



HEART OF THE RING

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

Upcoming Events

October 4, 2001

Regular Meeting 7:00 pm
Holiday Inn
95th and I-35
Lenexa , KS

Board Meeting

7:00 pm

October 18, 2001

Magic Supply Company
632 Walnut.
Blue Springs, MO
(816) 224-5000

Call before showing up this meeting may be cancelled

November 1, 2001

Regular Meeting 7:00 pm
Holiday Inn
95th and I-35
Lenexa , KS

Howard Hale Lecture

Thursday November 15, 2001
7:00 pm
Holiday Inn
95th and I-35
Lenexa , KS

Ring 129 Lectures Fees

Unless listed otherwise,
are as follows

Non-Members \$15

Members in good standing \$12
Sorcerer's Circle Members \$10

Howard Hale Lecture

Coming to a Holiday Inn near you, its Howard Hale presenting his lecture on the principles of performance and entertainment. Tom Vorjohan of the *Linking Ring* says, "Wow! A lecture without any tricks in an effort to teach performers showmanship, routining and misdirection." "What a great concept, and what a powerful lecture".

This promises to be one lecture you won't want to miss, learn simple steps to routine a great act. See how misdirection really works and why. Learn how to perform your current tricks better. Howard Hale, November 15, 2001 at 7:00 pm.

The second half of this lecture, Howard will also be demonstrating the **Woodmagic Studio** line of quality magic tricks. **Woodmagic** offers handmade, first class, professional magic equipment for the discerning magician. Made from the finest materials, no two are ever alike; offering both old time standard magic effects and many original ideas. **Woodmagic** has been chosen as the official magic wand maker of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

Once again Thursday, November 15 at 7:00 pm at the Holiday Inn 95th and I-35, be there early to get your seats before they fill up.

FREE LECTURE !!!

We are excited to offer all current club members an opportunity to get into the Howard Hale lecture for free. If you pay your year 2002 dues before the end of the November meeting, you get into the lecture at no cost to you. This is what you need to do: At the meeting in October or November,

- Fill out a membership update form. (Available at the meeting)
- Bring a check for \$20 (payable to Ring 129). If you cannot attend either of the club meetings, mail your check to our treasurer, David Sandy (3604 Emerald Lane, St Joseph, MO 64506), Before the November meeting.
- Bring your IBM membership number to include on the membership update form. All members of Ring 129 must be members of our International organization (IBM). If you are not a member, we will have forms available at both meetings. You can bring a check for the IBM too.
- We would like to know if you are coming to the lecture, so we have adequate seating.
- Former members and new members (not currently on our roster) are not eligible for the free admission

We look forward to seeing you at the meetings in October and November and the Howard Hale lecture.

Doc Blum



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By
MIKE BLUM

I don't think I can remember watching so much television as I have in the last several weeks. The information about our Nation's tragedy has really made a big impact on me and many of my friends.

It appears that that since I have been president of Ring 129, my attention has shifted somewhat from watching and performing magic to that of members and club issues. The last several weeks have made me realize the importance of belonging to organizations. While I have medical skills that could have been of some value in New York, Pennsylvania or Washington, the real heroes are the everyday citizens who lent a hand, hugged a stranger or sent money to the Red Cross for relief efforts.

Okay Blum, you are getting soft on us, get back to magic! Well here it goes!

When I watched the fireman's groups, the police organizations or the New Yorkers come together to aid the "fellow" members of their organizations, I remember my years in our club and the same friendship and aid demonstrated by many of our members. Some of our members are in the loop and know about the illnesses or injuries of not only our local club, but also magicians across the country. At our last board meeting, I was told of a member who would shortly be having some surgery. Without any prompting, one board member said, I will find out more and sent a card. Another asked when and where the surgery would take place.

During this last year, our club has witnessed illness and death of our members. Many of the members have leaped forward to donate aid or offer condolences for the survivors or help for the family.

Ring 129 has always been a caring group of members. We may not have the organizational clout like the fraternal order of fireman or policeman, but we do possess a powerful message of healing in the time of crisis or need. I have seen members give hugs, send get well cards, condolence cards, donate money to needy members...this is good!

I need your help. The last several weeks have really made me understand the importance of friendship and "fellowship" that our club has to offer. I will make every effort to keep the membership abreast of our members in need of hugs, cards, condolences, etc.

I need you to forward to me the situations where our members can help each other. Call me or email any of these situations. Don't let the tragedies get you down! Call a member, even if you don't think you know them to offer your help. Send a card to cheer someone up. Say hello to each and every person you do not know at meetings and lectures. Let every member and their families know you care.

Ring 129 Officers

- President:** Dr. Mike Blum.....(913) 383-2586
- Past Pres:** Jay Godwin.....(913) 385-0845
- Vice Pres:** Kirk Deweese(816) 224-5000
- Secretary:** Alan Goodheart.....(913) 648-0331
- Treasurer:** David Sandy.....(816) 233-4177
- Sgt. At Arms:** Keith Leff.....(913) 631-0133
- Board Member:** Matt Gurley.....(913) 422-3596
- Board Member:** Rod Sipe.....(816) 461-3330
- Board Member:** Danny Mahar.....(816) 923-4788

Newsletter Editor

Matt Gurley
421 Twist Dr
Bonner Springs, KS 66012
mattgrly@att.net
(913) 422-3596

The Heart of the Ring is published monthly as a service to members IBM Ring 129. Views and comments do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Ring 129 officers, the IBM, or the editor. Articles must be the editors office by the 20th of the month. Members are encouraged to submit articles and comments for publishing.

Ring 129 Website

<http://www.ring129.com>

**Magician of the Month
Winners**

September

Stage
Israel Rivera

Close-up
John Hicks

Contest Update

Don't forget, by participating during our meetings in the contests or teach a trick you are entered into a drawing to be held at the 2002 Col. Boone Close-up Contest and Banquet for registration to the Workshop Reunion to be held in October 2002.

But wait there's more, a second drawing will be held at 2003 Col. Boone Close-up Contest and Banquet for registration to the I.B.M. Convention to be held in Kansas City in July of 2003.

The more you participate the more times you are entered, so sign up for something now.



From the Editor

Here is something I learned just this last week, the word prestigious has its roots in something a lot different than the meaning we have for it today. In today's world it is good to be prestigious which means being important, of high status, celebrated, or esteemed.

Why does this really matter??? I'm getting to that. Did you know the word "prestigious" has its roots in magic. It's based on the word "prestige" which is from the French (is this starting to look familiar yet?). It's also where the word prestidigitation comes from. My point, "prestigious" originally meant "to trick or fool by juggling" (that's the old way to say magic). When I heard that I was in the car and I laughed so hard, who would have thought so many people would want to be prestigious. If only they knew the truth about this word.

What's this have to do with anything of importance?? Nothing, just thought I'd throw out an interesting tidbit for you to munch on until our next meeting. What do words mean to you? Are they the focus of your routine or is it just something to fill time while your doing the moves? Think about it.

On a sadder note, I have requested to the Board that we find someone else to take over this newsletter. I have thought about this for several months, and I told the board at our last meeting that I wanted to "retire" from the publishing world. I have never been one to express myself fully, and to be honest it's been hard at times, because I had to come up with so much material myself. Not to say I didn't have help from time to time, some of the contributors over the last year have been David Sandy, Rod Sipe, Jay Godwin (when he could remember), and our ever timely Dr. Blum.

Over the last year Dr. Blum and the rest of the board have made valiant efforts to come up with ideas that would keep the newsletter fresh and interesting to our members, together we have brought you the "Contest Winners" section on the back page. With the help of Kirk Dewese and KCmicro.com, the newsletter is now available in color on-line, so you don't have

to wait for the postal service, and some things that are still in the works.

I would like to thank you, the members of Ring 129, for giving me the opportunity to serve our club, and I look forward to what the next editor will bring to this position.

So what does it take to be an editor. Well for starters a computer with internet access is a major plus (if your not yet hooked up Kirk has a deal for you), some sort of word processing program, and about eight hours of time (total) to devote to the writing, printing, folding, labeling, stamping and mailing of this newsletter. Plus the time to attend the board meetings, most of the regular meetings, and the extra functions as they come up.

So who is going to step up to the task. Is it going to be you?

Matt Gurley

Sorcerers Circle Points Update

Sorcerer's Circle Points are due at the December meeting. Enclosed in last months issue you found the form to track your points (it is also be online). This is not an exclusive list, if you feel you have done something to further Ring 129 and magic in Kansas City, please notate it when you turn your list into one of the Sorcerers Circle Committee Members at the December Meeting.

Recruit a New Member

We need your help. Since our International convention will be here soon, we would like to have more members in our Ring. If all members would try to recruit a new member this will enhance the opportunity to watch our club grow.

The board has okayed the following incentive: If a new member joins our local ring 129 and the IBM, that person will get reduced entry into the Howard Hale lecture by 50%! The member who recruits the new member will get Sorcerer's circle points if that person comes to the meeting as a guest and when the person joins the club. The opportunity ends by the end of the November club meeting. This is a win-win opportunity! Call someone to join today.

Ring 129 Newsletter Editor
421 Twist Dr
Bonner Springs, KS 66012

Stage Winner Israel Rivera



Israel first became inspired to magic in his hometown of New York City where he saw a magician vanish a handkerchief in his bare hands. Israel says he prefers stage to close-up because he likes to perform for larger crowds. His heroes include Lance Burton, Jeff

McBride, and Gene Hernandez.

He performs regularly as the “Magic of Enigma” in Cass county schools and libraries where he hopes to someday become famous enough to perform on one of the “Worlds Greatest Magic” specials.

Israel is a recently new member of the I.B.M. and Ring 129. He is also a member of the United States Marine Corps.

Close-up Winner John Hicks



John prefers close-up to stage because as he put it, “I think it’s less expensive and, if you’re into cards as I am, you can do many things impromptu with just a deck of cards.” He says he really looks up to Bob Goodin because of his “ability, dedication, and passion for card magic.

John says he doesn’t have any regular gigs, but he does try to perform as much as possible for his family and friends, and on occasion at some American Legion functions.

If called to perform for the president he would like to perform “Out-of-This-World”, “It’s a world-class card effect”.

He would like to one day perform at the world famous Magic Castle in Hollywood , CA.

John is currently a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and Ring 129.