

Ring 129 Lecture Fees

Unless listed otherwise,
are as follows:

Non-Members \$1.50

Members in good standing \$1.20

**Sorcerer's Circle Members
ONLY \$1.00**

**Stage Winner
Mr. L. C. Collier**



L.C. Collier won the March Stage Magician of the Month using a blue plastic dixie cup and a little red ball to produce a variety of fruit in a chop cup routine that kept everyone in attendance laughing. At the end of the routine, so the people in the back could see the little red ball, LC used a magnifying glass to enhance the visual. As soon as those in the back said they could now see the ball, LC said that was strange because those in front were seeing a silk. He shook the ball which then cascaded into a twelve inch silk. He then explained that magic was nothing more than making the eye see something happen that cannot possibly happen, vanishing the silk and making it reappear. Using the silk he then waved goodbye to the audience closing the routine.

LC is a Past President who has been a member of the ring since 1984. He got into magic by writing a news article about some people who were moonlighting as clowns. In the process of doing research for the article he got swept up in the magic. Two years later he sold his business and went full time into magic, where he remains today. He served as liaison between National and the Ring in 1985, when the last National Convention was held in Kansas City. Over the years he has won or placed high in International and Regional stage contest around the country. Needless to say his passion in for stage performing, through necessity however, he is fairly adept at the close-up venue as well. Most of his performances are for private and corporate events, but he also does fairs and festivals around the country.

**Close-up Winner
Mr. Jason Dean**



Congratulations to Jason Dean for joining the ranks of the few...the proud...the winners of our monthly contest!

Jason began his interest in magic at the age of just ten. A magician vanished a pencil right in front of his eyes. "It totally blew me away! "(We all know what it takes to fool Jason, now.)

Jason likes close-up magic the best because it has a different level of intimacy than stage magic. Doing magic to someone one-on-one, you never know what could happen. He likes knowing that everything can take a sharp left turn!

(Editor's Note: I asked Jason if he could be any animal or tree he wanted, which one would he be and why; what follows is a truly great response) I think I would choose an animal to describe me. Animals really have no worries; they just go with the flow of the day. But when they want something they get it!

As of right now Jason is doing corporate and private parties in both the St. Joseph and Kansas City Metro areas. He's getting ready to teach magic out at Missouri Western University this summer. We are all glad that Jason now has the chance to join

PAVEL COMING TO KANSAS CITY

Lecture At Roeland Park April 8th – 7:00 pm

Have you ever dreamed of being a magical inventor?

PAVEL'S LATEST LECTURE may offer a solution.

PAVEL'S ORIGINAL MAGIC is both astonishing to watch and easy to perform. He is the author of several books on magic and is known around the world for his magical creations.

For decades now, the name PAVEL has been synonymous with some of the most innovative magic. Pavel has mystified and entertained lay audiences the world over with his fantastic magical inventions while at the same time, delighting and inspiring magicians at his countless lectures all around the globe with the compelling secrets of his magic.

Pavel's brand-new lecture "HOW TO INVENT A NEW TRICK" features a large range of his latest amazing visual creations using general props such as ropes, cards, silks, colored discs, etc. Not less than three dozen various effects are performed and explained. All are clearly detailed in "100% MAGIC - 100% PAVEL". These fully illustrated lecture notes provide a welcome memory aid for all demonstrated items.

In addition, a 33-page brochure "CREATIVE MAGIC" details Pavel's unique approach to Magical Creation including practical samples of effects and their solutions. If you are tired of card or coin trick lectures and you are seeking an impressive and commercial stand-up stuff, you can't afford to miss this lecture. No matter what kind of magic you enjoy, you will certainly learn something new and completely different. Pavel's Magic has taken him all around the world and now he's sharing his award-winning magic - and the ingenious thinking that makes it all work - with you.

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confused??

Hope you have a
MAGICAL
APRIL FOOL'S
DAY!

As always, this would not be possible without the greatest entertainers and magicians in the world. It is the sense of humor that we have for each other that allows us to enjoy our love of leger-demain. Special THANKS to the following Ring members for having thick skin and whom we love and respect and are proud to have as a part of our Brotherhood:

L. C. Collier	Harris Deutsch
Jane & Duane Fields	Kyle Scheel
Ken Reedy	Todd Lamanske
Larry Warshaw	

PS - You better multiply our Lecture Fees by 10 if you plan on attending!

Testimonial of Tom Craven's Lecture Gives You No Reason To Miss This One!

cheduled for September 11th at the Best Western Conference Center

just returned from a Tom Craven lecture at our local club, and to say that we were pleasantly surprised would be an understatement. None of us had ever seen Tom before, and didn't know what to expect. We were amazed and delighted. Tom's lecture contains some of the most practical and enjoyable magic any of us had ever seen, and ninety percent of it is easily performed or made up by simply purchasing the lecture notes (which means it was an outstanding value).

There were ourstanding close-up tricks, stand-up, parlour, platform magic, and some great mentalism too. Although not planned to demonstrate any one particular aspect of magic, the lecture was nevertheless, a lesson and demonstration in subtlety, and thoughtful routineing.

Tom's tricks prove how these skills can multiply the impact and entertainment value of your material tenfold. Everyone left saying it was one of the best lectures they'd ever seen. If you have a chance to see Tom's lecture, don't miss it. You WILL see magic you'll add to your repertoire, and you'll probably want to add more than one or two items.

Tom doesn't demonstrate much of his dealer material at the lecture, but if you can get him to stay and show it, go back to his dealer table. It will be well worth your time to do so. His handling of some standard dealer items, such as the "Houdini" deck for example, is a thing of beauty.

Best,
Richard Parker, Florida Ring

IBM CONVENTION UPDATE

SCHEDULED FOR JULY 1ST THROUGH JULY 5TH, 2003 IN KANSAS CITY AT THE DOWNTOWN MARRIOTT AND THE LYRIC THEATRE.

LECTURES; STAGE AND CLOSE-UP COMPETITIONS; DEALERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD; THE INDUCTION OF OUR VERY OWN DAVID SANDY AS THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT; MANY SURPRISES TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION; THE CHANCE TO MINGLE WITH OTHER MAGICIANS AND BRAINSTORM AND SHARE IDEAS

More so than ever the Ring is entering a truly great and magical era as we approach the upcoming IBM International Convention in July. And that means this is an opportunity for us all to rise to the occasion as the Host city, and make our fellow magi feel welcome and excited to be a part of our great city. So we have several things to report to you now, with more to follow. You don't want to be on the outside looking in – join us and really make a difference, and have fun at the same time.

BUSINESS CARD ADVERTISING

The Ring will be offering a way for you to let thousands of magicians about your business by having your business card become an advertisement in the Playbill handed out to all attendees. For around \$25.00 you can promote your business and help benefit the ring at the same time. Bring your cards to the meeting on Thursday and we will be able to include you in this opportunity.

DO YOU WANT TO BE INCLUDED?

In the IBM Convention Program / Playbill, our Ring 129 will get a page to place an ad. We are going to include all the members of Ring 129 thanking all the attendees and the Int'l Committee for joining us. If you wish NOT to have your name listed, please let one of the board members know at the April meeting, or email Carl Macan at crm130@aol.com or Alan Goodheart at magicaljewel@hotmail.com. WE NEED TO KNOW BY THE END OF THE APRIL MEETING AS WE GO TO PRINT

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Though much of the inner workings of the IBM Convention will be taken care of by the International branch, there are still a few things that the Ring would appreciate your assistance with:

Back Stage help and set-up for the Kick-Off Show put on by Ring 129 Tuesday, July 1st.

Room monitors for the close-up contest rooms (see Danny Mahar)

Need 2 to 5 people to hand out Playbills at the theatre performances (see Danny Mahar)

Someone to help coordinate the dealers move-in on Tuesday, July 1st. (This could be an all-day affair, or shared by two people). Are you available?



President's Column
By
Larry Warshaw

I'm very excited about the tremendous energy everyone is demonstrating for making the upcoming IBM International Convention a huge success (July 1st to the 5th at the Downtown Marriott).

We had great participation at the planning meeting on March 15th, and people are very busy putting together the details behind some of the wonderful ideas that have been generated so far. I hope that all of you who are able to have registered and made all the necessary arrangements to attend this incredible convention where our very own David Sandy will be installed as International resident. As you can see from the list in this newsletter, we need everyone's help to show the rest of the world why Ring 129 is truly one of the premiere magical organizations in the world. "Many hands make light work." I'm proud to be part of this group and to watch how everyone is coming together on this. Please contact one of the convention organizers (see the list) or me to let us know how you would like to contribute.

The convention, however, is not the only thing generating great ideas from everyone. We've had some wonderfully creative ideas about improving monthly meetings, and for other Ring events in the future. Keep those ideas coming - remember that Board meetings are open to all members. See you at our monthly meeting on April 3rd.

It's not too early to be thinking about keeping track of your sorcerer's circle points. Sorcerer's circle is a great group of our members that work hard for you and the world of magic, and have lots of fun doing it. Come join the camaraderie and merriment! Download the sheet from the ring 129 site, and start keeping tabs of your magic activities. You will be glad you did!

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<http://www.ring129.com>

Magician of the Month
Winners

March 2003

Stage
 L. C. Collier

Close-up
 Jason Dean

THE CONTEST CONTINUES!
Your Chance to Win Prizes
Valued Between \$1 and \$1000!

Get out your magnifiers and let's go! It's time again to find the real Lucky people that have a chance to take away the big haul! All the bucks! The big prizes are up for grabs again! Just remember to look through the newsletter and find your name embedded somewhere in italics. If you do, you have to come to the meeting to claim your prize from the editor!
 Good luck, and may the sharpest eyes win!

You're No Fool If You Come To All The Meetings...

But if you don't, then here's what you have missed out on!

Magic lectures and standing ovations are not ordinarily phrases one sees in the same sentence, but a lecture by Tim Ellis and Sue-Anne Webster (who lectured for our Ring February 27) is no ordinary event, combining as it does the standard lecture format with a total-entertainment approach. To begin with, Tim performs some effects while Sue-Anne, dressed as his frumpy, nosy next-door neighbor, sarcastically exposes them to the audience. Thus, even if you don't plan to use his ideas, Sue-Anne keeps you entertained. She stays in character so well that you don't realize, until she returns as herself for the conclusion of the lecture, that she is actually a gorgeous blond, several years younger and several pounds lighter than the character she portrays. Their prize-winning "Runaround Sue" cups-and-balls routine (done Fifties style, with milk-shake containers in place of cups and a milk-shake production at the end) and the rap-style six-card repeat are tremendously entertaining. The former was taught in detail (also available in a separate manuscript), and even though few magicians would wish to use it verbatim, it gave us the opportunity to get an inside look at the step-by-step creation of a FISM-trophy act. What I found even more interesting was their application of improvisational comedy to magic as a way of encouraging creativity among magicians. I hope that we will be able to incorporate some of their games into our meetings. We recommend *Ron Torrez* them highly to other Rings.

About forty magicians and guests were on hand for the March meeting, which featured our new stage, a movable platform which should provide greater visibility for stand-up performers. Our own David Sandy led off the meeting with a mini-lecture on advertising and self-promotion. He spoke from his own personal experience, giving tips on how to solicit written compliments that can be used in gaining future engagements while using the internet to minimize publicity costs. Besides his magic, David also runs an advertising agency, so he has double expertise

in this area.

Marty Eisenberg, a first-time performer, led off the monthly stage contest with some mental effects, including a math-based card routine in which a spectator cut the cards and found the selected card at a position corresponding to a randomly chosen month of the year. Helmut Vitale used a dollar bill to break a pencil and mystified us with some self-inflating balloons. L.C. Collier performed a chop-cup routine (mostly Jennings) with four consecutive fruit loads, the changing of a ball to a scarf, and a silk vanish. Joe White did a silent act involving color-changing records and silk blendo, concluding with a multi-color record. (I wonder if some of our younger members are even familiar with phonograph records).

Stu Lewis led off the close-up contest with Mike Close's "Date Book" and a Simon Aronson spelling routine. Al Sawyer, another first-time performer, did a \$100 bill switch, a salt vanish, and a card routine involving the use of a toy pistol to shoot a hole in a selected card. Ryan Fricke did a ring penetration and some packet tricks. Jason Dean did an impressive ambitious-card routine with a blank deck and a signed card, including some packet moves at the end. He then did a puzzling one-hand card force, somehow vanishing the selected card.

In the voting, L. C.'s professional delivery won the stage contest, while Jason's deft card handling and original routining (he told me half of the routine was original, half from a book) enabled him to win the close-up competition.

Four performers came forward for the open session. Jim Wright did a silk-to-cane demonstration and read a letter he had received from the prop's developer, Russ Walsh, when he had purchased one as a child and had written for further instructions. Ken Reedy demonstrated some work with flash paper. Daniel Jackson got a selected card to jump to a spectator's pocket. And Joe While divined the number on a randomly selected dollar bill. All in all, we are enjoying the lack of the time limit dictated by our former meeting place.

Upcoming Events

Thurs., April 3, 2003

**Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m.**

**At Best Western Inn
and Conference Center,
Southwest Blvd.
(IN KANSAS - I-35 AND
RAINBOW BLVD. EXIT) A**

Rainbow

501 Southwest Blvd.

**Behind the Applebee's on
North side - lower level**

Tues, April 8th, 2003

**Pavel Lecture at
Roeland Park
Community Center
7:00 pm
(directions see above)**

Thurs., April 14th, 2003

**Board Meeting
Location to be
Announced at 4/3/03
meeting**

Thurs., May 1st, 2003

**Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m.**

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

Thurs., May 15, 2003

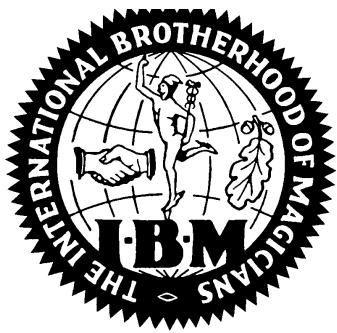
**Board Meeting
Location to be
Announced**

July 1st to 5th, 2003

**International IBM
Convention
Downtown Marriott
Hotel and Lyric Theatre**

Thurs, September 11th

**Close-up Magician
Tom Craven
At Best Western
Conference Center**



MAGIC NEWS

HEART OF THE RING

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

International House of Pancakes to Close:

to Reopen as Kenny Rogers Roasters

Mr. C. Collier Purchases Midwest Region Rights

I've grown to love the taste of bacon and eggs, omelets, and muffins for breakfast, lunch dinner. But soon that tradition will give way to another when the International House of Pancakes near 119th and Metcalf will change its format back to a Kenny Rogers Roasters format with a few changes – larger restaurant, better service, and a magical theme supplied by none other than our own L. C. Collier.

When contacted for comment, Kenny Rogers replied from his offices in Nashville, TN, "We were looking for the right chance to make a difference and bring our proven concept back to the Midwest area, and Mr. Collier seemed to be the right guy. His poise and experience with people made him a likely candidate. And for the patrons of the new establishment, it will be as if I was there myself (see photo of Kenny Rogers). Collier's agent told us that he appreciated the challenge and said he



Kenny or L. C.?

Warshaw and Lamanske Extend Reign of Kingdom to Other Castles

Back from their HOT engagements in Los Angeles at the Magic Castle for week-long runs there, you would think that this would be enough to satisfy even the best of entertainers. But not our own Larry Warshaw and Todd Lamanske. It seems that the Magic Castle is not enough. Todd says, "Once you hear the word 'castle' in your mind, it gets engraved in your mind. All you end up wanting is more." They'll have the chance to make a difference. During the next year the team of Todd and Larry are booked to perform at such great venues as the Windsor Castle in London, the White Castle in Indianapolis. They have also signed a contract with Castle Rock movie productions. (Continued on Page 5).

Ken Reedy Sticks On for Ride Of His Life

Garbage there quick!" But Ken Reedy forgot in all the excitement was all the PK magnets he had located all over his body from his earlier performance at the North Kansas City library. He had four in each of his pants pockets, two in his shirt pockets, and even several in his shoes because he thought the

"I had just come home from the grocery store, and saw the Deffenbaugh trash truck stopping at my neighbor's house, and I realized I needed to get

Deutsch Wins Judgement Against Ring Middle Eastern Format Adopted

In a surprise judgement from the Johnson County District Court, **Harris Deutsch** was awarded the right to change most events, meetings, and publicity materials to follow Middle Eastern culture. Beginning at the April meeting, we will hold all future meetings facing to the East. Special considerations will be given to scheduling of events around important dates that relate to that region of the world. And all future newsletters will be printed and read from back to front. When asked for his comments, Deutsch stated, "It was sooch a hod ting too doo, dis law soot and awl. But in da end, it vil be a goot change fer da membas and day vil tanks me veddy much for da changes." (Continued on Page 5)

Award Winning Act Makes Dramatic Changes As They Prepare For Future Jane Fields Added As Third Gal In Act

Most all members of the Ring are well aware of the great act that Kyle Scheel has assembled; you know, the 2003 award-winning Magician of the Year act. And who could forget the misdirection and the appearing and disappearing of coins, canes, newspapers, and of course, Kyle's lovely assistants.

So as Kyle is preparing to take his act to Las Vegas for the SAM National Convention, he thought, what could I do to take this to the next level. Then the greatest of ideas hit him. And what else makes sense – do what he has been doing all along. He approached Ring member **Jane Fields**, and proposed having her join the tour. Jane was thrilled. "I have received great training working with my husband, Duane, over these many years. This seemed the right fit at the right time. Kyle is an exciting rising star and I would be glad to add that extra bit of magic creating the 'nearly impossible' on stage." Jane will travel to Vegas with Duane, Kyle, and their other friends and family in early July. If you want to catch the new performance, you can see it at (Continued on Page 5).



kids would think he was cool wearing them there. But it only took getting within a foot of the side of the truck, and "Whamm!", there Ken was plastered onto the *Daniel Jackson* right side of the truck. The sanitation engineer was using the left stand that day, and never even realized Reedy lay snapped tight to the right side of the rolling truck. So Ken said, "What the heck, let's go for the ride of my life." It wasn't until they arrived at the dump that the "freeloader" was discovered. So the moral of the story, next time you have "trashy" thoughts, check your pockets first, and (continued on Page 5.)

