



Heart of the RING

“Quality Ring Award Winner”

April 2006 Newsletter

Regular Meeting

April 6—7 PM
Best Western

Board Meeting

April 13—7 PM
Denny's Restaurant
9001 Shawnee Mission Pkwy

Barry Richardson Lecture

April 22—7 PM
US Toy Magic

Daryl Lecture

April 27—7 PM
US Toy Magic

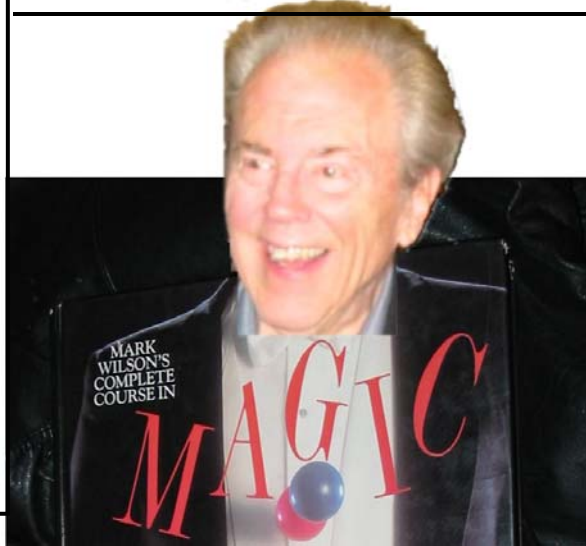
Martin Nash Lecture

April 30—7 PM
US Toy Magic

NEXT MEETING

April 6, 2006 7:00 P. M.

Best Western
Rainbow & Southwest Blvd.
(directly behind Applebee's Restaurant)



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Mark Wilson Lecture By Christy Atkinson

I must admit it was a true honor to meet Mark and Nani Wilson. In 1954 Mark Wilson's first TV show "A Time for Magic" sponsored by Dr. Pepper paved the way for the first national weekly magic show, "Magic Land of Allakazam". It aired on Saturdays mornings for five years.

The concept of magic on television was a hard one to sell, so Mark came up with some simple rules to follow to make TV magic a huge success. Here are just a couple of them. The show had to be filmed in front of a live audience and the camera was not allowed to cut away at any time during an illusion or other effect.

Every one that attended the lecture had the chance to play Magic Bingo. You are really missing out until you play Magic Bingo, it's lots of fun. After playing the game and learning of it's history and marketability Mark taught a cork screw penetration effect and how

to make an illusion that could make someone appear form a card board house assembled on top of a table. While Mark worked his magic, Nani awaited her cues. She then passed out the Bingo Cards and cork screws out, which we all kept as souvenirs.

You may not have learn many magic tricks at Mark Wilson lectures, but what you did learn about is presentation. He even gave you tips on how you can get a sponsor, and how magic could be used in other career choices.

Mark and Nani Wilson were so kind to not only pose for every picture but to also sign anything you brought up for autographing.

There were videos that payed tribute to both Mark and Nani and the Magical life they have shared together. One thing you must admire about the pair is the way they have spent the last 53 years together and there are still in love. The lecture was a very informative and a very inspiring one.

President's Column

by Chuck Macan



I wanted to take a moment to thank the membership for putting their trust in me by electing me to serve as President during 2006.

At our board meeting of March 16th, the board selected Matt Gurley to serve as Vice President and Terry

Elton to serve as Sergeant-At-Arms. I would like to thank both of these gentlemen for stepping forward and assuming these duties. They both have a tremendous amount of experience and I value their guidance.

I want to encourage all of you to take an active role in your club. We are a Brotherhood—as Webster's says— "the whole body of persons in a business or profession, fraternity, the state of being brothers or a brother." The Ring is about the state of being a brother. Personally I have found many mentors within our Brotherhood who have helped me with my magic. From simple sleight of hand to card manipulation to preparing an act to understanding that the magic is inside of me and helping bring it out. Whether you have been in magic for forty years or are fairly new to magic, get involved with events, help on committees, mentor someone— get involved.

We have lots of events planned for the balance of 2006, you have plenty of opportunities to get involved. See me or one of the board members.

Our next Ring event will be the Ring Picnic on June 3rd. Put it on your calendar and plan to attend. Julie Clark is chairing the planning committee. Please get in touch with her and get involved.

Our ring auction was held on March 11th. Kirk DeWeese and Rod Sipe worked the door while Terry Elton and Roger Miller were our auctioneers. Alan Goodheart and myself were runners. Who can forget the ladies working the concession stand, Imo Patchen, Sheila Miller, Janie Fields and Peggy Adams. Thank you to all for getting involved.

All of these people and those who attended racked up Sorcerer's Circle points for being involved. It is not difficult to become a Sorcerer's Circle member—you just need to be involved. Oh by the way—Sorcerer's Circle members—wear your medals—you earned it.

See you April 6th.

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We are glad to have you as new members to one of the largest, and most active Magic Clubs in the World. We wish you the best in your magical endeavors and look forward to seeing you at upcoming meetings.

Let's take the bull by the horns and face the situation.

By Terry Elton

In the very early 1980's, when Ring 129 had about a third of the members that it has today, there were a group of people busting their butts to get things done for the club. In those days The Midwest Magic Jubilee rotated between St Louis and Kansas City. I'm not sure of the exact date but I believe it was 1982 we were to host the Jubilee in Kansas City and a committee was formed to put the show together.

The committee went to work and met one night a week for an entire year. The convention was a huge success and money was placed into the Ring's account.

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Ring Report By Stu Lewis

We are making an attempt to get back to normal after the tragic death of our ring president L.C. Collier last month (see last month's report). Acting president Chuck Macan has assumed the office of president for the remainder of the year.

U.S. Toy Magic Shop held a youth magic contest last month, and the winner, to no one's surprise, was our own Blake Silvernail. He won a trip to Tannen's magic camp and the first L. C. Collier trophy. If Blake stays with magic and doesn't abandon it when he reaches later adolescence, he has the potential to become a full-time working professional. You will probably be hearing of him in places other than ring reports in a few years.

Bruce Kalver was in town for a lecture. He had lots of practical stuff and a friendly down-East personality. The focus was on tricks, and he gave us all some material we could use, such as a streamlined handling of the Professor's Nightmare and a cards-across routine. We would recommend him highly to other rings.

Jason Dean led off the March meeting by teaching a card trick he had published in *Magic* magazine. Duane Fields gave a brief talk about L. C.'s accomplishments in magic for the benefit of those who had not known him as long as we old-timers have.

The stage contest was a battle of the rope routines between Eric Woods and Blake Silvernail. Eric's routine, featuring the restoration of the three ropes into one piece at the end, took first place.

John Hicks led off (and won) the close-up contest with a couple of packet tricks. First he showed a packet consisting of three red cards and one black, only to have the packet change to three black and one red. He followed that with an ace assembly. To provide continuity, he used a large red button which sounded the words "That was easy" when a spectator pressed it. Paul Brune followed with a packet trick involving four queens, showing that he had predicted which the spectator would select. He followed this with a card location.

Blake Silvernail performed a linking safety pin routine to lead off the non-competitive performances, including several moves for non-gimmicked pins. Harris Deutsch did some vent work with a lion puppet, and then he called Lauren Silvernail (age 10), with her puppet Dasher, to help him. With a sense of poise that reminded us of her brother's, she proved that Blake is not the only talented member of the family. Paul Brune returned to show us a

finger ring that leaped from one finger to another, and to perform another card trick. Finally, Brian McElvain did some impressive coin work with a coin that split into two parts, as well as performing some impressive vanishes.

As usual, several of us journeyed up the hill to continue the magical fellowship at Applebee's.



The Purpose of A Magic Club by Quentin Reynolds

Why do you attend your magic club? This is really an interesting question. Before we look at it in depth let's look at what often happens at magic clubs. There's the general membership and the committee who look after the running of the society. On the committee there's usually one or two who do 80% of the work. These council members rarely get thanked but do hear lots of complaints. Then we start getting into the politics of running a club. This is where hot issues crop up and can lead to clashes of personality, sometimes with one or two members storming out and vowing never to return.

I joined The Society of Irish Magicians aged fifteen and like every society it had its share of characters and occasional rows. One row in particular blew out of all proportion and it took a few years for the divisions it caused to cool down. I'd expect that every club - not just magic clubs - can tell a similar story.

Like all societies we had our book of rules governing the running of the club. There is one rule in this book that needs to be in every magic club rule book. With this rule you could drop all your other rules and have a successful and thriving group.

Whenever discussions got heated at our club meetings, Neville Wiltshire, a man of immense common sense would draw our attention to this rule - the first rule in the book. We would reflect on it for a moment and then come to our senses.

Right now I'm sure you're wondering what is this amazing rule and whether you should consider adopting it for your own club. It may already be in your club's rules. But overlooking this rule where most of the rows and arguments will develop. I don't have the rule book to hand so I'm quoting from memory. So this is it in a nutshell: "The purpose of the society is to provide a forum where

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**Sorcerer's Circle Members:
 Be sure and wear your Medallion to each event!**

Brian McElvain will present a Teach-a-Trick at the April 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.

Our Web Page

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Magician of the Month Winners

Stage		Close-Up	
01/06	Roger Miller	Barron Stringfellow	07/06
02/06	Barron Stringfellow	Harris Duetsch	08/05
03/06	Eric Woods	John Hicks	09/05
04/06	_____	_____	10/05
05/06	_____	_____	11/05
06/06	_____	_____	12/05

			Laird Wilcox
			Mike Melito
			Blake Silvernail
			Chuck Macan
			Eric Woods

magicians may foregather to perform and discuss the art of magic.”

That's it. That's the reason for your club. To show each other tricks and talk about magic. It's not about rules, regulations and politics.

Let me hasten to add that I'm not suggesting you dump the committee and throw out your rule book. You do need a system or structure for any organization to run smoothly. The problems arise when the structures take over and people forget why they're there in the first place. The rules are to facilitate the performance and discussion of magic, not the other way around.

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It was the dedication of these people and their self-less dedication to the club that brought it all together and made the Jubilee successful. In an attempt to publicly recognize their hard work we picked up on a plan that had been talked about as a way to recognize people who work hard to make the club a better club for everyone. The Sorcerers Circle was established to thank those who gave of their time above and beyond the call of duty. It wasn't easy to get in, you had to work hard for a period of time. Initially it required a club membership of five years before you were even eligible (since reduced to three years). Why five or even three years before you become eligible? It is because the award is based on service to the club and not just attendance at club meetings. Over the years we have had people come in like a house on fire and were very enthusiastic and helpful with the club. They gained knowledge and they volunteered for events that the club put on but by the next year they were nowhere to be seen. Over the 25+ years I've been involved with Ring 129 there have been lots of people come and go some come in like a tornado wanting to be involved in everything then they vanish like a whisper in the night. If you want to become a member of Sorcerers Circle you have to earn it. You have to spend time at club meetings and Board meetings and you have to head up committees and you have to perform or work backstage or whatever else the club needs to get our projects and events done.

This is not a one year commitment and it is not just a way to earn a medal. It is a commitment you make to the club a better club, a club that is one of, if not the finest club in America and possibly the entire world. A Sorcerers Circle Medallion is not a gift it is recognition of your dedication to the club and it takes time. If you don't want to work for the club to make it better that is your prerogative but don't wring your hands and whine about the length of time it takes to become a Sorcerers Circle member. Those rules were set by people who have walked the walk for many years and they are not going to change any time soon. Don't worry about a perceived "Clique" in the club because you're wrong there isn't one. And if you think there is a clique then get off your butt and run for office or volunteer for a committee or committees and you'll find the clique you perceived to be there is not there at all, it is just a group of dedicated members working very hard to make the club better for everyone. Ask Chuck Macan if he believes there is a clique and he'll probably say; "What clique? Chuck joined the club three or four years ago, got involved stayed involved, became a Sorcerers Circle member and is now President.

I'll give you another example. Jason Dean came to the club as the Pierced Kid not your typical Ring 129 member back then but he was welcomed and supported and ultimately was asked to be Sgt. at Arms a position that put him in front of the club every month and as a club we watched Jason grow as a person and as an entertainer. His answer to me was the same as Chuck's . . . "What Clique?"

There is no one in Ring129 that you cannot talk to or that will not talk to you. The club is a very open environment for cross pollination of ideas. If you perceive there to be a Clique running the club then bring your concerns to the next Board Meeting and let's talk about it. LC thought there was a **perception of a Clique** I do not and told him so . . . that is unless you perceive the difference between the doers and those not involved as representing a sort of Clique.

The Board is always open to conversation on any subject/concern that affects the club but if you're not willing to talk about it to the Board then I guess it's no longer a problem. For future reference the Board Meetings are where to take your concerns not an open meeting where we have guests.

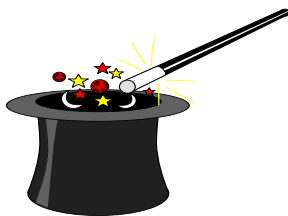
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RING 129 AGENDA

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

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

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Leawood, KS 66206

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