



MAGIC NEWS

HEART OF THE RING

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

AMAZING AND MYSTICAL!!!

Upcoming Events

Thurs., February 5, 2004
Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

At Best Western Inn
and Conference Center,
Southwest Blvd.

(IN KANSAS – I-35 AND
RAINBOW BLVD. EXIT) At

Rainbow

501 Southwest Blvd.

behind the Applebee's on North
side – lower level

February 7, 2004

Kid's Show, AT 2:00PM and
Ring Auction AT 5:00PM
At Roeland Park CC

Board Meeting

February 19, 2004

At Terry Elton's

Check www.ring129.com for
details.

Thurs., March 5, 2004

Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
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JOE GIVEN LECTURE

MARCH 8, 2004

EMBASSY SUITES

ON THE PLAZA

Board Meeting

March 19, 2004

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Saturday night's Magician of the Year contest saw our fellow members put on a truly amazing and mystical evening of magic. Objects fly around the stage, round things became different shapes, marks magically appeared on the back of giant cards and a young woman floated in mid-air. It was a truly fine night of entertainment. And a special thank to Kirk Deweese for setting dinner ambiance. Wonderful background music, reduced lighting and colored strobe lighting. Kirk's effort resulted in establishing the mood for events to come.

Again, Kirk, our sincere thanks for your terrific production. **CHRIS SCUDIERO, MAGICIAN OF THE**

YEAR! Chris amazed all by predicting one telephone number out of 400,000 which was selected at random by an audience member. He was then chained and triple padlocked inside of a 7 foot frame. His challenge was to escape before the frame exploded. He made it with just seconds to spare. Quite spectacular. **Second Place** was won by **Harris Deutsch** with appearing/disappearing sponge balls and coin manipulation. In **Third Place** was **L.C Collier** as the hillbilly going home from a big city visit. He produced souvenirs from an averaged size suitcase, including a television set. How did he get all that stuff in there. It was magic. New members indoctrinated into the **Sorcerer's Circle** were **Jason Dean, Dale Huffman and Ken Reedy**. Members receiving service stars were Mike Blum 2nd, Terry Elton 4th, Alan Goodhart 2nd, Carl Macon 1st, Rod Sipe 1st and Larry Warshaw 1st. **International Brotherhood of Magicians President, David Sandy** astounded the audience by passing a young lady completely through a plate glass mirror, and back again. He also managed to squish his body to a foot high in a bone compressing cabinet. And his conclusion was truly spectacular as he levitated the same audience volunteer. Terrific magic. Great show.

**Biggest magic auction in midwest
scheduled for February 7th !!!**
Ring Auction Happening 2/7/04 at Roeland Park Community Center.

It's time to go through all your magic – cards, books, close-up items, props or full stage illusions. Pack them up and bring them to the annual Ring 129 Auction to held on **Saturday, February 7th**, at the Roeland Park Community Center in Kansas. With the Ring putting on a **Kids Show** at 2:00pm that day, you can experience a full day of magic. Sellers may start bring their items into the venue at 5:00pm, not before. The custodians must have time to clean up. The auction will begin at 5:30pm. An auction form is included in this issue and both buyer and seller forms will be available at the auction. If you have further questions, please call Kirk Deweese at 816-224-5000.

**PRESIDENTS
COLUMN
Terry Elton**



Thanks to a series of strong and creative Board of Directors. You have enjoyed events like the Workshop and the IBM International Convention right here in Kansas City twice in recent history. We have David Sandy who is IBM International President and Roger Miller on the way to becoming President. We have Tom Burgoon on the front of Genii, a major magic magazine and Todd Lamanske and Larry Warshaw not to mention David Sandy and Tom Burgoon working at the Magic Castle. All of these things bring visibility to Kansas City and Ring 129.

You also belong to one of the most active Rings in the world. Last year we had the International Convention, five very strong lectures and the Stage Magician of the Year contest and Banquet and the Close-up Magician of the year contest and banquet. We had an Auction and did our annual Kids Show. We have members out every week in the “Healing of Magic” program to mention but a few of the things we are doing. We created new Sorcerers Circle shirts and we developed shirts and vests and badge holders for the IBM convention. All the items mentioned except for the International Convention were underwritten by the club. When the smoke cleared and the accounting was done, we didn’t lose a penny. In fact, the club wound up making over a thousand dollars. We *are* a very active group but sometimes you don’t realize how active until you take a moment to think about it.

Our members range from working professionals to semi pro to hobbyist to collectors. The knowledge available in the room at any meeting is outstanding. If you’re not taking advantage of everything the club has to offer you’re missing out. Want to learn a move or an effect? Want to learn about the stage and blocking and the language they use in the theatre? Need help with that new effect you’re working on? Odds are that at any given meeting there are people in attendance that would be more than happy to help you. All you have to do is ask. I have found a great deal of openness among our members when it comes to sharing. And, if you see new people or guests in the room, take the time to say hi to them. Try to make them feel welcome. Imagine back to what it was like the first time you walked into one of these meetings and how much better you would have felt if people had just extended a hand of friendship. *Eric Price* After all that’s what we’re all about.

Notice: This month we start the new judging for Magician of the Month. “Appearance” along with “Skill”, “Originality” and “Was it Entertaining,” will become factors in the judging. None of the Above is also still a voting option and you do not do anybody any favors by marking them as a winner if you don’t think any performer met the standards. The whole idea of the new voting is to challenge you to be even better.

Remember, we will still have the “Open” session for those that don’t want to compete or want to try out new material.

Notice: For those of you who have seen me do the card sword routine and would like to see it one last time, the February meeting is the place to be. I will be performing my version of the card stab for probably the very last time. Curious to know why? Come to the meeting and I’ll tell you.

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<http://www.ring129.com>

**Magician of the Month
Winners**

January 2004 – No Contest

Stage

**Close-up
*Helmut Vitale***

BIO OF DAN BRADBURY – NEW BOARD MEMBER

IBM Ring member Dan Bradbury was recently appointed to fill an unexpired term on the Board and is thus one of our newest Board members. The following is a little background on him. Dan's earliest interest in magic came after sending off for THE REAL BOOK ABOUT MAGIC (by Joseph Leeming) from the back of a cereal box when he was in grade school. As with so many of us at that age, curiosity quickly turned to interest to hobby to obsession. He was soon devouring books, building his own apparatus and performing—eventually even for fees—at any and every opportunity. Growing up in Kansas City, Kansas and then in Merriam, Kansas area, he was able to make occasional trips to downtown Kansas City to visit the Hollywood Magic Shop operated by Maury Taub. During his high school years he became one of the charter members of Ring 129 when it formed in Kansas City. Magic eventually gave way to education (UMKC and Emporia State), steadier employment and raising a family. For the past 20 years Dan was Director of the Kansas City Public Library—from which he retired in early 2003. Prior to that he held library director or administrative positions in Janesville (Wisconsin), St. Joseph (Missouri) and Waco (Texas). Magic remained an interest—and from time to time and place to place even an active interest—while serving as Director of the Rolling Hills Library

in St. Joseph in the mid-1970's, he did a six month stint on Sundays as "Bingo the Magic Clown" for the Ground Round Restaurant. Dan's current manifestation of his magical interests started about 12 years ago when he decided that his real interest lay in magic history and bibliography. "I always loved books—especially magic books," he said, "so that's where I decided to focus my energy and spare time." That was when Bradbury Books & Beyond" was born—or at least conceived. He decided to take his small collection of magic books, put them out on a printed list (this was in the pre-Ebay days) and sell them as "seed money" for buying more. That effort gradually snowballed until today Dan has several thousand titles, a web site (www.bradburybooks.com <<http://www.bradburybooks.com/>>), regular email distribution lists and he does one or two magic conventions a year as a used book dealer. "Now that I'm retired," he said, I hope to have even more time to devote to the magic book business and to become more involved in local magic activity."

Dan and his wife, Jobeth, live in mid-town Kansas City and have six grown children and 14 grandchildren. "The grandchildren are the only ones who see me perform these days," he said, "maybe that will change—and maybe not."

MEMOIRS OF A BLIND MAGICIAN

Our own Bob Klamm has just had his memoirs published, **"FLY LIKE A BUMBLEBEE"**

- A Blind Magician Shares His Most Powerful Secrets. Bob says "No one knew I could hardly see until I was eight years old, not even me! Then my second grade teacher caught me cheating on flash cards. Even eyeglasses, with lenses thick as Coke bottle bottoms, still left me legally blind.

"Friends ran off and I could not see to follow. My father was chronically angry, Mother turned out not to be the saint I imagined. Only magic and an enduring optimism saved me from a desperately twisted sense of identity and suicide."

He includes many delightful stories of his experience as a blind man performing magic, attending college, teaching high school, working in radio/TV.

Bob grew up nearly blind in Kansas City, Kansas; graduated Wyandotte High School; BS Northwestern University; MA University KC; nationally recognized radio/TV writer; 20 years master teacher in KC, Missouri schools, supervising over 40 student-produced Broadway plays. He taught himself magic at 13, and is now world-famous for his magic books and inventions.

The book is available at most book stores for \$11.95 or autographed directly from bob at klamm-magic.com. Bob also plans to bring some books to the club at a regular meeting.

PAY ATTENTION!!!

**Come See Your Buddies Perform.....
Ring 129 Annual Kid's Show Extravaganza!**

2:00 P.M. Saturday, Feb 7, 2004

Roeland Park Community Center

Be surprised, amazed, confounded, stunned-SHOCKED by such magnificence. MC, Keith Leff, performers, Harris Deutsch, Kyle Scheel, Jay Stefan Danny Mahar, L.C. Collier. Before show walk-around magic by Joe White and Dennis Burks. It takes your breath away. You'll write to your grandchildren about it. You'll even take the program with into the coffin. Don't miss it. **2:00 P.M. Saturday, Feb 7.** Be sure to wear your Ring 129 blue vests. Stand tall. Be proud.

Ring 129 dues are still due. If you have not paid bring your \$20.00 to the January ring meeting and pay Kirk Dewese.

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NEW WEBMASTER

Congratulations to Ken Reedy for being named our new Webmaster

Go to www.ring129.com and see all the new changes that have been made and all that you can see and download!! Contact Ken at **816-734-1484** or email him at webdesigners@kc.rr.com.

Thanks to Tim Zager for all his past efforts at taking care of this important position.

**Stage Winner
No Contest**

**Close-up Winner
No Contest**

Ring 129

Lecture Fees

Unless listed otherwise,
are as follows:

Non-Members \$15

Members in good standing \$12

Sorcerer's Circle Members \$10

HIDDEN WORD CONTEST IS BACK

**Look for your name in italics
somewhere in the newsletter,
and just let Don Douglas
know you saw it, and claim
your prize!!**

SO START READING!

f You Missed Last Month's Meeting – Here's What Went On.

ing Report as submitted by our very own Stu Lewis

We started the year off with a bang as about fifty members and guests were on hand for our January meeting, with our new president-elect Terry Elton presiding. After our usual Ring business and some presentations by our local dealers, ring historian Roger Miller read our Ring reports from five and ten years ago. By some strange coincidence, Roger won the contests in both years.

In accord with our new scheduling policy, there were no contests this month, but seven members came ready to perform in the non-competitive open division. Cards and mentalism, sometimes combined, dominated the evening's performances. Marty Isenberg led off with a card routine in which his own card selections matched those of a spectator. Ken Reedy did a card effect based on a cleverly disguised mathematical principle. Joe White gave us a change of pace with a coin effect in which he vanished a borrowed quarter, then took out two animal figurines to act out the story of the tortoise and the hare. The borrowed quarter was found embedded in the tortoise's back. He then did an ambitious-card routine in which the back of the selected card changed color at the end.

.. C. Collier continued with the card motif. A spectator put the cards to a place L.C. showed us he predicted previously, and then randomly mixed the cards, only to have them return to their original order. Al Sawyer then

showed us unusual routine. He took a wand which had a bolt stuck through it at the end. Though the bolt clearly made the end too wide to fit through the neck of a Coke bottle, he nevertheless pushed it through and lifted the bottle with the wand to show that the end had penetrated. Chris Scudiero performed the "Sketch Book" routine, a mental effect suitable for children, in which a spectator freely selects three strips of cardboard to form the picture of a face, and the magician is shown to have predicted the spectator's choices in advance. Herb Dumortier Finally, Stu Lewis did a four-part mental routine, including a jumbo-card "Out of This World," a cut newspaper prediction, and a routine with Tarot cards in which he mentally divined what pictures each of three spectators was thinking of.

Our magician-of-the-year contest (January 31) will be history by the time that you read this. Watch for the results, and hopefully a photo-spread, next month.

--Stu Lewis, ring reporter

