



MAGIC NEWS

HEART OF THE RING

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

Upcoming Events

March 2, 2002

**Children's Magic Show
and Ring Auction**

Roeland Park
Community Center

**Kid's Show- 2:00 pm
(NOTE CHANGE)**

Auction- 5:00 pm

March 7, 2002

Regular Meeting 7:00 pm

Holiday Inn
95th and I-35
Lenexa, KS

March 21, 2002

Board Meeting

Dr. Mike Blum's House,
8217 West 100th Terrace
7:00 pm

April 4, 2002

Regular Meeting 7:00 pm

Holiday Inn
95th and I-35
Lenexa, KS

April 22, 2002

Alberto Marchese 7:00 pm

Holiday Inn
95th and I-35
Lenexa, KS

May 2, 2002

Regular Meeting 7:00 pm

Holiday Inn
95th and I-35
Lenexa, KS

May 9, 2002

Charles Gauci Lecture 7 pm

Holiday Inn
95th and I-35
Lenexa, KS

Midwest's Biggest Magic Auction Comes to Kansas City

Hard to believe it's that time of year again to check your magic inventory, empty your traveling trunk, clean out your cases, and bring those magic items you haven't used in years to the **Biggest** auction of magic in the Midwest. **Tom Burgoon** and **Terry Davolt** are your auctioneers for the annual Ring 129 Magic Auction to be held at the Roeland Park Community Center on Saturday, March 2nd. Earlier that day, the Ring will be hosting a Chil-

dren's show for the public at **2:00 pm (please note time change)**, and sellers can begin setting up their wares after 4:45 pm. The fun begins promptly at 5:30 pm.

Auction committee co-chairs **Kirk Deweese** and **Rod Sipe** have planned a great evening for us all. They have made the actual way things are run easier for everyone, so expect to sit back and enjoy the evening. There will be food and refreshments available at the snack bar as in years past, so come hungry, and don't forget your checkbook!

This should be a really premier Club event. See you Saturday, March 2nd!!

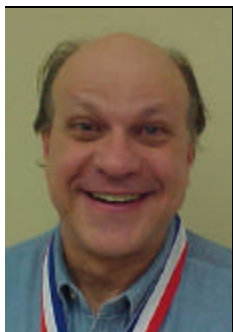
Make Note of This Exciting Change

Starting with the March Meeting, there will be a very pleasing format change. The biggest part of that change will be having the "Teach-A-Trick" segment at the beginning of the meeting. So don't be late (meeting starts at 7:00 pm) and be ready for some very fun additions to the way our meetings are held. Be a part of

Kid's Show at Roeland Park March 2nd

This year as in years past you can make it a full day of magic. Prior to the Ring 129 Auction on Saturday, March 2nd, you could attend the Ring 129's Children's Show at the Roeland Park Community Center. **Please note the corrected start time of 2:00 pm.** The show is put on as a benefit for the Ring and draws a overflow crowd each year. This year's performers are **Kyle Scheel, Harris Deutsch, L.C. Collier and Keith Leff** (who is also the associate producer). We look forward to a great turnout for this event. Come join the festivities!

As you may have noticed, you received a special packet in the mail today. We wanted to start the 2002 magic year right, and thought this the best way to do it. Along with the newsletter, we have included the most current roster of Ring members (soon available on line at www.ring129.com), your new Ring 129 membership cards, your badge to bring to all Ring 129 meetings, lectures, and events, another listing of the rules for the upcoming Auction as well as the seller's bid sheet to fill out (be sure to check out the back of the auction sheet for alot of information on two great upcoming lectures, Alberto Marchese, and Charles Gauci, as well as a few surprises. Don't throw anything away!! Keep



President's Column
By
Mike Blum

I had the opportunity to converse with an interesting person during our Annual Magician of the Year banquet and show. Actually, I chatted with everyone who attended. Working my way around the room was fun. Everyone seemed to be having a good time. Back to that interesting person.

He was telling me about his enjoyment of magic and his health issues. We did not get into too many details, since I would have had to have him take off all his clothes. That would not have been a pretty picture. He had a bone marrow transplant. For those of you unfamiliar with this aspect of medical science, this is heavy duty treatment for heavy duty illness. Here I was chatting with someone who had recovered from a major illness and was enjoying our annual event. During his convalesces, I can assure you he had many lonely hours.

This reminded me of a neighbor I bumped into in the hospital several years ago. He was hospitalized for more than three weeks to treat a major infection. I would stop in several times a week to show him a magic trick. This, I know, brightened his day.

As you go to visit the sick in hospitals and homes, bring along several types of your fun magic. Brighten the lonely and sometimes long recovery with a little, or a lot, of magic. Have fun with it. Teach the person a trick or two, not necessarily cards ☺. Those of you who have benefited from visits and magical experiences, share your success stories with all of us. We should all be eager to learn how to help someone when the cards, letters and phone calls don't do as much a fun magic trick. Stay healthy and share your magical powers.

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<http://www.ring129.com>

Magician of the Month

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Stage

Keith Leff

Close-up

Kyle Scheel

Important Deadline Approaching for Workshop Reunion in St. Joseph
Dates to Remember: October 2nd through the 5th

The Workshop Reunion is fast approaching. Just seven months until some of the World's Greatest Magicians ascend onto St. Joseph, MO October 2nd through the 5th. **David Sandy** has been working hard already to make this "last" Workshop the very best one of all. If you have been to these in the past, you know what tremendous fun it is, as well as the best hands-on experience money can buy. If you have not attended a Workshop before, you cannot imagine what you will walk away with – learning magic from the pros as well as your contemporaries, access to new magic material, being able to rub elbows with magicians you have only seen on TV before, and develop new friendships and camaraderie with folks from across the USA.

If you have your registration postmarked by March 1st, 2002, the fee will be \$150. You can download a registration form at www.ring129.com. After March 1st, the registration fee goes to \$195.00 for everyone – no exceptions! So don't delay – send in your checks to **David Sandy, 3604 Emerald Lane, St. Joseph, MO 64506. Do it TODAY!!**

I.B.M. RING #129 MAGIC AUCTION RULES

- ◆ Doors open at 4:45 PM for set-up. (No Exceptions) Auction will begin promptly at 5:30 PM.
- ◆ Admission fee for Buyers and Sellers is \$2.00.
- ◆ We encourage sellers to group less expensive items into lots valued at \$20.00 or more; items listed at less than \$20.00 will be sold at NO reserve price.
- ◆ Up to 5 items or lots per seller. If time allows, sellers may exceed this limit only after all sellers have had their first lot of five items on the auction block.
- ◆ Tag each item for sale with your name.
- ◆ All items for sale must be placed on the viewing tables prior to the auction.
- ◆ There will be a 10% sales commission for I.B.M. Ring #129 members (dues must be paid). There will be a 15% sales commission for non-members.
- ◆ Private sales before the auction forfeits seller's rights to participate in the auction.
- ◆ Dutch auctions are prohibited.
- ◆ Be prepared to offer a BRIEF description of the items you plan to sell.
- ◆ Buyers will be provided with bidding cards.
- ◆ Buyers must pay with cash or check before leaving or removing any merchandise.
- ◆ Minimum bids (if any) must be at least \$20.00 or more and shown on the seller's consignment sheet.
- ◆ You are responsible for your purchase as soon as you are declared the winning bidder.
- ◆ Ring #129 is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged items.
- ◆ All merchandise must be removed from the building by or before 10:30 PM the day of the auction

SELLER CONSIGNMENT SHEET

Bring this form to the auction along with your merchandise for sale. Photocopy if necessary. Only fill out the name of the item and the minimum bid (if any). DO NOT mark in the last three columns.

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Phone:

I.D.:

If You Were Not At The Ring Meeting Last Month, This Is What You Missed!

As we do every year, we concluded the month of January with our annual banquet and stage contest. Since a separate article and photo spread are being submitted to *Linking Ring*, I'll give just a brief summary here. **Kyle Scheel**, with a classic dove act, took first place, becoming the second teen-aged magician to win in as many years. **Brent Ahsmuhs**, portraying a couple of zany characters while displaying a floating bill and an arm chopper, took second. Terry Davis, with a ring-on-rope and three-ring routine, took third. Other performers were **Israel Rive ra**, **Keith Leff**, **Dennis Burks**, and **L. C. Collier**. **Roger Miller**, with his humorous presentation of some old favorites and his small-town humor, acted as m. c., and while the judges were conferring, guest of honor **Bob Escher** entertained us with a puzzling cards-across routine.

About forty-five magicians and guests cleared away the fallen branches from the recent ice storm and made their way to our February meeting. Once again, we enjoyed an evening full of magic, beginning with **Terry Elton's** Teach-a-Trick presentation, consisting of a math-based method of finding a selected card among a group of five.

Youth magician **Kyle Scheel**, fresh from his victory in our annual stage contest, led off the monthly close-up contest with a card sequence-J. C.'s Super Closer (from a Michael Ammar video). This multi-climax routine consists of numerous locations from apparently shuffled packets while keeping the entire deck under control. **Daniel Jackson** continued with Simon Aronson's "Prior Commitment," which uses Simon's Undo Influence principle. Essentially, two spectators cut freely to choose a card. Then the jokers "tell" the magician where the cards are. As it turns out, the magician had predicted the locations of the selected cards by writing numbers on the back of the jokers. **Harris Deutsch** showed himself to be as much a showman as a technician, telling romantic tales while performing multiplying billiard balls and Wild Card, the latter illustrating how his wife's image kept coming to him. **Brent Ahsmuhs** followed with a card sequence in which he produced three sevens to match the selected card and then changed them to queens when the selected card turned out to be a queen.

A number of our old-timers led off the stage contest. **Joe White** performed a routine with ESP cards and then did a version of Keyrect, in which he was able to predict which spectator would choose the one key that would open a lock. **Roger Miller** showed us part of his Rotary Club act, adapting effects such as Professor's Nightmare to the Rotary theme and doing a paper cut to create a Rotary Wheel. **Larry Poague** did a somewhat different presentation of Keyrect. **L. C. Collier** did a routine based on rings and strings-a three-ring routine followed by a ring-on-rope sequence, including "Knotted On." **Keith Leff** did a stage 3-card monte called "Stan, Kate, and Edith" (credit Kerry Pollack), complete with puns such as "You can't have your Kate and Edith Too." Corny-yes-but enough to win the contest. **Kyle Scheel** was voted close-up magician of the month.

WHERE DO YOU GET TRICKS, ILLUSIONS, BOOKS, AND TAPES?

You don't have to go far. We have some of the best resources right here in Kansas City.

Klamm's Magic Shop
Bob and Bernice Klamm
 1412 Appleton, Independence, MO 816-461-4595
www.klamm-magic.com

Magic Supply Company
Kirk Deweese
 Highway 7 and Walnut Street, Blue Springs, MO
 816-224-5000
www.magicsupply.com

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Phillip Klein
 (Inside US Toy) 2008 West 103 Terrace, Kansas City, MO
 913-642-8247

Prayer Answered?

A man walking along a California beach was deep in prayer. All of a sudden, he said out loud, "Lord grant me one wish."

Suddenly the sky clouded above his head and in a booming voice the Lord said, "Because you have TRIED to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish."

The man said, "Build a bridge to Hawaii so I can drive over anytime I want."

The Lord said, "Your request is very materialistic. Think of the enormous challenges for that kind of undertaking. The supports required to reach the bottom of the Pacific! The concrete and steel it would take! I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of another wish, a wish you think would honor and glorify me."

The man thought about it for a long time. Finally he said, "Lord, I wish that I could understand women. I want to know how they feel inside, what they are thinking when they give me the silent treatment, why they cry, what they mean when they say 'nothing', and how I can make a woman truly happy."

The Lord replied, "You want two lanes or four lanes on that bridge?"

Time to Remember Sorcerer's Circle Awards

A very wonderful group within our Ring 129 that needs to be recognized properly is The Sorcerer's Circle. They are made up of our members that have shown the resourcefulness and energy to help support the ring in many ways. These efforts must be appreciated by all members.

We recently had the Stage Magician of the Year Banquet, and at that event expanded the members of the Sorcerer's Circle. The newest member of the group is **Kevin Kirwan**, and receiving a star to add to their SC medallion ribbon was **Dan Mahar, David Sandy, Jay Godwin, and Keith Leff**.

Work hard, participate in the events and meetings that the Ring has to offer, and you too can become a part of this marvelous part of magic. If you have questions about what is required to become a SC member, please feel free to talk to any Board member.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR OUR COMPUTER SAVVY MEMBERS

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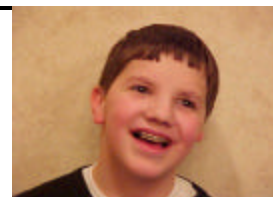
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Stage Winner Keith Leff



Keith Leff has a kind of love for magic that each of us should strive for. He belongs to the IBM, the SAM, participates in the Healing of Magic, volunteers at Children's Mercy Hospital, and is a past Ring 129 Board member. He has booked himself performing for schools, youth groups, restaurants, walk around events, and continues to find new venues to hone his talents. He said that if he could be any animal at all, he would become a dove for its being a symbol of peace (maybe even as part of **Lance Burton's** Vegas act). Keith loves both stage as well as close-up. Close-up because of its passionate and intimate style, and being able to incorporate various kinds of sleight of hand. But stage strikes his balance and is what he sees as his concentration in the future because of the numbers of people that you can effect and in reality, there is just more dollars to be made doing stage programs than there is at close-up. He got where he is today by starting out with a Reiss's magic kit. He lost a lot of the effects when he was younger, but later in life, found this same kit on ebay. He bought it, and still has the box top of the kit framed on his wall. We all look forward to seeing Keith at each meeting, and our best for your future performance in the January 2003 MOY contest!

Close-up Winner Kyle Scheel



The name may be familiar to many of you, hopefully all. He continues to amaze us. **Kyle Scheel's** magic career began at the early age of 8 when his family visited U.S. Toy Co. Kyle would hang out in the magic shop, and began to learn his craft there. He loves to perform both close-up and stage, but prefers the latter because of the sheer numbers of people you can expose to magic at once, and the variety of things you can do on stage. His rock solid performances from hours of practice show his strong "sturdy" commitment to magic, much like the mighty oak tree. He has performed for birthday parties, clubs and organizations of varying types, but looks forward to his Ring 129 Club shows at Roeland Park, as well as in Cameron and Hamilton. MO in the next few weeks. He is, of course, a proud member of the IBM, as well as the SYM (Society of Young Magicians). We wish Kyle our best as we continue to see his magic career blossom.

