



MAGIC NEWS

HEART OF THE RING

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

Upcoming Events

November 1, 2001

Regular Meeting 7:00 pm

Holiday Inn

95th and I-35

Lenexa, KS

Board Meeting

Date and Location

To Be Announced

Howard Hale Lecture

Thursday November 15, 2001

7:00 pm

Holiday Inn

95th and I-35

Lenexa, KS

December 6, 2001

Regular Meeting 7:00 pm

Holiday Inn

95th and I-35

Lenexa, KS

Important Dates

To Remember:

Veteran's Day 11/11

"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" Movie Release

Ring 129 Lectures Fees

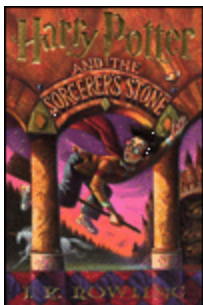
Unless listed otherwise, are as follows

Non-Members \$15

Members in good standing \$12

Sorcerer's Circle Members \$10

THE MAGIC WORLD PREPARES FOR THE ADVENTURE OF "HARRY POTTER"



If you haven't heard his name yet, you will know it soon.

The movie "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone", based upon the first book in the popular series of children's books by J.K. Rowling, stars Daniel Radcliffe as "Harry". It is due to be released across the US on **November 16th** in 4000 theatres – a new US record – and will have its World Premiere in London, England on November 4th.

The premise behind the story is that Harry Potter has spent the first ten years of his life living under the stairs in the house of his aunt and uncle, who generally dislike him. Then, one day, a giant comes to him with an invitation to study at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Harry soon discovers that there are two worlds: one is the dreary world of the Muggles where he's grown up, and the other is one of magic and fantasy, and it's the latter in which he's destined to live.

What we, as Magicians, can do is to try and capitalize on the attention centered on this release. This series of books has returned children back to reading, and having them

Hale To Storm Into Kansas City

*Get ready Ring 129! Be sure to attend the lecture given by **Howard Hale** on **Thursday, November 15th** at the Holiday Inn at 95th and I-35 at 7:00 p.m.*

Whether you are a beginner, amateur, or a pro, you don't want to miss hearing Howard's presentation on Magic's principles of performance and entertainment. You will see how misdirection really works, and why, and learn to perform your current tricks better.

*He will also demonstrate the **Woodmagic Studio** line of quality magic. These are hand-made professional equipment made from the finest materials, and used in old time standard effects as well as other original ideas.*

*Check Page 3 to see how you can attend Hale's lecture for **FREE!!***

"Harry Potter" themes in some of your Magic, but also to try and peak their interest in becoming a "Harry Potter" themselves by joining our Ring, and participating in learning a great hobby. By beginning now, we can start to formulate what should be a long term commitment to the Adventures in Magic that Harry Potter brings to the series of movies that are planned to come out after this first release.

You can get all the latest information on the movie, the characters, the new posters and books, and related promotions by going to www.harrypotter.com, the official Warner Bros. Web

Quote of the Month

I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has had to overcome while trying to succeed.

** Booker T. Washington*



President's Column By Mike Blum

I went to Chicago for a wedding recently. Expecting a major hassle traveling by air, I was pleasantly surprised. We flew the Southwest Airlines "hurry up and get loaded" airlines. The major issues were lines to check identification. The itinerary and your government-issued ID were checked at least four or five times before you were able to sit down in your seats. There is no quick way to fly anymore, lotsa waiting in lines and showing your identification.

It was interesting to observe how most people were adjusting well to the safety inconveniences. Most of the travelers were not pushy and were talkative as we waited in the lines. The security people were not afraid to smile or say something friendly to you. The airline personnel were having to do a lot more work, but were extremely accommodating and helpful. Their workload has certainly increased.

My almost completed year as president of Ring 129 has been an eventful one. I have learned a lot from many of the members and especially from the board members. Each year the president has had the advantage of building from past boards and membership. Elections this month continue to provide the club with new leadership and enthusiasm to head the club into the year 2002. Thanks to all who have contributed to the selection process. We have a volunteer, fun, multi-talented (amateur, semi and very professional) group of members. We are trying to meet the needs of all the levels of members.

My impression this year of the membership is very positive. Most everyone seems to be trying to help the club and their fellow member. Just like the airline and security personnel, struggling to accommodate all levels of travelers, e.g. business traveler, weekend vacationer or old men (sorry Roger!) to their destinations, I am ex-

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Ring 129 Website

<http://www.ring129.com>

Magician of the Month

October

Stage

Matt Gurley

Close-up

Larry Warshaw

Your Chance to Win Big!

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 the 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

Letter From the Editor

Change is the only thing in life that is constant.

As you may have noticed, there has been a change in the messenger that brings you news in the local world of Magic. Matt Gurley has been Editor of the newsletter since the fall of 1999, and he deserves "Thanks" from each of you for a great job done well. He has found that life's other challenges has had him make a choice to pass along these duties to someone else. I have stepped up to the plate and will try to uphold the high standards that Matt has set, as well as all the other newsletter editors that have performed these duties in the past.

This can be a very powerful vehicle to maintain the cohesiveness of our organization. The newsletter has told me what events were planned for the coming several months, and given recognition to the performers in our monthly Ring contests. But I think it has even more potential than that. It can be a resource for ideas, techniques, etiquette, and ethics in Magic. Over the next several months I hope to bring just some of those things to you, both through articles as well as guest editorials from our members whose experience and stature we should use as a resource for us all. I will also try to keep you informed of events and news in Magic on a national, regional, and local level. Having this at our disposal will help make each of us better at our hobby or profession. Change is not just constant....it is good!

Get out the Vote!

Hard to believe, but the Ring elections for the Board is fast approaching. Scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 1st, the nominating committee consisting of Roger Miller (Chairperson), Dennis Burks, and Danny Mahar have presented to the Board the following list of nominees:

- President - Dr. Mike Blum
- Vice President - Carl Macan
- Treasurer - David Sandy
- Secretary - Alan Goodheart
- Sergeant-at-Arms - Larry Warshaw
- Open Board Member - Kirk Deweese

At the November regular Ring meeting, we will still be accepting other nominations for the positions listed. These nominations will be accepted if that person is present and says they are willing to run. If they are not present, then they must have communicated their interest to the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee that they are willing to

SORCERER'S CIRCLE

BE SURE TO RECORD AND TURN IN YOUR SORCERER'S CIRCLE POINTS SHEET TO THE SC COMMITTEE MEMBERS AT OR BEFORE THE DECEMBER MEETING. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING WHAT'S ELIGIBLE TO BE COUNTED, DO NOT HESITATE TO GET ASSISTANCE. YOU HAVE WORKED HARD THIS YEAR, AND EVERY POINT

FREE LECTURE!

Why Pay When You Can Attend For FREE*

Come see Howard Hale present his lecture to our Ring on Thursday, Nov. 15th at the Holiday Inn at I-35 and 95th St. * If you are a current member and pay your 2002 dues (\$20.00) before the END of the meeting on Nov. 1st, you can learn many new and interesting things to improve your Magical repertoire. Don't delay! We want to see you there on the 15th!

Fill in the form below and bring it to the November meeting!

Ring 129 IBM Membership Update 2002

Name: _____ **"Magic Nickname"**

Address: _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____
Phone: Home _____ **Other** _____ **(Cell; Business, Private)**
E-mail address: _____
Other e-mail address:

IBM Membership #: _____ **Occupation:**

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Updating Contest Rules

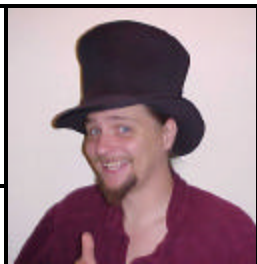
You can shape the way that our Ring judges contestants at our Regular Monthly meetings, and the Stage and Close-up Magician of the Year Banquets by voicing your opinions and thoughts on how you would improve this process. Have you performed and wanted to see things done another way? Now is your chance to impact the Ring's future. You can contact Larry Warshaw, Chairperson of the Contest Rules committee, and he will convey your thoughts to them. The more information they have to work with, the better the standards that we will use to judge performances. The end result - each

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We are sorry to report that World renowned Magician Jay Marshall recently had an eye removed as a result of a battle with cancer. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.

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**Stage Winner
Matt Gurley**



**Close-up Winner
Larry Warshaw**



I prefer Stage magic to close-up because as I grew up, there really was no close-up. I remember a magician coming to my elementary school – maybe from our Ring? - that was my first Magical experience. Among Magicians, I most admire Harry Blackstone Jr., mostly for his charm and style that was all his own. My only regular performing gig is at the Kansas City Renaissance Festival in the fall. I do perform at other Faires across the Midwest, but only when I am there in some other capacity. As a tree I would want to be an Oak. An oak has a mythology surrounding it going back to the druids and priests of the old religions. I want to have a mythology around me, kind of like Houdini. If given the chance to perform, I would choose Las Vegas. If you can make it in on the stage in Vegas, you can make it anywhere. Look at what it did for a little known magician named Lance Burton. I am a member of the I.B.M. and also I.B.M. RIng 129.

I first enjoyed magic when my uncle was showing my 13-year-old brother the linking rings. I was 6. Although I was interested and my brother was not, my uncle said I was too young. I was upset, but turned that energy into a lifetime quest to learn good magic. I prefer Close-up because I am close to my audience– in touch one on one. I admire the people who redefine Magic's standards -- Dai Vernon, Slydini, Michael Ammar, Johnny Ace Palmer, Copperfield, etc. I don't really have a "hero," but I'm inspired by the innovators who stretch what is possible in the name of entertainment. I perform a few times a month for corporate clients, mostly doing close-up for cocktail parties, hospitality suites, and other events. Regarding the tree I am most like, I must bark in response on the grounds that its root is unclear, such that my response might leave the wrong impression. I'd love to perform at the Magic Castle, or anywhere else where one can do a formal close-up show, and I am a member of the I.B.