant, often times one of the employees wants you to show them a trick. And very often, they expect it every week. So anyway, as he's getting paid, the hostess says "You have to show me a trick before I will pay you". Ed of course says "O.K.". He asked her for a dollar and he then performed the Mis-made Bill using the 100.00 bill switch that is credited to Mike

HOPPING TABLES:

The Art and Science of Restaurant Magic

A SERIES OF SIX ESSAYS BY KEITH LEFF

Article Three: On Demonstration Night

Tell everyone you know about your performance. Invite everyone, especially past, future and potential clients who may book you, even people you don't know.

WRITE A PRESS RELEASE WITH A PHOTO AND 3 SHORT PARAGRAPHS. Request that people coming to see you ask for you when they are seated at their table.

Tell the management to mention to the wait staff and everyone else working in the restaurant, that a magician will be there to entertain the guests that evening. Make sure everyone will know in advance of your performance that evening before your arrival, that way the wait staff can also recommend you to their tables.

Go in several days before you are scheduled to perform for a meal to meet the other employees and introduce yourself some more. Also check out the restaurant in action, and get a feel for it. Absorb the atmosphere. Bring a quick trick or two.

Opening Night

Arrive 15 minutes early, let the manager on duty know you've arrived and introduce yourself to the host or hostess if there is one.

Stay tuned next month for Article Four: Approaching the Table

If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Magically yours,
Keith Leff

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If you have changed your address, phone number, or e-mail in the last several months, please contact Carl Macan at 913-648-1465 or

Kozlowski among others.

If you are unaware of this trick, it is a dollar bill that is printed off-center. That is to say, it looks like you cut a bill into quarters and glued it back together with the outer edges on the inside. It is a very interesting looking bill. Their dollar is switched for the Mis-made Dollar with a Thumb-Tip. It looks great.

Ed buys sheets of un-cut one-dollar bills from the Bureau of Engraving and cuts the Mis-made bills himself. Because of the low cost of doing this, he is able to give the Mis-made bills away on special occasions. And that's what he did. After he changed her dollar to the Mis-made dollar, he asked her if she wanted him to change it back or if she wanted to keep it. She wanted to keep it. It is a very cool, lingering miracle.

Fast-forward about three months. Ed is filling in for me again at Rembrandt's and has just finished for the night. The same hostess says "You have to show me a trick

but I want you to do the trick I want to see". Ed agrees. She then brings out the Mis-made bill from months before and says, "Change it back".

This could be a very sticky situation. However, on this particular night, the magic gods were smiling on Ed. As I mentioned, sometimes Ed will give the Mis-made bill to the spectator, which leaves him with a real dollar-bill in his Thumb-Tip. As luck would have it, Ed performed this trick at the last table he worked, and he gave them the Mis-made bill. So, you guessed it; he is set up for an absolute miracle.

After milking the situation, like he wasn't sure if he could actually do what she wanted, he then did the bill switch, turning the Mis-made bill into (apparently) her dollar from months before. She was converted from a magic fan to a magic worshiper right there on the spot. Needless to say, challenging situations like this don't come along every day and when something like this happens

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!

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and Rainbow Blvd.
(See front page article
for exact directions)

Ring 129

Lecture Fees

Unless listed otherwise,
are as follows:

Non-Members \$15

Members in good standing \$12

Sorcerer's Circle Members \$10

Close-up Winner Jason Dean



What can you say about this month's close-up winner, Jason Dean, other than if you see Jason perform, it will be a while before you forget him and his magic. Jason loves to perform at any chance he gets. He likes being in front of large groups of people, but he shines with just several gathered around. Brent travels many miles to participate in our IBM Ring, and has regular events and restaurants that he performs at. What we should take the best example from Jason is his eager readiness not only to show off his magical prowess, but to take the time to give his critique and skill to try and improve others magic. This is something special we should all strive to become – be that person that gives just a little extra to the love of your hobby or profession. Good luck to Jason in his magic endeavors, as well as the Close-up contest next year.

Stage Winner Brent Ahsmuhs



We all enjoy Brent Ahsmuh's style of magic. Many of our Ring's members continue to amaze us. Brent is no exception. We all know it takes a dedicated person to arrive at the level of expertise we have. Brent began his interest in magic with a friend with a visit to the library, checking out books on the subject, and then helping each other hone their moves. Brent recalls making a glass vanish from behind a menu. He was taken back by that accomplishment. He likes doing all kinds of magic, but that special sensation when you have your audience "with you" in a show, letting them enjoy themselves, and perhaps learning something worthwhile. We asked Brett the "tree" question, and he chose "oak". It's in no hurry, it does its job well, it lasts a long time, and it helps others about as much as any tree. Brent is a member of both the IBM and SAM, and performs at many types of places and venues. We all wish you good luck if you choose to take part in the Magician of the Year contest.

