

CENTER of the RING

Heart of America Ring 129

Ring Quality Award Winner

February 2005 Newsletter



CALENDAR

Regular Meeting
March 3—7:00 PM
Best Western

Children's Magic Show
Feb. 5—1:00 PM
Roeland Park Comm. Ctr.
4906 Rosewood
Roeland Park, KS

Annual Ring Magic Auction
Feb 5—5:00 PM
Roeland Park Comm. Ctr.
4906 Rosewood
Roeland Park, KS

Lee Asher Lecture
March 2—7 PM
US Toy

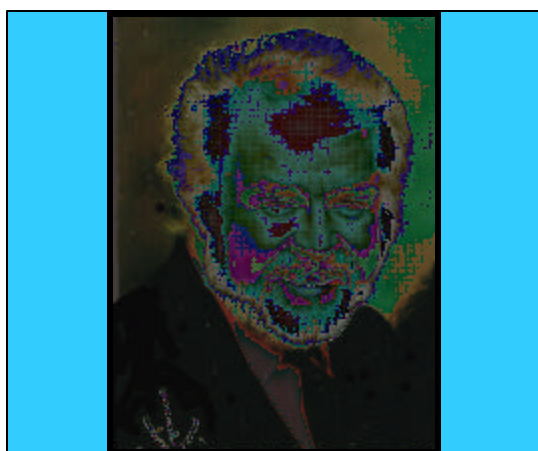
This is the free lecture for those who paid there dues no later than the December meeting.

NEXT MEETING

February 3, 2005 7:00 P. M.

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

If Penn Valley, KCCC, or JCCC night courses are canceled there will be no club meeting.



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Stage Magician of the Year 2005

It has been many years since Ring 129 has seen such a stellar performance as we witnessed on Saturday, January 22nd when **L. C. Collier** worked his magical prowess to come away with the H. Claude Enslow Stage Magician of the Year Award. This year's banquet and show seemed to have excitement buzzing about even before the curtains opened. We were honored to have our IBM President Elect Roger Miller and his wife Sheila at the event both representing the IBM and as our Master of Ceremonies. Maybe this added to the intensity that you could feel in the audience that told you it was going to be a really special night. But L. C. could not be denied. He loves performing in almost any venue! For the contest he made silks pass through fire, had ropes of different lengths become the same length, performed a marvelous triple linking ring routine, and was, followed by the climax of the magnificent Oriental snowstorm effect, of course.

Mr. Collier was not the only magician showing his talents at the banquet. There were six other members of the Ring that took the stage. **Ken Reedy** led off the night, followed by (in no particular order) **Dennis Burks, Marty Isenberg, Chris**

Gates, Harris Deutsch, and J. E. Mastin. Second Runner-up in the MOY contest was **Chris Gates**, while **Dennis Burks** took the First Runner-up honors (should L. C. not be able to fulfill his obligations as MOY, then the Runner-up will fulfill that position - sound familiar??).

Special thanks go to many others that helped make this a really memorable event. **Mike Blum** was in charge of the judges and the scoring. **Chuck Macan and Carl Macan** took reservations, arranged seating, and handled the door. **Terry Magelssen** Of Amazing Productions ran the sound and music and far beyond our expectations in making the room come to life with magical sound and light displays, and **Bruce Goodheart** tended to the spotlight. Also **Kirk Deweese** helped keep the show moving backstage. And a special thanks goes out to Alan Goodheart of his usual outstanding effort in coordinating all the aspects of the Banquet that makes this such a special event for us all to attend. Our hats are off to you, Alan!! We appreciate what you all did to make this a memorable evening for us. And good luck L.C....we are looking forward to your performance at next year's banquet already! *****

Presidents Column February 2005



UNBELIEVABLE! OPTIMISTIC! EXCITED! Those are just three of the first words that popped into my head after hearing the news that you have entrusted me to become the President of Ring 129.

There have been many memorable days in my life, but this one goes down in my journals as one of the best. You see, since I was very young, I have strived to be number one - the best! In sports, I wasn't the most athletic. In school, I did good enough to make B's, but not A's. When I tried to be our Class president in seventh grade, I lost by ten votes. When I ran for Student Council President against my best friend, I found out that he recruited all our mutual friends to support him, and I lost by a landslide. And the results at our fraternity elections were the same - disappointing defeat!

In nearly 50 years on this Earth, this is the first leadership role that I have been blessed to achieve, and I promise you I am ready to take our Ring to new heights and do things we haven't even dreamed of yet, but mostly to try and breathe new excitement and life into those that participate regularly, and for those of you that haven't been involved for a while, a chance to bring you back to see what you have been missing. If I have not met you personally yet, please, come up at the meeting and introduce yourself. I want to try and know each and every one of you. But I ask for your help - to let me know what it is you want the Ring to improve, or what we can do to present opportunities for you to learn more from each other. Not giving our routines away, but to learn different techniques, how acting plays such an important role in magic presentations, how to make magic into a business, and whatever you bring to light that would benefit the majority of our members.

I see so many opportunities available for all of us to glean what magic is all about - to entertain and mystify the masses. If you were not at the Stage Magician of the Year Banquet last week, you missed one of the best Stage shows that I can remember. All the performers turned out fantastic routines that made judging a winner that much more difficult. In the end, L. C. Collier was judged this year's Stage MOY, but the others that competed deserved their mention as well. All of them - Harris Deutsch, Dennis Burks, Ken

Reedy, Marty Isenberg, Chris Gates, and Jason Mastin - deserve our thanks for wonderful and inspiring performances. And a special thanks to Terry Magelssen for his company's efforts - Amazing Productions - for a truly AMAZING display of light and sound that made the evening come alive! Thanks Terry!

I spoke of our members getting involved with things that are relevant to magic and our club's survival. You have many chances to jump in and assist us making events both large and small a success. The upcoming Kid's Show and Auction on Saturday, February 5th is a perfect time to step up. We need several people to help with some walk-around magic before the Kid's Show, and could always use some stage assistants to coordinate performers coming on and leaving the stage. And the auction could use a few runners and people to check in the members and visitors. And you would still be able to participate in bidding or selling - either one! So if you can help in some small way, please give L. C. Collier or Kirk Dewese a call and tell them that you are stepping up to the plate to make a difference.

If we all took the initiative for just a small task at hand, we could move mountains, and that will be our game plan and our goal as the year progresses. For if we all can try to give back a little to our organization, the sky is the limit! So be ready to be called upon to help make your Ring 129 not just the best Ring around but the most respected Ring as well.



A Pleasant Reminder to Pay Your ANNUAL DUES!



January Highlights

If the weather kept you from attending last month's meeting you missed out on a good time. Once again Kirk Deweese was giving a way FREE magic for those who new the answers to last month's trivia questions. The January meeting was fast passed and lively, going into the magician of the month competition during the first half of the meeting. It was a real treat to have Tony Wilson share his comedic magic with us.

SORCERER'S CIRCLE

By L.C. Collier

There are some exciting changes in store for the SC members this year. Many of the changes will be published in the next newsletter.

The committee needs some feedback from you to help with some of them. For instance we want to get back to having four events each year. What those events are depends on you. It has been suggested that we ...

1. hold an annual roast
2. have dinner and a show
(by SC members)
3. get an private informal visit w/lecturers
(where possible)
4. go to dinner and a comedy club
5. have a group go to the ball park

We would like to hear from you as to what you would like to do. Please call or talk to LC about your ideas. It is your group and we would like for it to reflect your desires.

Congratulations to the star winners this year. We appreciate all of your hard work. It is people like you that keep the club running.

Terry Elton
Ken Reedy
Carl Macan
Alan Goodheart
LC Collier

NOTICE:

Included with this month's newsletter are the following:

Sorcerer's Circle Points Sheet

Start keeping track of your points now to enjoy the benefits of his elite group in 2006.

Auction Seller Consignment Sheet

If you plan to sell your goods please have this ready to turn in at the next club meeting.

Jan. Magician of the Month Winners

Close Up Winner

Eric Woods

Stage Winner

L.C. Collier

Congratulations to the winners. We look forward to the upcoming performances.

WEBMASTER

Ken Reedy

Go to www.ring129.com

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See all the new changes that have been made and that you can download!! Contact Ken at **816-734-1484** or email him at magicbyken@kc.rr.com.

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Tentative Lecture Schedule

Lee Asher

March 2—7 PM

Chris Capehart

April 6—7 PM

Ron London

May 11—7 PM

Tom Jones & Rachel Wild

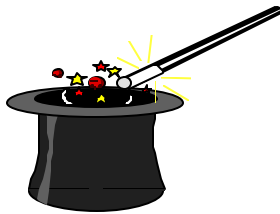
Aug 15—7:30 PM

Ring 129 would like to offer a *special thanks to US Toy*. We enjoyed many great lectures last year and look forward to attending the upcoming lectures at your facility.

Kirk DeWeese
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Members are encouraged to submit articles and comments for publishing and earn additional Sorcerer's Circle Points. Articles must be in the Editor's office by the 20th of the month.
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**This is Your Last Newsletter
Until Your Dues are Paid!!**

Last Months Meeting By Stu Lewis

To the left of us, snow; to the right, freezing rain; and in the middle, Ring 129's January meeting. About fifty members and guests were on hand to welcome special guest Tony Wilson, our international president, who was in town en route to the mid-winter Board meeting in Nevada (or as he would call it, the mid-summer Board meeting). I guess when you live in New Zealand, everyplace is en route to Nevada.

After the usual announcements, L.C. Collier showed us the new Ring 129 logo, which he had designed. This will certainly add some class to our various publications.

Roger Miller then introduced Tony Wilson, who, after speaking briefly about the IBM initiatives to work more closely with SAM, entertained us with a magic routine intended to familiarize us with New Zealand, a.k.a. "Middle Earth," an idea which he illustrated by showing a pole with three objects hanging from it only to have the one with the globe magically appear in the middle. It is, of course, an old prop, but he gave it a new application. He also did some deft moves with linking silks and a rope which penetrated his body. It's good to see that we have a leader who is also talented in the performance of magic.

We then went on to our stage contest. Al Sawyer vanished a borrowed watch and had it appear in a can of corn. L.C. did his colorful stage act, including an impressive three-ring routine in which the final unlink concludes with one ring spin-

ning up each arm while he gripped the third in both hands. Harris Deutsch produced a mouth piano from a bunch of silks and he continued the musical theme with a bit of ventriloquism, having his puppet sing Allen Sherman's parody of "Auld Lang Syne." Tony Wilson returned during the close-up segment to perform some more. He told the story of the three little pigs with some small pigs (two in hand, one in pocket). He followed this with an Okito-box routine and a torn-and-restored bill. Eric Woods was the sole competitor in this category, performing an ambitious-card routine and the cups and balls. While in the absence of an opponent he must be confirmed by the Board as the winner, the issue does not seem to be in doubt. L.C., meanwhile, was voted as stage magician of the month.

Joe White led off the open, non-competitive segment with a mentalism effect involving ESP cards. He was followed by Larry Warshaw, who performed an original sandwich effect called "Tell the Jacks," which consisted of a spectator peeking a card, shuffling the deck himself, and then inserting two jacks face-up into the deck, magically sandwiching the peeked card. It was easy to see why he is a veteran of the Magic Castle.

Our big January event is our annual contest for stage magician of the year. Watch for our write-up next month.

--Stu Lewis, ring reporter