



Heart of the RING

“Quality Ring Award Winner”

October 2005 Newsletter

Regular Meeting

Oct. 6—7 PM
Best Western

Board Meeting

Oct 20—7 PM
Alan Goodheart's
8803 W. 102nd Pl. Apt. 1
Overland Park KS

Terry Elton Mini-Lecture

Nov. 3 —12:30-5:30 PM
Best Western

Joshua Jay Lecture

Nov. 9—7 PM
US Toy

David Stone Lecture

Nov. 17—7 PM
US Toy

NEXT MEETING

Oct. 6 2005 7:00 P. M.

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



Happy Halloween!!!

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Magnificent Display Inspires ACTION!!! By Eric Woods

Several Kansas City magicians attended this years St. Louis Midwest Magic Jubilee. I am sure that all who attended noticed the displays out side the main show room, but today you will get a little history about them.

The displays were large poster boards with historical biographies of many of the great magicians from the St. Louis area. In the dealer room there was also a huge book about 2' long by 2' wide. The book contained photographs of the charter ring members and previous conventions, new clippings and promotional material going back more than sixty years.

The lives and times of many active St. Louis magicians are preserved with-in those pages. Being one with a strong sense of the importance of history, I was delighted to flip through those pages and spend some time with **Roger Linden** the man who organized all the information.

Roger found the empty large book at a stationary store in St. Louis around 1989. The majority of the work on the project began soon after and since 1990 the book as been continually updated in a more relaxed manor.

Approaching 82 years young Roger decided this would be the last event he hauls the heavy load of historical information to, and retired from his position as the ring historian for Ring1. He has handed the torch to **Steve Zuelke** who will be taking over the

position and continuing the great work that Roger began.

When talking with Roger we discussed the process of putting together such a work and he inspired me to work toward preserving the history of Ring129. As many of you are aware I am currently working toward my degree with my emphasis in Performance Magic. After discussing with my adviser I have decided to double-dip, so to speak, and work on preserving the club history, both for the ring and for my thesis.

This is undoubtedly an enormous task, but if I have learned anything during my time as a member of Ring129 it is that magicians are always willing to help. I know many of you have been involved in the club for a long time and have many great stories to share and I look forward to hearing and sharing them.

If any of you have old programs, newspaper or publicity photos and articles about individual members, convention material featuring Ring members, past show and banquet programs, magazines with cover issues of ring member or other scrap book items that they would like to donate to the club please send them to Eric Woods (info at top of page). If you do not want to send originals, copies of the material is also greatly appreciated. All the donated material will remain in the club permanently, and be used to help preserve the verdant history of Ring129.



Presidents Column

Enthusiastic....Creative..... perfection. Three words that we may not have used in the past, but words that you can feel are taking hold with members of the Ring. What I have noticed more than ever is how enthusiastic you are - whether its wanting to help a fellow Magi, volunteer for a

committee, or take our meetings to a different level. In doing this, you cannot help but being more creative. Letting your imagination leave the basic and mundane and create fresh lively magic that will "blow them away". And there is only one way to accomplish this - by practicing, planning, and repeating the tasks at hand until they can be performed perfectly! That's what is driving this group to over 115 active members, and participation in all our events and meetings brings new ideas and strength to the meaning of a true brotherhood.

So how can YOU channel this enthusiasm and creativity? YOU have a great opportunity at our next Ring meeting - by thinking outside the box, and showing us what we have long known - that we have the most original thinking group of magicians in the world right here in the Midwest. Let us see you look at the glass half full, and bring together the strangest, most bizarre, or wild ideas you could imagine. Wear a costume that makes you step into a different personality, or even imitate a fellow Ring member or a nationally known Magician. Most important - let's have fun with it!! There is only the pressure that if YOU do not participate, YOU may be in the minority, and would fail to reap the benefits of hearing the laughter and applause that is sure to come! So arrive at the meeting ready to share little business and LOTS of wonderful magic and mystery among your peers. See you at the "Magic Castle".

We are needing several volunteers to serve on this year's Board of Directors NOMINATING COMMITTEE that would help form the ballot for this year's elections. If you could assist with this easy but important job, please contact Alan Goodheart at 913-648-0331 or any Board Member.



Magic Trivia

- 1) John Henry Anderson first performed under which stage name?
 - a. the Wizard of the North
 - b. the Caledonian Magician
 - c. the Scotland Kid
 - d. Merlin

- 2) What Austrian magician has a street in Vienna named after him?
 - a. Johann Hofzinsler
 - b. Louis Doeblner
 - c. Professor Hoffmann
 - d. John Mulholland

- 3) Which of the following is the youngest of the Herrmann family?
 - a. Samuel Herrmann
 - b. Carl Herrmann
 - c. Leon Herrmann
 - d. John Galt

- 4) Which of the Bambergs used his wooden leg as a secret servante?
 - a. D. L. Bamberg
 - b. Eliaser Bamberg
 - c. David Tobias Bamberg
 - d. Theo "Okito" Bamber

Want Ads

Sept. Magician of the Month Winners

Close Up Winner	Mike Melito
Stage Winner	_____

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

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

Brian McElvain
6306 N. Camden Ave. #A
Kansas City, MO 64151
816-550-8444

Clayton Clark
3805 Stonewall
Independence, Mo 64055
816-478-9787

Rachel Franklin
9926 Roe Ave.
Overland Park, KS 66207
913-341-4366

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.

Alex Luther
209 SW West Minster
Blue Springs, MO 64015
816-220-2539

Items for sale:

Double Load Pagoda Box; Production Die penetration by Harrie; Leather Chop Cup by El Duco; Ring Box; and Ling Lee Rice Chest. All good condition!
Joe White 4000 Genessee St. Kansas City, MO 64111
816-531-3962

Wanted:

Buyers for new and "as new" magic books, tricks and media at prices that are 20 to 80% or more below retail. Subscribe to the weekly "Reverse Auction" email list from Bradbury Books. Contact dan@bradburybooks.com for details. It's free!

Dan Bradbury 4545 Wornall Rd., #805, Kansas City, MO 64111
816-531-2468

Item for Sale:

Manco Two Seater Go-Cart 5HP engine runs great, \$300.00
Gene Hernandez 7910 Longwood Kansas City, KS 66109
913-334-2502

Item for Sale:

Murder Inc (Mak Magic's Swords through Head) \$150.00
Sword Suspension (Chu's) with harness \$350.00 great pack small play big illusion.
Cutting Girl into Sixths , breaks down (no crate) \$ 200
Robert Scheel 16403 Rebecca Lane Belton, MO 64012
816-590-7155

Item for Sale:

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Ted Denesha 5724 Woodward Merriam, KS 66202
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Ken Reedy

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	_____	_____
05/05	Marty Isenburg	_____	11/05	_____	_____
06/05	Harris Deutsch	_____	12/05	_____	_____

MAGIC UNIVERSITY

102 BY ALAN GOODHEART

This past Saturday (9/24) we had what was one of our best learning events in over a year. We speak of course of our own Magic University - Course 102. There were three classes and over 30 magicians or soon-to-be magicians in attendance.

The Coins class was taught by none other than the Kansas City Kings of Coins - **Harris Deutsch** and **Jason Dean**. We learned coin rolls, copper / silver transpositions, basic and not-so basic vanishes and appearances, and a coins across routine using the traditional coins with a custom made shell. We experienced the difference first hand, and saw all this performed by Harris and Jason.

Next was Magic with everyday objects. Using a thimble found in most homes proved challenging but useful, and we saw how using a load (billiard ball) could add a new twist to this act. This was all thanks to **Terry Davis**. A more unusual approach to magical thought came from **Brian McElvain** as he explained more about the Psychology of Magic and his thought process that goes into routining and creating very powerful magic. He made you stop and realize how to take your magic to the next level. He told us that this principal could be used with regular objects, as he proved it with pink "sugar" packets. A very thought provoking way to create your magic.

Then there was the last class - but what can you do with just a plain ol' rope? Well, get **Eric Woods** and **Duane Fields** together, and you'll find out! No matter how professional you thought you were, we guarantee that taking this rope class taught you more than you had experienced before. From simple knot tying to slip knots, sliding knots, and a beautiful new way to look at the cut and restored rope routine, you got a grand overview that made you want to explore the simple rope even further. You even got a few "Bonus" explanations that only good rope magicians could provide. It is hard to remember all the things you learn in such a jam-packed day, so I wanted to give a special thanks to Eric for the countless hours he spent to send us all home with a review sheet of the material taught during the rope class.

Besides the afore mentioned magicians, we could not have had this event had it not been for **Carl Macan** and his arrangements he made for us at the Meadowbrook Country Club. And his son **Chuck Macan**, stepped forward to take reservations, set up the rooms, select the teaching magi, and set up and oversee the curriculum for the event. A special thanks to Chuck for all his efforts!! All we can say is that next year's event will be even bigger and better - so please plan on attending next year at our Magic U 103!!!

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.

Open Nominations for 2006 Officials

We will have open nominations for next years officials at the October meeting. Those nominated so far are as follows:

President	L.C. Collier
Vice President	Chuck Macan
Sargent At Arms	Harris Deutsch
Secretary	John Hicks
Treasurer	Kirk DeWeese
Board Member	Eric Woods

If you would like to run for any of the above positions or nominate another member contact one of the Nomination Committee Members.

Terry Elton 913-710-2800
July Clark 816-478-9787
Chuck Macan 913-271-4365
Eddie Pease 916-916-3695

Sick and Convalescent

If you know of a ring member or their family member who is hospitalized or has passed away Contact:

Carl Macan
913-648-1465
 crm130@aol.com (if e-mail is sent please contact Carl by phone to let him know to check his e-mail account)

Are You Ready for some Halloween Magic!!

The October meeting should prove to be one of the most magical meetings of the year. There are some special surprises that you will not want to miss. It will be interesting to see how many of you have the courage to come to the meeting in full costume.

We challenged you last month to come to the October meeting with the weirdest, strangest and most bizarre magic that you have and/or show up in a unique magical costume or spoof your most favorite or not so favorite magician - Ring member or other professional.

Hopefully you let your creativity run wild and are prepared to help make this meeting the weirdest, funnest and wildest meeting we will have in years!!! Don't Miss this Meeting!!!

Did You Know?

Phillippe Talon (1802-1878), a French confectioner whose wanderings took him to Aberdeen. According to one story he there became acquainted with John Henry Anderson; at all events Aberdeen was where he launched himself as a magician. His great contribution to modern conjuring was the introduction of the Linking Rings, the goldfish bowls, and other feats of Chinese magic, which he learned from a Chinese troupe in Dublin.

Frost says, in his *Lives of the Conjurers*, "Philippe did not make such a profuse display of glittering paraphernalia as Anderson did, but his deceptions were performed with the neatness and finish that distinguished Doebler's performances, and he was the first conjuror who exhibited with bare arms."

Ludwig Leopold (Louis) Doebler (1801-1864) was an Austrian magician. He and Hofzinsler were the greatest Austria has produced. He started life as a metal-engraver, then became a conjurer, and toured the continent, England, and Ireland with enormous success. He gave royal command performances, and amassed such a fortune that he retired permanently in 1847. A street in Vienna is named after him.

Johann Nepomuk Hofzinsler (1806-1875) was perhaps the most brilliant inventor among Austrian magicians. He introduced the roller-curtain card frame, double-faced cards, the counter-weighted clock dial, and many brilliant effects still in use by men clever enough to do them. He specialized in card work, but was also skilful in other branches of small magic.

Ottakar Fisher's book, *J. N. Hofzinsler Kartenkuenste*, translated by S. H. Sharpe as *J. N. Hofzinsler's Card Conjuring*, is the best single reference on his work.

SAM Assembly #38 presents - - The Day of Magic II. : "Magic From F To Z!"

October 8, 2005 ~

4 High Energy... Info Packed Lectures Featuring:
The Magic Of Frank Zak, Barron Stringfellow, and Danny
Fleshman:

Where?

Fairmount Community Center ~ 608 South Ash Avenue ~ Independence, Mo.

When?

October 8th 9:00 a.m. Welcome! Lectures All Day, Dealers
Tables Open 9a.m. to 7:00p.m. Evening Show at 8:00p.m.

How Much?

Lectures & Show: \$30.00* (SAM/SYM) (SYM Includes 1
Adult Admission)

\$40.00* for Non-Members

*After September 8th: \$50.00 per person

Show Tickets Only: \$10.00 Public Welcome!

Closing The Day of Magic: "MAGIC, MYSTERY &
MAYHEM"

A 90 Minute Stage Show Finale! Open To The Public

Frank Zak, Roger Miller, John Apperson and Barron Stringfellow...

Tickets Available From: Klamm Magic

(816) 461-4595 or Klamm@klamm-magic.com

VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER Accepted

There is a "No-Host" Dinner & Party The 7th of October at 6:00
p.m. to 10:00 p.m. At Palamino's Mexican Cantina Located at
10219 East US Highway 24, Independence Mo. (Right Around
the Corner from the Fairmount Community Center) Performers
will be there to Meet and Greet You! Enjoy!!

Tentative Lecture Schedule

Joshua Jay

Nov. 9 7 PM

David Stone

Nov. 17 7 PM

Sorcerers Circle: \$5

Regular Member \$6

Non-Member \$15

Lectures held at US Toy & Magic

November 3 — *The Devil is in the Details* by
Terry Elton

Mini-Lecture at the November meeting.

Look for *details* in next in months issue...

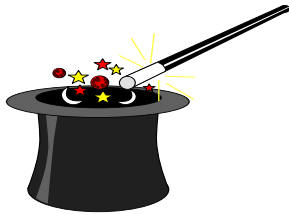
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Articles must be in the Editor's office by the 20th of the month.
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Stu Lewis' Ring Report

Tom Jones and Rachel Wild came to town for a lecture August 15. Though I was out of town at the time, I heard lots of good things about it. They focused on material within the reach of the average performer and spoke of how effects could be modified for particular audiences.

About forty members and guests were on hand for our September meeting. Kirk DeWeese was presented the President's award for service to the ring. There was some discussion of how we could help those affected by Hurricane Katrina. Joe White then spoke about some issues in magic performance. We congratulated Terry Elton and L. C. Collier for their respective wins in stand-up and close-up at last month's Midwest Magic Jubilee in St. Louis. It was noted that Terry's win with a "talk act" was an unusual achievement.

The highlight of the evening was a short lecture by L. C. Collier on the art of stagecraft. Among the topics covered were the geography of the stage (stage left, downstage, etc.), lighting, sight lines, and the ways in which a performer should use different parts of the stage. He provided a lot of information, which should be thought-provoking for anyone who actually performs on a stage. His point is that you can't just get up there and do tricks. You also need to take control of your performing environment. There was even some information that would be of use to the close-up performer, since the close-up pad could

be viewed as a sort of miniature stage.

Mike Melito, giving his first performance at the Ring, opened the close-up contest with a card force and a sequence of false revelations based on the "magician in trouble" formula before actually revealing the card. Blake Silvernail, who continues to show amazing poise for a pre-teen, used a toy stuffed beaver to find a card. He followed that routine with a variant of Simon Aronson's "Shuffle Bored." He followed his close-up act with his entry in our stage competition, a spirit cabinet with a rope escape. Mike was voted winner of the close-up contest, while Blake, being the sole competitor, will need to await Board approval for a win in the stage division, though no one doubts he will be approved.

In the open, non-competitive segment, Jason Dean led off with a torn bill which vanished and appeared inside a cigarette. Brian McElvain followed with a skillful two-coin routine and a hand-twisting puzzler. The total of five performances was unusually low for one of our meetings, but in connection with the lecture, we all felt we had a full evening of magic as we vanished into the warm September evening.

--Stu Lewis, ring reporter