



MAGIC NEWS

HEART OF THE RING

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

Upcoming Events

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
(see article)

May 23, 2002

Board Meeting 7:00 pm

May 29, 2002

Steve Dacri Lecture
Holiday Inn
95th and I-35
Lenexa, KS
(see article)

June 6, 2002

Very Special Meeting!

Regular Meeting 7:00 pm
Johnny Thompson Lecture 8:00 pm
Holiday Inn
95th and I-35
Lenexa, KS

June 15, 2002

Close-up Magician of the Year Contest
Holiday Inn
95th and I-35
Lenexa, KS

July 11, 2002

One week late due to IBM Convention)
Regular Meeting 7:00 pm
Holiday Inn
95th and I-35
Lenexa, KS

Accomplished Magic Artist Brings Unique Style to the Midwest *Steve Dacri's Sleight Of Hand Will Amaze You*

Steve Dacri is an accomplished sleight of hand artist with a career spanning some 30 years as a performer on TV, clubs and resorts, on cruise ships, and at many prestigious venues including Radio City Music Hall and The Casino de Monte Carlo in Monaco. Steve's hundreds of TV appearances include The Tonight Show, That's Incredibly Regis Philbin, Merv Griffin, and Candid Camera. Steve studies with magic legends Tony Slydini, Dai Vernon, and Frank Garcia, and has won numerous awards from the International Brotherhood of Magicians, the Society of American Magicians and other organizations.

Steve has been a regular performer since 1974 in Las Vegas and Atlantic City. He has appeared with such stars as Bob Hope, Tom Jones, Rodney Dangerfield, Carol Channing, Tony Orlando, Steve Martin, and many others. Steve is currently in his sixth year of appearances headlining in the Secret Pagoda Showroom in Caesar's Magical Empire at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas. Last year, Steve was named the Creative Director and Web Spokesperson for the new MagicWebChannel.com, the web portal to the world of magic.

Steve's extensive and varied background in magic includes creating customized magic presentations for corporate applications. Steve frequently appears at major conventions and trade shows either as an info-tainment presentation or keynote speaker. He has taught a series of lectures for magicians at the Magic Castle, at the prestigious Magic Circle in London and he often teaches magic courses and workshops at seminars and sales meetings for many Fortune 500 firms.

The lecture, which received rave reviews from The Magic Castle, is crammed full of practical advice, both from the performing and business perspectives. This lecture will benefit anyone who enjoys sleight of hand for fun or profit. In addition to great tricks and moves, taught with clarity

Take A Walk On The Wild Side

Keith Leff To Lecture on Strolling And Restaurant Magic

Be sure to attend this next regular ring meeting. Our own Keith Leff will be conducting a mini-lecture on the field of restaurant magic and strolling performing. A subject not to be missed! If you are new to magic, or new to the ring, this will be something you won't want to miss.

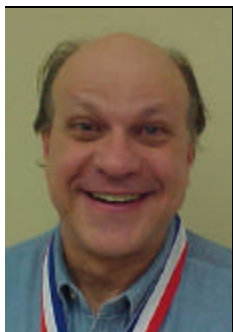
Keith will help us in approaching a table by what to say and do, types of effects to do and things to consider when performing in restaurant venues. He has been doing this successfully for several years now, and will provide some useful information for many of us who are considering performing in this arena. So come with questions you might have about restaurant magic. It will be another great benefit of being in-

Try Something New Close-up Contest Changes Location and Theme

As you read this, come closer...a little closer...OK, just a little bit closer...have you heard all about this year's close-up Magician of the Year Contest?

Great news for the Ring this year as we get ready for our annual Close-up Magician of the Year contest. This year there have been a few changes. For the past several years we have held this event at the Theatre for Young America in Mission Center. This year's contest will be easier to find – it will be at the Holiday Inn in Lenexa, Ks. where we hold our monthly meetings. But instead of having the audience sit, and rotate the magicians, this year we will have three rooms and will have the participating magician stroll performing from room to room.

Costs are \$14 for members and guests, and \$12 for Sorcerer's Circle members. The evening is planned for June 15th beginning at 6:30 pm. A cash bar will be available prior to the close-up contest slated to begin at around 7:30 pm. After the contest, we will gather to experience a wonderful dessert bar (ice cream sundaes, cookies, cake, and fruit), continue the cash bar, and have coffee with flavorings available to enjoy as we await the contest decisions. This will be close-



President's Column
By
Mike Blum

I participated in a survey of the membership of our pediatric society. It was a simple survey. The design was to determine what the membership wanted to

do with our dues and programming. We sent the survey to all our members. The return rate was quite low. Now what were we supposed to do? Did we have enough responses to make a determination as to the direction we needed to head? We decided that with the answers we received, we would let the executive committee analyze the data and give us direction. We knew we could never please everyone. Since we had an elected executive committee, we would let them give us the direction and programs. This has worked fairly well. How do you please everyone? You don't!

While we have not sent out a recent, hardcopy, "get it back to us" type of survey for Ring 129, we try to solicit information from the membership to give the board direction for programming ideas. Here is an interesting fact! Most of the complaints (or criticism) of the Ring 129 functioning and programming, has not come to me as the president, but has been given to other board members. Great! It does not bother me that the membership does not call or email ME their concerns, it bothers me that membership does not tell anyone their wishes for a better functioning club.

Now perhaps, everyone thinks things are going well... we have meetings, shows, lectures, auctions, etc, BUT are we missing something that YOU would like to see? At the suggestion of several members, we have started to have some mini-lectures at meetings. I have received many positive responses from the membership. What else would you like to see from our Ring?

As we start to plan for the summer and fall, the board and I would like to have some suggestions. Please call, email (see the list of board members and their addresses on the Ring website) or discuss at the next meeting any and all suggestions you think will benefit the club. The

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Magician of the Month

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Stage

Kyle Scheel

Close-up

Jason Dean

So Many Lectures...So Little Time
Buy One and Get One *Half Off*

Can't believe it?? It's true!

Just buy a ticket to the May 29th lecture of the outstanding **Steve Dacri** and you can attend the June 6th lecture of the world famous **Johnny Thompson!** You can't afford not to take advantage of this one-time offer.

If you attend both lectures buying your tickets before or at the Dacri lecture, your costs will be:

Guests: \$15 + \$7.50 = total of \$22.50

Members in good standing: \$12 + \$6 = total of \$18

Sorcerer's Circle members: \$10 + \$5 = total of \$15.

What a value! Don't let this opportunity pass you by!

What Did You Miss at the Ring Meeting Last Month?

The April meeting began with our illustrious Harris Deutsch conducting a mini-lecture on the use of coins in performance. He demonstrated how to produce a coin out of a biscuit, use of a dental dam to pass a coin through in front of your audience, a retention vanish with washers, a glide and color change of a coin, the French drop, and the matrix routine using 4 coins and 4 cards. His “nearly normal” routining and instructions were enjoyed by all in attendance.

We had fewer than normal performers this month. Jason Dean performed his original “Box Prediction” routine finding a face down card among all face ups, and ended with a switched card. He then ate a chosen colored thread and produced it from his abdomen having his assistant pull it out of his stomach (“Thread Me Knot”). He ended up winning for Close-up Magician of the Month. Then Kyle Scheel performed a twist on Max Maven’s “Auto Me” with a book from Harry Potter’s collection as a mental act. He had pages and passages chosen at random and ended up drawing a picture of the chosen passage. He was declared the Stage winner this month.

Open saw Dale Huffman demonstrate his version of “Nothing for Nothing” using 4 cards. And John Hicks created a version of Michael Ammar’s Virginia City Shuffle finding a selected card from seemingly blank cards. Truly a fun and engaging story that went along with his routine. When the meeting ended a little early, many members stayed around to mingle and exchange magic ideas. It was another great meeting. Be there in May to be a part of the excitement and learning.

Other Magic Events in Our Fair City

SYM “Adventure in Magic” May 11th, 2:30 pm and 7 pm at Fairmont Community Center, 608 Ash, Independence, MO., \$5 advance; \$7 at the door. 816-461-4595

SAM Bar-B-Q and Magic show, June 9th, 2:00 pm. \$15 advance reservations, at Fairmont Community Center, 608 Ash, Independence, MO. 816-461-4595

Magic Radio Show every Saturday – log onto www.magicsupply.com and click onto Radio Show on Saturdays for lots of great magic and fun for all.

Pavel lecture at U.S. Toy – featuring many effects with ropes silks, cards, rings, ribbons, wands, balloons, and other props. Sunday, May 12th at 4:30 pm. Cost \$8 in advance. Contact U.S. Toy Magic at 913-642-8247.

Look for Charles Gauci and His Magical Prowess

Lecture coming May 9th

- **Diabolical** Miracle Transpo Wallet
- **Body Language** Possibly the best all round magical effect
- **Numerology** An incredible card prediction
- **Nostradamus** A stunning close up effect
- **15 Minutes Memorized Deck System** Hailed as a break through in memorized deck systems

For 35 years Charles has been a professional magical entertainer. Because of his inventive mind, he is regarded as a magician’s magician. He has performed on every major television show in Australia. In 2001 Charles lectured at the French Convention in Jules Pin, the Convention in Bologna Italy, Hong Kong and at the International Magicians Convention in Kerala in India.

During his 2 hour lecture Charles will perform his original effect and explain them in detail. His effects cover the full gamut of magic, including cards, coins, mentalism and close-up effects. He will teach you his incredibly simple “15 minutes No Mnemoni Memorized Deck System” and his “Signed Card thru Ribbon which normally sell for US \$15.00 each. They are both included in his lecture notes.

Using this system you will learn to perform miracles of card magic hitherto performed only by the top echelons of magic. All of his effects are practical and commercial. You will be able to perform them within minutes of reading the instructions. These are effects that Charles performs in his close-up

DON’T FORGET!!

Don’t be late to the beginning of our regular meetings. ‘Cause that’s where **Teach-A-Trick** is happening! (Meetings start at 7:00 pm) Come early and learn some new and fun magic! (Mini-lectures will take precedent over Teach-A-Tricks)

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Lecture Fees**

Unless listed otherwise,
are as follows:

**Non-Members \$15
Members in good standing \$12
Sorcerer's Circle Members \$10**

**Stage Winner
Kyle Scheel**



**Close-up Winner
Jason Dean**

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Featured just several months ago in the close-up category, there are few that are not familiar with this month's stage contest winner, Kyle Scheel. He has been performing quite a bit lately, doing mostly parlour type shows. This coming Saturday he works a show at the Belton Hy-Vee grocery. His favorite animals, if you could guess, are doves and macaws. He uses both in his act, and likes their calm and playful manners, along with liking most all birds he encounters. He likes to do routines that are very visual; that explains his being fascinated with "The Dancing Cane" routines. He knows how much fun he has, and how very visual this can be to the audience. Kyle continues to be a member of the IBM Ring 129 as well as the SYM local chapter. Our best to seeing Kyle in our next MOY contest in January 2003.

When it comes to being creative and pushing the envelope just slightly, that describes our newest monthly winner, Jason Dean. As you have seen, Jason has presented his signature magical effects several times for the ring meetings, and each time he continues to blow people's minds. His enthusiasm for magic in general is infectious. He strives to perform various kinds of effects, like the "Box Prediction" he used to win last month's contest, or by passing a thread through his body and out his stomach in "Thread Me Knot". Jason is extremely approachable, and values both giving his thoughts on magic as well as receiving invaluable guidance from others on this routine. We wish Jason the best of luck as he prepares for the upcoming MOY close-up contest in June. Good luck, Jason!

