



Heart of the RING

“Quality Ring Award Winner”

September 2005 Newsletter

Regular Meeting

Sep. 1—7 PM
Best Western

Board Meeting

Sep. 15—7 PM
Alan Goodheart's
8803 W. 102nd Pl. Apt. 1
Overland Park KS

Magic University 102

Sept. 24—12:30-5:30 PM
Meadowbrook CC
9101 Nall
Overland Park, KS

NEXT MEETING

Sep. 1 2005 7:00 P. M.

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



Alan Goodheart

Jason Dean

2005 Magician of the Year:
Jason Dean

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Close-up Magician of the Year Contest by Stu Lewis & Others

Late summer is often a down time, but not for Ring 129. July 30 we held our annual “Colonel Boone” contest for close-up magician of the year. For the first time, the contest was preceded by a dinner instead of being followed by dessert. Nine of the eligible winners of our monthly contest were on hand to compete for the trophy.

Though the voting of the judges (a mixture of laypeople and magicians) was reportedly close, **Jason Dean** completed an amazing four-peat (four wins in a row), thus breaking the old record of three which he had shared with Mark Tams, who has since moved away from the area. The Judges and crowd agreed as Jason was also honored with the People's Choice Award. The highlight of Jason's act is a series of matrix-type effects which concludes with about a dozen coins appearing in various places on the table. Second place went to **Barron Stringfellow**, a first-time participant, who did a themed act based on the kabala. **Larry Warsaw**, no stranger to top-three finishes, took third place with a card routine which concluded with the selected card in his wallet.

Rounding out the competition were **Harris Deutsch**, with a variety of effects relating to the theme of the way that the IBM brings people together; **Dennis Burks**, with a prediction effect based on the 1930's, using copies of the *Saturday Evening Post* and *Linking Ring* from that era; **Eric Woods** with a classic cups-and-balls sequence; **Mark Myers** with a ring on string; **J.E.**

Mastin with a spellbound routine in which coins changed from silver to copper and back again, and Paul Harris' “Reset”; and **Stu Lewis** (who had to perform one-handed due to recent shoulder surgery) doing four card effects, concluding with Rene Lavand's “It Can't Be Done Any Slower.”

All but **David Sandy** and **Kevin Emerson** prepared, and **Terry Davis** had to back out at the last minute due to illness. The contestants made their way from room to room performing their unique blend of magic. Then after the contest we adjourned to the main dining area for a wonderful dessert and superb stage show performed by this years Stage Magician of the Year **L.C. Collier**.

The dinner and desserts were served by **Margaret Singer Catering**. **Ken Reedy** headed up the judges and assisted with the tabulations. **Peggy Adams** did a beautiful job decorating the tables along with **Julie Clark**, who was the event Chairman this year. With taking reservations and coordinating all those that attended, performed, and worked the event, she did a truly marvelous job. She was assisted by **Alan Goodheart**, who took a lower profile but still contributed to the event's success.

With the help of all those mentioned and everyone that attended we surpassed the Stage event in attendance, and brought the Close-up Contest to the same level as the Stage Contest for the first time in years!



Presidents Column

Three weeks ago I returned from what has to be the "most spectacular" part of these United States. Just to our west sits Colorado - home to the Rockies, clear running creeks and rivers, tall evergreen and Aspen trees. While it approached 100+ degrees here, it didn't even break 70 degrees there. Everyone looked healthy and fit, and you just felt glorious there! And even

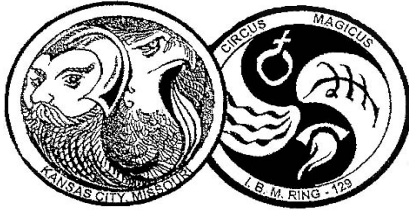
magic prevailed on the streets and in the clubs in lots of venues. It was exciting to see those that were enjoying the wonders of our trade. I now better understand how you can "fall in love" with Colorado.

As we embark on our journey through the second half of the year what a great way to begin with the marvelous Close-up Magician of the Year Banquet where over 110 people attended. What a great event this year, and we hope it is even bigger and better next year. This month we have lots of opportunities for magic at our meeting coming up, and in a few weeks our second course in the Magic University series - Magic 102 - with courses in Coins, Ropes, and Magic with everyday objects. If you did not attend last year's event, then you did not know what you missed. This year is a must! Skilled instructors will guide you with insights and tips of the trade with a one-on-one hands on teaching that you would expect to pay hundreds for. As a member, at \$10 a head, you need to sign up very soon - few spots remain, so call Chuck Macan for the details.

And I need to ask a favor as your President - the last half of this year is going to be very special, and we need your help to make it that way. Our October meeting will be one that you do not want to miss! It will be our pre-Halloween spectacular!! I want you to don your creative headgear, and think of the weirdest, spookiest, funniest, or most bizarre magic that you know, and come ready to share it with us. Or if you so desire, come in a strange, bizarre, or fun costume, or even better - how about impersonating your favorite magician - Ring member or professional - you choose. Whatever the case, let's go nuts and really have fun with this. Let your imagination run wild!!!

See you this coming Thursday for another exciting meeting!!

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.



We are looking for new Sorcerer's Circle Committee members. Contact L.C. Collier for info.

Magic Trivia

- 1) What magician is the patent holder for the pay toilet?
 - a. John Neville Maskelyne
 - b. George Melies
 - c. Johnathon Neal Brown
 - d. Leon Herrmann

- 2) What magician performed 225 different tricks in two minutes earning him the title of the World's Fastest Magician?
 - a. Walter Irving Scott
 - b. Al Schneider
 - c. Eldon D. Wigton
 - d. David Kaye

- 3) What magician did this artwork for a routine performed for him at the 2005 Midwest Magic Jubilee?



← Thumb tip

- a. Joe Stevens
- b. Bill Malone
- c. Don England
- d. Tom Burgoon

Two Magician's went to the Midwest Magic Jubilee. One bought lecture notes and a highly sought after out of print book, the other purchased a dozen smashing tomatoes and a flying saucer. No punch line, but it was a funny joke at the time.

Want Ads

Wanted:

Large (10" Diameter by 24" Length) Phantom Tube.
 Paint not a problem. Must be metal. We have items for possible trade, but are interested in PURCHASING!
Barron Stringfellow 121 w. 8th St. Horton, KS 66439
 785-468-3716

Wanted:

MAGICIANS ASSISTANT WANTED!
 Athena and I are still searching for a Female 2nd assistant for the 2006 Season. This is a paying job, and requires dedication and willingness to learn.
Barron Stringfellow 121 w. 8th St. Horton, KS 66439
 785-468-3716

Item for Sale:

Nearly Normal Laughology Programs: for your Corporate Events, including Holiday Parties, Inservice Workshops & Trade Shows Conference/ Booth Presentations tailored to YOUR NEEDS! www.nearlynormalmagic.com
Harris Deutsch Shawnee KS 66216
 913.962.4045

Item for Sale:

Look more professional with your own web site. I am offering you a web site with 2 pages for free for one year. Just call me for the details.
Ken Reedy 11304 N. Nashua, KC, MO 64115
 816-734-1484

**Submit your Want Ads:
 & Buy, Sell, and Trade...**

Check the website and you will see a new form in the **downloads section** that will allow you to put your want ads in the newsletter. This free service to all paid members may include, but is not limited to magic items.

Aug. Magician of the Month Winners

Close Up Winner	Laird Wilcox
Stage Winner	Kyle Scheel

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

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

Oliver "Skeeter" Luther, Jr. 1011 Top Water Dr. Bate City, MO 64011 816-690-6492	Mike Melito 620 NE 41st Kansas City, MO 64116 816-459-8314
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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.

Blake Silvernail
 1111 N. Emma St.
 Olathe, KS 66061
 913-780-6130

A Warm Welcome Back to:

Chris & Jaci Scudiero 7901 Farley St. #707 Overland Park, KS 66204 913-406-4124	Robert Fenn 4718 W. 69 Terr. Prairie Village, KS 66208 913-777-4259
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See all the new changes that have been made and that you can download!! If you have questions, contact Ken Reedy at **816-734-1484** or email him at ...

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	_____	_____
04/05	Terry Elton	_____	10/05	_____	_____
05/05	Marty Isenburg	_____	11/05	_____	_____
06/05	Harris Deutsch	_____	12/05	_____	_____

A NIGHT OF ILLUSIONS

Featuring:



Kerry Pollock
Comedy Magician as emcee



Team Rootberry
The world's funniest comedy jugglers

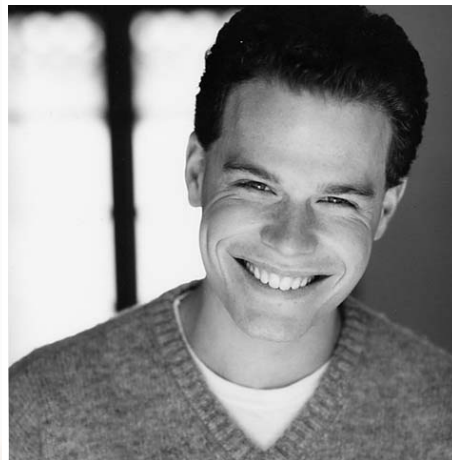


George Saterial
Magic's only 2-time Gold Medal award winner

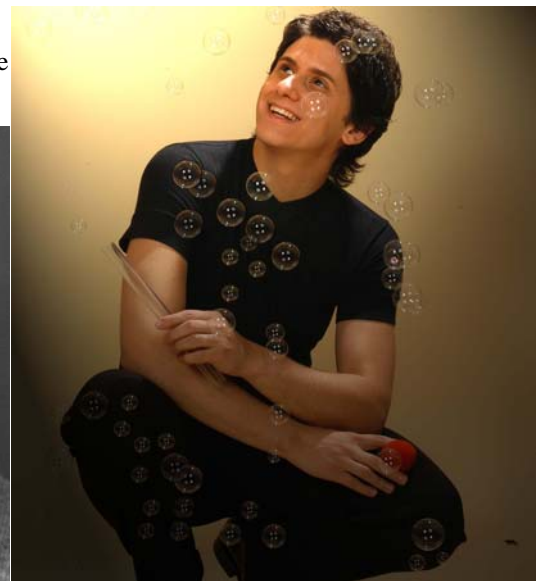


Danny Cole
Magic Castle's 2004 Stage Magician of the Year

Nikolai & Nina
Russia's beautiful magical quick change artists (picture not available)



Matt Marcy
Hollywood's funniest comic magician and television star



Mirko
International Magic First Place award winner from Argentina

Plus some special surprises!!!

The date is **Friday, September 9, 2005 -- Showtime at 7:00 PM.**

The special ticket cost is **only \$10.**

The location is the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, MO

Tickets may be purchased by calling the box office at 660-562-1212

MAGIC UNIVERSITY

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When: September 24, 2005

Where: Meadowbrook Country Club
9101 Nall
Prairie Village, KS 66207

Time: 12:30 PM to 5:30 PM

Curriculum, by vote of the membership:

Coins
Rope
Magic With Every Day Items

Tuition:

Ring 129 Members	\$10.00
Current members of other clubs	\$15.00
Non-members of Magic clubs	\$30.00

If you have already signed up you are hereby advised that you are expected to pay for that seat if you attend or not, as we are limited to 45 seats for this event. Please bring tuition to the September meeting. For more info contact **Chuck Macan**.

Kansas City Victory at St Louis Midwest Magic Jubilee

For the second time in a row the Stage and Close-up winners were from Ring 129. **Terry Elton** performed his well polished *Cy* and *Something, Nothing and More* routines. Terry's hard work was well received and he was awarded Stage Magician of the Year, a rare accuracy with a talking act. The Close-up Magician of the year was **L.C. Collier**. L.C. took the prize performing his published and highly entertaining *Full Circle Rope* and *Two Ball Sponge* routines.

We are fortunate to have such great performers in our Ring. Be sure and attend the upcoming mini-lectures to glean pearls of wisdom from these two Award Winning Magicians. (Details below.)

September 1 — *Stage Craft 101*
by L.C. Collier

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

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!!

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

SPECIAL MEETING THIS COMING OCTOBER!!

EVERYONE - this is your chance. I want you to use your creativity! Let your mind go ballistic! October is going to be the WEIRDEST, FUNNEST, WILDEST MEETING we have had in years!!

HERE'S WHY - I want you to either bring and perform your strangest, or weirdest or most bizarre magic that you have. Or how about coming in a unique magical costume, or even better yet - why don't you come, spoof your most favorite or NOT SO favorite magician - Ring member or other professional - and show us what fun is made of! SO TAKE THE CHALLENGE - SHOW US YOUR BEST, WEIRDEST, OR MOST FUN IDEAS YOU HAVE - I DARE YOU!!!

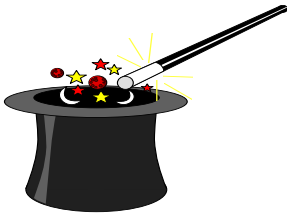
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Articles must be in the Editor's office by the 20th of the month.
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Stu Lewis' Ring Report

We began our August meeting with a report from **Doc Blum** on the IBM convention, at which our own **Roger Miller** was installed as international president. We also welcomed five new members (some of whom were former members returning to the Ring): **Blake Silvernail, Jaci Scudiero, Robert Fenn, Skeeter Luther, and Mike Melito.**

Jim Wright led off the stage competition with a music-based act including a cane production and D'Lite, concluding with Hippety-Hop Rabbits. **Kyle Scheel** tied a number of props together in a manipulation act. **Barron Stringfellow** did a monte effect in which the spectator had to guess which of three sacks held a bottle, and then concluded with a blendo effect. **Chris Black**, a former stage magician of the year who had moved away but is now back in town, called up four volunteers for an effect in which they sit and link arms in a way that will keep them suspended when their chairs are removed.

In the close-up segment **Laird Wilcox** did a chop-cup routine with a latte cup and a more classic cups and balls routine. **Chris Black** returned with a calculator number force; and **Harris Deutsch's** act featured an ambitious-card sequence which turned into a solid deck. In the voting which followed, Kyle and Laird took first place in their respective contests.

Among the performers in the "open" (non-competitive) segment, youth member **Blake Silvernail** (age 12) stood out with some amazing card flourishes and one effect which required a weave shuffle, quite a feat for someone of his age. We look forward to great things from him. Space does not permit a detailed description of the acts of **Eric Woods, Chris Black, Stu Lewis, Pam Atkinson, Joe White, and Doc Blum.**

--Stu Lewis, ring reporter