



Heart of the RING

“Quality Ring Award Winner”

November 2005 Newsletter

Regular Meeting

Featuring *Terry Elton Lecture*
Nov. 3—7 PM
Best Western

Board Meeting

Nov. 10—7 PM
Alan Goodheart's
10261 Benson St. Apt. G
Overland Park KS

Joshua Jay Lecture

Nov. 9—7:00 PM
US Toy

David Stone Lecture

Nov. 17—7:00 PM
US Toy

NEXT MEETING

Nov. 3 2005 7:00 P. M.

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



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Kansas City Renaissance Festival by Rod Sipe

One of this years Festival highlights was the 60 performances of the Upside Down Suspended Strait Jacket Escape at the Mermaid Stage during "Dr. Dumpe's Death Defying Danger Show".

Matt Gurly presented a very entertaining version of the classic escape four times a day to standing room only crowds. Using a regulation strait jacket manufactured by Posey, Matt wiggled, contorted and strained his way free for audiences that at times numbered over 1,000 onlookers.

Matt, a fifteen year veteran of the Renaissance Festival of Kansas City made his first Mermaid Stage appearance on Labor Day weekend and continued every weekend for a seven week run. Matt in recent years performed on the Adventure Stage with his Magic and Illusion Show but this year decided to team up with Fire Eating Magician Rod Sipe. Sipe and Gurly provided an entertaining combination of Magic, Fire Eating, audience participation, comedy and the strait jacket escape.

Continued...by Eric Woods

For those of you that didn't make it out to the Renaissance Fair Festival this season you missed a lot of great magic acts. Rod Sipe's show was as always, spectacular. A lot can be learned about entertaining witnessing his act.

As a Kansas resident all my life, I recall many family visits to the

Festival and enjoying his show. My parents still make it out there every year, but now when we talk about the show I can say "I know that guy!"

At the Wizard's Tower, Terry Elton and Steve Payton shared the stage. Some highlights of Terry Elton's show were his *Award Winning "Something, Nothing, & More"* and his hilarious Card Sword routine. You will want to be sure and attend this next meeting when he parts with some of the *Real Secrets* of magic. If you do not attend I hear he is threatening "more salt" for you!

Payton performed the classic 6 Card Repeat to a baffled audience, and did some fine work with a piece of rope. He also performed the Bill in Lemon ala Doc Eason, with his own artistic flair. Payton also had an awesome Jerry Andrus illusion template that he handed out, L.C. Collier will bring some to the next meeting so you can see for your self.

The evenings of the last two day's of the Festival and the following two week's one more local magician was performing on the fair grounds at the Renaissance sponsored *Phantom's Feast*. Eric Woods performed a strait jacket escape as well as a few other items tied together with a "how to save your self from Vampires" theme. His role was that of an insane magician, not a far stretch for him.



Presidents Column

Last month you missed one of the most fun and inventive meetings we have had in a while. If you weren't there, check with someone that was.

Over the past year or so, I have begun to infuse magic into several parts of my life - in business, to open a door or strike up conversation, as a tool in speeches, or to entertain. Lot's of ways magic has an influence in my life.

What I am finding is that magic is the thread that binds many areas of life together. Hard to believe, but true. Magic can open a path of communication with someone that was unapproachable only minutes earlier. It can help explain a theory or a way of life in a humorous or mystical fashion. Most of all, magic has added new self confidence to those of us that thought we always had the bulls by the horns.

I have noticed over the past year that we as a Ring have gone through cycles of bursts of magical energy, then hitting a plateau with several most uncreative periods. But as you look around, what I am seeing is - more Ring members than we have had in several years, more participation in performing, in meetings, in volunteering to work special events - and that is nothing but great for this organization.

But we cannot stop there - we need to take this momentum even further. That means getting involved. Those of you that come to the meetings each month and don't perform or volunteer, this is your chance. There will be several opportunities available, so this is your chance to make a difference and help our Ring grow stronger and better.

Lastly, we will continue this exciting year with a lecture in November by Terry Elton titled "The Devil is in The Details". A super yet much overlooked area that we all need to be aware of. I look forward to Terry making it enlightening and beneficial for us all! Be looking forward and thinking "creatively" for our December meeting when the theme for that night will be "Holiday Magic" - and we don't care what Holiday - Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanza, Christnukah, Easter - whatever Holiday you could imagine, just come prepared to share the best themed magic you might have so we can end the year in grand style! Come join us in November - we will be glad to see you!!

The time has come to pay your annual dues. Pay your dues by the December meeting, you will attend the first *Regular Lecture FREE!!*



Magic Trivia

- 1) Which answer displays a proper order of the Royal Dynast of Magicians?
 - a. Thurston, Dante, Grabel, Burton
 - b. Thurston, Kellar, Dante, Grabel
 - c. Keller, Herrmann, Thurston, Dante
 - d. Herrmann, Dante, Kellar, Thurston
- 2) On what holiday did Harry Houdini pass away?
 - a. Thanksgiving
 - b. Shavout
 - c. Halloween
 - d. St. Patrick's Day
- 3) The word *illusion* is derived from the Latin word *illusio* which means _____.
 - a. gimmicked
 - b. unreal
 - c. mocking
 - d. producing
- 4) What magician used the magic words: "Hocus Pocus Fishbones Chokus"?
 - a. Al Flosso
 - b. Max Malini
 - c. Ali Bongo
 - d. Ricky Jay
- 4) Dante's magic words "Sim Sala Bim" are a phrase from a popular _____.
 - a. Shakespearean Play
 - b. Danish Fairy Tale
 - c. Magician of the 18th Century
 - d. Book on Natural Magick

Want Ads

Oct. Magician of the Month Winners

Close Up Winner **Blake Silvernail**
Stage Winner **Barron Stringfellow**

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

A Ring 129 Welcome to New Members of the Club!!!

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We are glad to have you as new members to one of the largest, and most active Magic Clubs in the World. We wish you the best in your magical endeavors and look forward to seeing you at upcoming meetings.

Bob Katz
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A List of Magician of the Year 2006 Competitors

	Stage	Close-Up		Stage	Close-Up
01/05	L.C. Collier	_____	07/05	_____	_____
02/05	Joe White	_____	08/05	Kyle Scheel	Laird Wilcox
03/05	Mark Myers	_____	09/05	_____	Mike Melito
04/05	Terry Elton	_____	10/05	Barron Stringfellow	Blake Silvernail
05/05	Marty Isenburg	_____	11/05	_____	_____
06/05	Harris Deutsch	_____	12/05	_____	_____

**Come See Award Winning Magic
of Kyle Scheel**

To Benefit
The Award Winning Belton HS Debate
Team
Don't Debate or Deliberate....
This Magic Show is Great!!

Kyle Scheel is One of Americas Finest
Young Magicians...
Hot on the Heels of
David Copperfield & Lance Burton!
Kyle is Kansas City's only International
Junior Stage Champion of Magic!!

Kyle will Attempt to Escape, While
Straight Jacketed,
from a Pad-Locked Tank Containing over
100 Gallons of Water...

Debate All You Want, This is A MUST
SEE!

TWO SHOWS

Saturday November 19th
2:00pm & 7:00pm
Belton Forum Theater
All Seats General Admission
\$5.00 in advance
\$7.00 at the door
for tickets call 816-348-2774
or
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Carl Macan
913-648-1465
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phone to let him know to check his e-mail account)

MAGICIAN'S FOR HIRE

We have added a new web page to our web site for all of you. It is a "Magician for Hire" page. I say it is for *you* because if you are a working magician you can put your ad on it so that people can see it and hire you. This is a free ad for you and it is easy to use. You can view the page and see what kind of info we need from you at <http://www.ring129.com/hire.htm>. If you wish to be added to our "Magician for Hire" page on our web site then please send Ken Reedy your name, stage name if any, brief one line description of your act, phone number, email address and your web page address with an attached photo. Please make the description of you act as brief as possible. We only have room for one line.

2006 Officials Nominees

President	L.C. Collier
Vice President	Chuck Macan
Sargent At Arms	Matt Gurly
Secretary	John Hicks
Tresurer	Kirk DeWeese
Board Member	Eric Woods

Voting will be held at the November Regular meeting.

Tentative Lecture Schedule

Joshua Jay
Nov. 9 7 PM

David Stone
Nov. 17 7 PM

All lectures held at:

US Toy Magic
2008 W. 103rd Terr.
Leawood, KS 66206

Sorcerers Circle: \$5
Regular Member \$6
Non-Member \$15

Special Free Lecture at the Regular November Meeting. Get all the *DETAILS* on the Next page ...

A Great Lecture will be Presented at the November Meeting

By Terry Elton

Poof you're a Magician . . .
And other lies
or
The Devil is in the details

It took me a long time to figure out what I'm going to tell you in this lecture . . . but since I figured it out my magic has improved . . . my show is better . . . and more importantly my show is now different from other performers and I'm more comfortable on stage.

This is not a lecture full of new magic tricks or new handling of old magic tricks, it is a lecture designed to help you figure out who you are on stage . . . how to write your own patter or develop your own routines, the importance of talking to an audience and not at them and how to sequence a show beginning with what kind of trick to start out with and why.

We'll touch on things like costuming and areas to think about as you're developing or selecting a costume. Next we'll talk a little about rehearsal and its importance and the importance of actually going through the show rather than just thinking through it and there'll be a couple of things to think about regarding different types of audiences. If time permits we'll touch on a couple of other disciplines you might want to look into and where to look in the community to find help with them.

Finally I want to take you through the development of two routines that are now in my show in hopes that the process will give you ideas for developing your own material.

I will have lecture notes for those interested. In actuality the notes will be more like a work book with all the information listed and places to write your answers. It will also contain a copyright form that you can copy and send in when you copyright your first routine and also a sample contract to give you ideas on what to think about as you develop your own contract.

**A pleasant reminder
to pay your dues.**

Lets show the world a RING #129 MAGIC PARADE

By LC Collier

We are going to submit a Ring 129 Magic Parade to the Linking Ring Magazine and you will want to be a part of it!

As you know our own magnificent Roger Miller is the current President of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. Roger's term in office will expire at the next national convention in July of 2006. We need to honor him by submitting a "Ring Parade" that can be published prior to that event.

I have contacted Jon Racherbaumer (the parade editor) to find out how much lead time he needs and what we need to do to make this happen. Hopefully by the November Ring Meeting I will have those answers and will share them with you. What I am sure of, is that it will have to be put together in a hurry!



If you have a magic trick you would like to share with the world, write it up or video tape it and get it to LC Collier as soon as humanly possible. We do not want to let Roger down!

Please do not say to yourself, I don't have anything that is earth shattering, so I will just pass. I can tell you, from having traveled the country and visited many magic clubs, Ring 129 has some of the most talented and creative magicians in the country. The things we consider to be just another trick are viewed by others to be unique and special.

Others of you will say, I am not a writer and can't do it justice on paper. DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT! Stu Lewis and Eric woods have volunteered to rewrite any thing that needs it. With their help we will look like a bunch of geniuses.

If your effect needs artwork, that is covered also. I am fairly proficient with Delorme Photoshop and Eric Woods is a good illustrator. If there is someone else out there who can help in those areas, let LC know.

SO ... NO EXCUSES ... GET BUSY ... NOW!

Submit your entry to LC at lccollier@earthlink.net or physically get it to him ASAP. If you need to check with him on anything, his phone number is 913 579-1506.

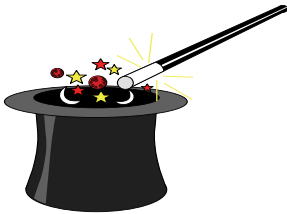
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Stu Lewis' Ring Report

Last year we came up with a new idea for teaching and learning magic. Rather than relying on outside lecturers, we realized that we have enough talent in our own ring to conduct magic teach-in. Thus was born "Magic 101," an event that was so successful that we followed it this year on September 17 with "Magic 102." We are sending a separate photo spread to *Linking Ring*, so I won't go into detail here, except to thank our excellent instructors--Jason Dean, Brian McElvain, Harris Deutsch, Duane Fields, Eric Woods, and Terry Davis--for sharing a lot of magic during the four-hour session.

For our October meeting we found our usual meeting place decorated for Halloween, with our president Alan Goodheart dressed as an alien creature (the consensus was that this improved his looks). We welcomed new member Jeff Miner during the business meeting.

Several people came ready to perform. Barron Stringfellow led off the stage competition with a Halloween-inspired act in which he acted the part of the Devil playing poker, changing a low hand into a royal flush. He followed this with a spooky penetration of a rope through a spectator's body ("Grandma's Necklace"). Steve Steiner showed how he used Strat-o-spheres for an anti-drug presentation, with the "moving" ball representing the key factor in illicit drug usage--peer pressure. Blake Silvernail did a Professor's Nightmare routine with several variations (a la Darryl).

Jim Wright opened the close-up competition with some sponge rabbits and a copper-silver transposition. He then showed that he has other talents in addition to magic by entertaining us with a couple of country songs, accompanying himself on the guitar. Stu Lewis' routine was based on gambling, opening with his original "Kansas City Hold-em II," in which the dealer allows one player to get quad aces while secretly arranging for another to get a straight flush, and concluding with an endless-chain routine. Eric Woods did a clever combination of card and rope effects, building both into one patter line. Harris Deutsch, dressed like a character in "Through the Looking Glass," did a card routine featuring multiple selections and revelations, followed by an "invisible palm" sequence. Blake Silvernail deftly had three coins travel from his hand to that of a spectator, one at a time.

Carl Macan began the open, non-competition session with a four-card effect in which the queens changed to pin-up photos. Dale Huffman's act was based on the a story of witchcraft. Joe White did some work with ESP cards. Finally, Julia and Clayton Clark did a comedy routine in which Clayton played a young Jason Dean, showing his early interest in magic, focusing on his romantic attachment to a deck of cards and culminating with card-on-nipple routine.

When the votes were counted, Barron and Blake had won their respective contests, and we went home to work on our Halloween shows.