



MAGIC NEWS

HEART OF THE RING

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

Upcoming Events

Thurs. December 2, 2004

Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

At Best Western Inn
and Conference Center,
Southwest Blvd.

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

501 Southwest Blvd.

Behind the Applebee's on North
side - lower level

Board Meeting
December 16, at

Dan Bradbury's
3318 Karnes Blvd.,
Kansas City, MO 64111

The Board Meetings are open to
all members of Ring 129. Come
along and see how it's done.

Come To The Board Meeting And
Earn Sorcerer's Circle Points
Details at www.ring129.com

January 22
Stage Magician of the Year
Banquet

Feb 5
Kid's Show and Magic Auction
2PM 5:30PM

Both events to be held at the
Roland Park Community Center

H. Claude Enslow Magician of the Year Banquet Scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 22nd

GET READY TO BE MYSTIFIED AND ASTONISHED...
OH, YEH, AND THERE WILL BE GREAT FOOD,
MAGIC, AND LOADS OF FUN, TOO!

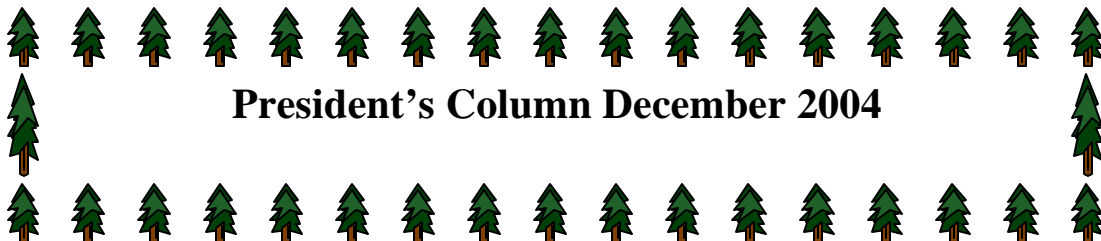
What a truly great way to honor one of Ring 129's premiere magicians, H. Claude Enslow. Once a year our entire ring gets together and celebrates the accomplishments of a remarkable individual. Some of us knew him for many years; others have no clue who he is. But look around, and see his influence in how we perform our routines and his efforts to further the enjoyment of magic.

Mr. Enslow had that kind of personality that personified magic as we know it. He was an inaugural Sorcerer's Circle member, and was responsible for its name. Mr. Enslow was known as well for his expertise in the close-up arena. He inspired each person he had contact with to perfect their presentations and sleight-of-hand capabilities.

The honor of performing in the H. Claude Enslow Magician of the Year Contest goes to the following Ring 129 members who have qualified for that honor: Ken Reedy, Dennis Burks, Marty Isenberg, Chris Black, Harris Deutsch, Stu Lewis, Jason Mastin, and David Sandy.

There is one more slot open, so prepare your best stage routine and come to the December meeting ready to win your place in history!

Be sure to mark your calendars (January 22nd, 2005) so that you will not miss attending this magnificent event..



President's Column December 2004

It's amazing how much retrospective you gain when you spend time behind the wheel as I have over the last few weeks. Just finishing a stint at the Magic Castle in Los Angeles, and a brief stop in Arizona, I find myself chugging back to KC thinking of the upcoming Holiday season.

Each of us strives to achieve a level of excellence in our performances. Some of us love magic as a hobby, some as a profession, and some as a passion! No matter what level you attain, the opportunity to share this art form with not only the public but your peers is a rare chance indeed. I valued my opportunity, and challenge each of you to someday experience what I have just encountered at the Castle.

So back to reality. As I had a chance to remember what has transpired over this past year, I realize how fast time flies and how fleeting it is. We as a Ring have accomplished so much. We have grown, and brought new talent to the forefront. Our contests and special events were better than ever, and I feel that our members are relying on each other more now. Our attendance at meetings, lectures and events was up this year, and the quality of our magic never seemed better. We watched as David Sandy finished his term as International President. We are grateful for all his hard work. We also had a fantastic Convention in Cleveland - lots of memories abound from those 4 days.

I cannot regret a moment that I have served as your Ring President. I think even though our accomplishments seem many, there is always room to get bigger and better. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Ring's Board of Directors that served under me. Their time, opinions, and assistance when called upon made my job an easier one. They deserve much credit for why your Ring is what it is. I look forward to having Alan Goodheart take over as your new President in 2005, and I will continue to serve in the capacity of Past President. You haven't gotten rid of me that easily.

Again thanks for a great year, and I personally wish each of you the best for the Holidays and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

**Sorcerer's Circle
Point's Sheets
Need!!**

Important reminder:
Members need to fill out their sorcerer's circle points sheets and bring them to the December meeting..
If you need assistance, contact any of the Board members listed in the News letter.
You can download the Sorcerer's Circle SOP's or the work-sheet at:
www.ring129.com

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**Magician of the Month Winners
November, 2004**

**Stage Winner
Ken Reedy**

**Close-up Winner
Dennis Burks**

WEBMASTER

Ken Reedy

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 magicbyken@kc.rr.com. webdesigners@kc.rr.com.

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SPECIAL ATTENTION

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A warm welcome to the newest member of Ring 129!

Roger Burget
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Welcome to Ring 129, Roger. We are proud to have you as one the select few. Questions will surely arise about magic. And this is the place to find the answers. Just ask any member. We will help.

HELP WANTED:

Ring 129 Youth Leaders/Mentors

*Good News....*The youth membership is growing & we expect that it will continue to grow as the age limit to join the IBM has been dropped to TEN years of age as of July 2004!!

*Bad News...*There is not youth program in place to accommodate these special needs!

Ring 129 is seeking individual(s) who are interested in taking an exciting journey into the “Fountain of Youth”! Should you be willing to become either a Youth Leader or a Youth “Mentor”...please contact Terry Elton!

* **Happy Holiday’s!!!** *
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* **The Holiday Season is a most** *
* **Magical time of the year.** *
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* **If you have any special Holi-** *
* **day themed magic you are en-** *
* **couraged to bring it to the** *
* **December meeting.** *
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Reading from Left to Right,

Front Row:

Larry Warshaw, Alan Goodheart

Back Row:

L.C. Collier, Dave Buttram, *Guest of Honor*
 David Sandy, Don Wiberg, Roger Miller, &
 Duane Fields

Sandy Got Roasted

By LC Collier

The roast is an event sponsored by the sorcerer's circle, and is one of the more laid back events, where you just enjoy the entire evening. This evening would be no exception. Forty-five people gathered at V's restaurant on November 6th to witness the roasting of David Sandy. They were greeted with a fine atmosphere, drinks and pleasant conversation followed by a meal fit for a King. With all of that out of the way, the real meat of the evening began.

As **Alan Goodheart** introduced everyone at the head table, we were pleasantly surprised by how marvelously witty this normally quiet jeweler could be. He had something dicey to say about everyone and ended by introducing the emcee for the evening.

LC Collier came up, tore off his tie and coat and (in a referee shirt) shouted "LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE". After a few inane ramblings he introduced the first speaker of the evening.

Duane Fields had been preparing for this event for a year. After his own roasting he swore to get even and get even he did. With pun after pun he had the crowd rolling. He finished by cutting a four foot paper doily that commemorated the roast for David.

Larry Warshaw proved an attorney does not always present the facts and just the facts, as he recounted things from David's past that WOWed the crowd and kept the evening flowing.

Don Wiberg showed us why he was one of the most popular International Presidents of all time. He stole the show with his fantastic sense of humor and quick wit. He had most everyone with tears in their eyes before he was done. (Come to think of it, he was never done. He injected comments throughout the evening.)

Dave Buttram as usual was Dave Buttram. He has always been this writer's hero and continues to be! As only Dave could, he presented his case against David and finished with his own hilarious rendition of the Paper Star Trick. Funny, funny stuff.

Roger Miller surprised everyone with a funny routine that had virtually no "How Small Was It" bits. Roger is always funny and he made tonight special by telling stories no one had heard before. Ask David about being short sheeted and not understanding what was wrong.

David Sandy had his chance to rebut the testimonials of the evening, but found it difficult because most everyone who spoke conveyed love for the man. In his usual gracious manner he closed the evening of speakers out.

No one wanted to leave the event. They milled around talking for another half hour before going to another restaurant for coffee and to continue the festivities. If you missed the roast, you missed a really good event.



A Special Thanks from the Starkle of the Show!!

I remember growing up on a farm in Northwest Missouri. On the rare evenings when I wasn't out on the front porch staring at the full moon or perhaps wishing upon the first star of the evening, you might have found me watching television with my family. One of my Dad's favorite things to watch was the Dean Martin "Man of the Hour" celebrity roasts. Little did I realize at that time, that some 30+ years later, I, too, would be subjected to the jabs, verbal zingers, and serve as the butt-of-all-jokes for an entire evening.

One might ask... "What fun could that possibly be?"

Well, it was fun! But aside from all of the great fun and laughs, I was touched that our Ring would take the time to organize such a "roast" in my honor, and

that so many of my magical friends would come out to share the evening with me... even Don & Joyce Wiberg all the way from Chicago! It was such a privilege to be mocked, insulted and laughed at... and I REALLY MEAN IT! I actually reminded myself during the course of the bashing, "They're not laughing WITH me... they're laughing AT me!" And in all honestly, it felt good!

A huge "thank you" to L. C. Collier, Alan Goodheart, Duane Fields, Dave Buttram, Roger Miller, Larry Warshaw, and Don Wiberg, who took the time to write some great "let's abuse David Sandy" material. I do feel blessed to have so many friends. Thanks to all who attended... and remember, "revenge will be sweet!"



L.C. Collier

Getting Ready to Rumble!!



Duane Fields

All torn up over the event!!



David's Dear Friends

Left:
Don Wiberg

Right:
Dave Buttram

Real
Magic !!
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Lecture Fees

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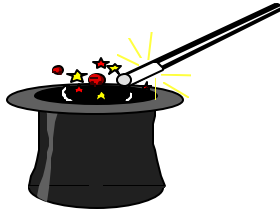
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are as follows:

Non-Members \$15

Members in good standing \$6

Sorcerer's Circle Members \$5



So What Went on At Last Month's Meeting.. ... Let's See...

Coming inside from the good weather which continues to bless the Midwest, we gathered on November 4 for our monthly meeting. President Terry Elton presented the Superior Quality Ring Award to the assembled membership. As we mentioned in a previous report, this is the second time we have achieved such recognition. We know we have a great ring, but it's great to hear it from others.

We continued with the election of officers: Alan Goodheart, president; L.C. Collier, vice president; Kirk DeWeese, treasurer; Don Douglas, secretary; and Ken Reedy at-large board member. Terry Davis taught a trick, and Roger Miller read reports of meetings five, ten, and fifteen years ago. Ken Reedy reported on the Healing of Magic, which he has headed up for some time. Sadly, he informed us that he will need more volunteers, since he will be undergoing chemo treatments for a recurring bout with cancer. We wish him the best.

The mood brightened a bit with our monthly contests. Dennis Burks led off the close-up contest with a routine themed on the year 1930. He showed us framed Norman Rockwell 1930 magazine cover with a picture of a man doing card tricks and then performed an effect from the July 1930 *Linking Ring*. He then did some humorous material with a letter supposedly found inside the *Linking Ring*, which included a prediction of a spectator-selected card--which in turn was featured on the poster. (Note: not much has changed over the years; the 1930 issue included an article of unauthorized copying of magic material). John Hicks did a card routine which involved a fake foul-up; he apparently forced two indifferent cards instead of a jack and an ace, but then showed that all of the other cards were blank.

Ken Reedy opened the stage contest with a gag silk routine, first producing a silk from flash paper only to discover that it was burned to shreds by the fire, and then restoring it to its proper state. Duane Fields showed how much mileage a good performer can get from a simple prop, telling the story of Dracula through the use of a simple paper tear. He showed a picture of Dracula transformed into a bat and then had a spectator stab it. Saying that Dracula could not be killed in his bat-like state, Duane then restored the picture. Roger Miller did a Clippo effect in the form a sermon. In the voting, Dennis and Ken were declared the winners.

We had a real treat during the open session. Close-up expert Mark Tams, a former ring member (and several-time magician of the year) was visiting from Oklahoma, and he wowed us with a couple of routines, including his original two-cups, two-balls routine--the only such routine I know of that does not use an extra ball except for the final loads. Other performers were Eric Woods (silk production), Carl Macan (spoon bending), Jason Dean (card switches), J. E. Mastin (a cigar routine in which he talked about his desire to quit smoking), and L.C. Collier with Starcle and the pom-pom pole.

Two days later a large assemblage gathered at V's Restaurant for a "Roast" of long-time member and International past president David Sandy. Humor and sentiment were neatly balanced in this tribute, which we hope you will be able to read about in the separate article we are submitting to *Linking Ring*.

That's all for now. Best wishes for the New Year. --Stu Lewis, ring reporter