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November 2022 Edition



**Lance Burton**

Nov 2, 2022, at 7:00pm  
Dielmann Recreation Center  
11400 Olde Cabin Rd  
Creve Coeur, MO 63141



**Happy Thanksgiving!**

## President's Message

Greeting fellow members of Ring One,

It will soon be November and the chill is in the air. Not just the chill of the weather but also of those hobgoblins and other creatures that go bump in the night (or afternoon) ringing your door bell and saying BOO!! Best way of handling these types of creatures, candy and maybe a trick or two of your own.

October was a busy month for most of us; but, first, let us take a few moments to remember Jeff Lefton in our prayers. His father recently left the realm and is now on the other side of the veil and is at rest. Jeff, you and your family are in our prayers. Thank you for all you have done. Donations can be made in Mr. Lefton's name at MERS Goodwill, BJC Palliative Care, National Council of Jewish Women, or a charity of your choice.

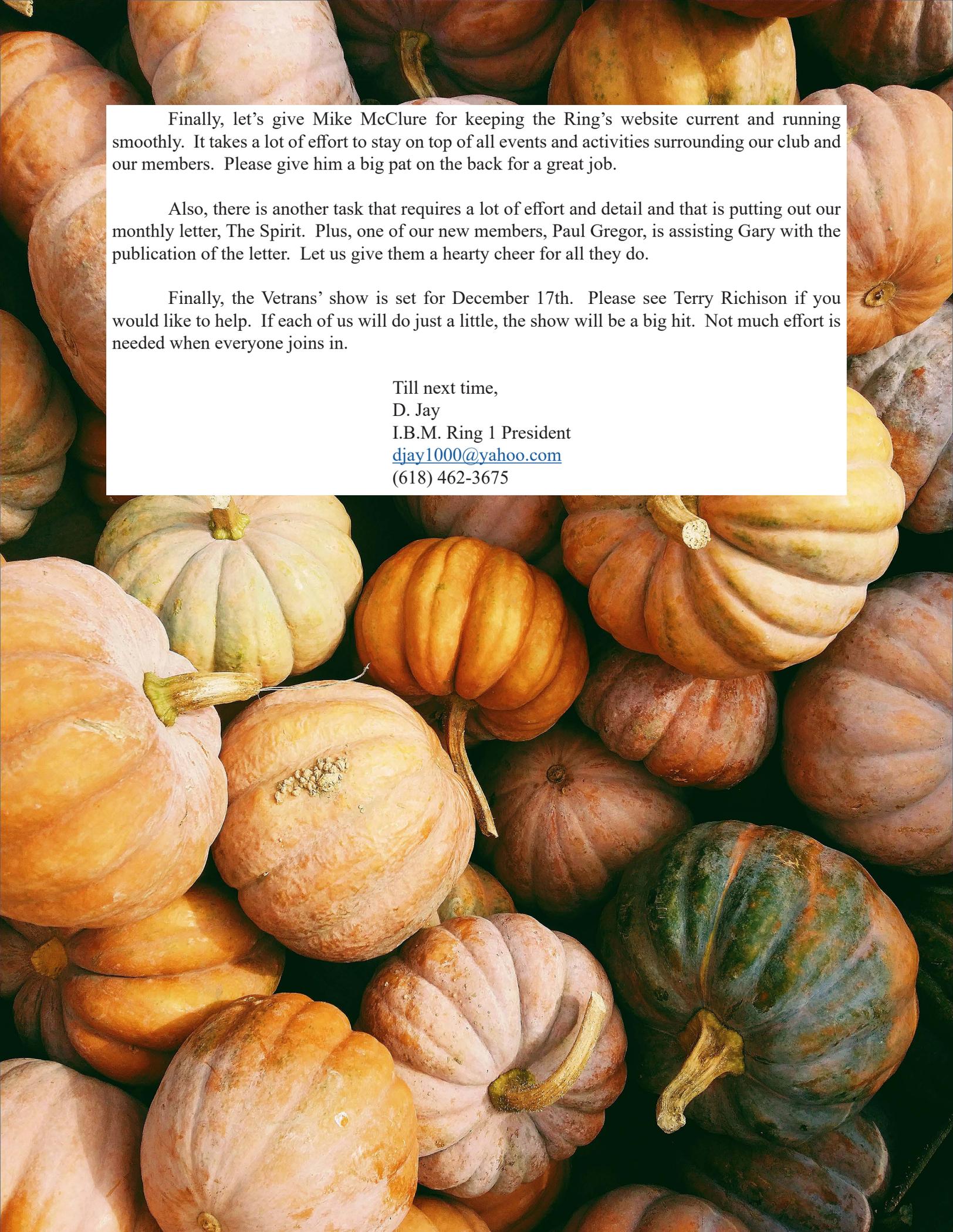
We kicked the month off with our monthly meeting. The subject for the evening was simple bill switches presented by Steve Finkelstein. There were several members present and all enjoyed Steve's lecture. He has a knack of explaining the principles of the effects he teaches. Please give a big thank you for all he does for the club.

The Sunday after our meeting was the President's banquet. There were over 40 people in attendance at Rosalita's Cantina in Des Peres. This year, the venue was changed from a banquet to this fabulous restaurant. The menu choices are outstanding and the food delicious. After the meal, I had the pleasure and honor of introducing Gary S. Chan who presented the awards to the close-up contests. Afterwards, Terry Richison presented Scott Smith with a past president's pin for serving for the previous year. Thank you, Scott. Also, Terry performed the installation of the Officers to their respected offices. Doug Clark was unable to attend this year and we hope to see him next year.

Afterwards, I had the pleasure of introducing one of our regulars, Steve Barcellona, for our entertainment. He has a great act and had everyone laughing and simply amazed everyone with his wit and charm.

Then on the second Monday of October, four of us performed for the children and staff at Ranken Jordan Hospital. There were about 20 children and 20 staff members in attendance. Lawrence "Nothing Up My Sleeve" Levy was first to perform, followed by Raleigh Muns, and followed by Dan Todd. Yours truly was the MC for the evening. The children were very attentive and enjoyed all the performances. We will need four volunteers for the November performance. Please let me know if you can help.

For our November meeting, we will have a lecture by Lance Burton, followed by a question and answer session with Lance. This will occur at the Dielmann Recreation Center on November 2nd at 7:00 p.m Please arrive early to get a good seat. The normal meeting will be short. I met Lance back in the late 70's when he performed for the Assembly 8 Fall Show. He was wonderful to watch, even from back stage.



Finally, let's give Mike McClure for keeping the Ring's website current and running smoothly. It takes a lot of effort to stay on top of all events and activities surrounding our club and our members. Please give him a big pat on the back for a great job.

Also, there is another task that requires a lot of effort and detail and that is putting out our monthly letter, The Spirit. Plus, one of our new members, Paul Gregor, is assisting Gary with the publication of the letter. Let us give them a hearty cheer for all they do.

Finally, the Vetrans' show is set for December 17th. Please see Terry Richison if you would like to help. If each of us will do just a little, the show will be a big hit. Not much effort is needed when everyone joins in.

Till next time,  
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# Ring 1 Report

by Sandy Weis et al.

Steve Finkelstein volunteered to present a Bill Switch Lecture at the October meeting. There were approximately twenty members present. Those present all went home knowing how to perform a bill switch. Steve prepared a very informative handout for each attendee. This handout included information about the different types of bill switches or changes. Also included was a spreadsheet explaining his research of the most impressive magicians who do bill switches, and he even supplied links if one wanted further information. This lecture focused on teaching how to perform bill switches using gimmicked bills. He even brought supplies so everyone could make a gimmicked bill. The handout included explicit directions as to how to make one and included pictures. Then he gave the attendees time so they could make one and practice the effect. Steve is an excellent presenter. The Ring is fortunate to have a member who is so knowledgeable about magic and is also willing to share his knowledge to the other members. Thanks, Steve, for a job well done!!

The President's Banquet was held on October 9th at Rosalita's Cantina located in Des Peres. There were approximately fifty people who attended. This restaurant has a private banquet room and allowed the attendees to order from the regular menu. They were also able to give each party individual checks. The food was delicious and everyone commented that it was a perfect venue for the banquet. After the meals were served, Gary S. Chan gave out the awards to the individuals who won the close-up contest. All winners attended the banquet this year and were thrilled with their awards. Doug Clark, who lives in Columbia, MO, always attends the banquet and also installs the new officers. However, he wasn't feeling well and was not able to attend. He was certainly missed. Instead, Terry Richison installed the new officers. The Ring hopes Doug is feeling better and will be able to attend next year. Steve Barcellona was the featured performer. He was an active member of both Ring 1 and S.A.M. Assembly 8. However, his schedule conflicts with meeting nights so he is not able to attend the meetings. He did a great job performing his comedy magic routine. The attendees really enjoyed his performance. Thanks Steve for doing such a great job!





D. Jay Lenz, Laurence “Nothing Up My Sleeve” Levy, Dan Todd, and Raleigh Muns volunteered to entertain the children, family, and staff at Ranken Jordan Pediatric Bridge Hospital during their monthly visit. Dan Todd shared the following: “It’s so nice to see the smiling faces again. I have no problem with masks, but I missed the smiles and gasps of joy when performing for the children, volunteers, and staff at Rankin Jordan Pediatric Bridge Hospital. All performers were on top of their game on Monday. Happy faces all around us. Such a delight! Volunteer for a truly appreciative audience experience. Just let D. Jay Lenz, the Ring’s President, know you wish to help out by entertaining those wonderful children.” Dan is not able to attend the Ring’s meetings due to a conflict in his schedule; however, it is great that he is able to attend the monthly visits to Ranken.

Jill “Silly Jilly the Clown” Schmidt has returned to Eckert’s Farm for her tenth year of performing during some of their apple and pumpkin picking weekends. This year she’s doing what she did in her first eight years: magic shows for her first three or four hours and balloon animals for her last hour or two. Last year she did balloons only, which was okay on slow days when she had time to do some gags with the kids, but with the magic shows, the kids really love the laughter and participation.

Jill recently developed a Halloween magic show, mainly for her shows at the pumpkin patch. She wrote a silk change bag routine about a boy who wants to be a monkey for Halloween. Jill hired an artist on Fiverr.com to make the drawings, then on her home printer, printed the graphics on 8.5” x 11” silks purchased from Dharmatrading.com. For years, one of her audience’s favorites is the Peek-a-Boo Bunny magic trick by Silly Billy. Jill recently hired Jam Stone Magic to design and print zombie bunny stickers to place on top of the original bunnies. The kids like that the zombie bunny looks a little scary. David “Silly Billy” Kaye was impressed when, at the KIDabra convention, he saw Jill’s zombie bunny update.

Jeff Lefton will be performing at The Blue Strawberry located in the Central West End on October 17th. He will be performing a combination murder mystery-comedy magic show. According to the website, it will be fun, comical, and interactive.

Paul Gregor (depicted below), our Ring 1 Intermediate Close-Up Contest winner, set up a table in his neighborhood and performed magic for two hours on National Night Out in St. Louis (Oct 4, 2022). The children were extremely entertained, and Paul passed out flyers for them (and their parents) to come check out the Ring. Then Sam Page, the St. Louis County Executive, dropped by and watched Paul perform. In the span of a couple of months, Paul has risen from “obscure” to “contest winner” to “entertainer of elected officials”!



Mike McClure is doing a magnificent job keeping the Ring's website current. He is always revising current information and also adding new items to the website. The Ring is fortunate to have such a talented webmaster who spends countless hours working on it. Check out the Ring's website at [IBMring1.com](http://IBMring1.com). Also, Gary Chan is doing a magnificent job assembling and distributing the monthly newsletter, The Spirit. A fairly new Ring 1 member, Paul Gregor, is assisting Gary with the newsletter. Thank you, Gary and Paul, for the very informative and interesting monthly newsletter!

The members are looking forward to the November meeting. It will be held at the Dielmann Recreation Center and will include a Zoom meeting featuring Lance Burton. Lance is from St. Louis and began his career back in the 1970's. Several of Ring 1 members were members when Lance was involved. It should be very interesting.

Guests are always welcome to attend Ring 1's meetings and activities.

## President's Banquet Photos

by Gary S. Chan

Scott Smith took photos at the Banquet and was kind enough to share them with the club. You can download a copy using the following link (expires Nov 30, 2022):

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jvweRP84IAJINn7AiSOBJJs1UZI5D\\_Wx?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jvweRP84IAJINn7AiSOBJJs1UZI5D_Wx?usp=sharing)

# Lance Burton

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LANCE BURTON is widely considered by his peers to be the greatest stage Magician of the past century. As magic historian Mike Caveney has stated; "Take every Magician in the world, line them up and give them each twelve minutes...Lance Wins!"

Born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky, Lance Burton burst onto the national stage on October 28, 1981, by making his first appearance on The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson. So impressed was Carson while watching the rehearsal that he allowed Lance to do an unprecedented 12-minute routine. Through the course of Burton's career, he was invited back for a total of ten appearances while Johnny Carson was host, and another ten appearances during Jay Leno's tenure.

Over the years, Lance Burton has performed on a wide range of TV shows. He racked up appearances on David Letterman, Jay Leno, The View, Craig Ferguson, The World's Greatest Magic, Hollywood Squares, and even acted in guest starring roles on Knight Rider in Las Vegas.

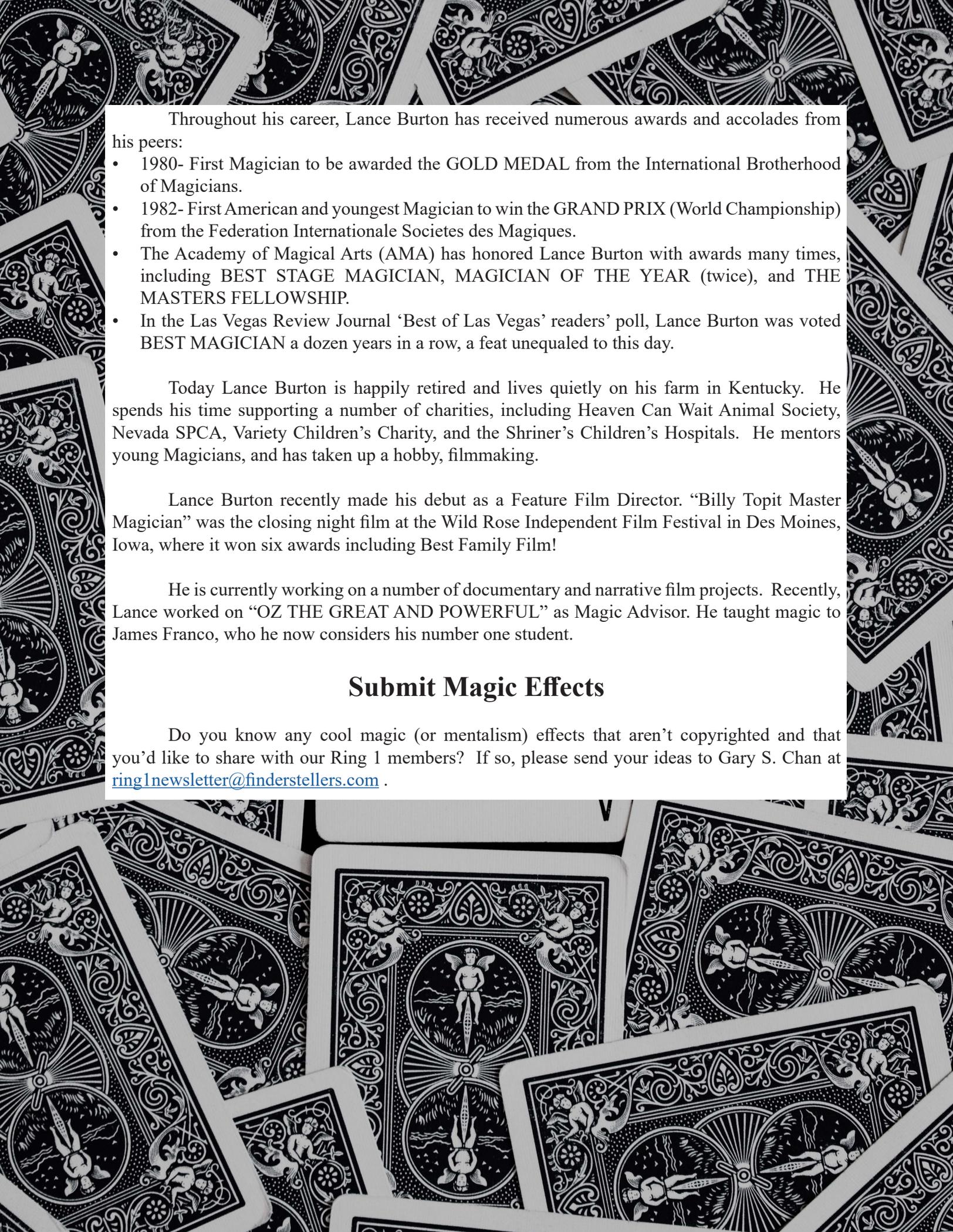
In 1996, Lance Burton's first TV special, LANCE BURTON MASTER MAGICIAN; THE LEGEND BEGINS, aired on NBC. This was quickly followed by a series of annual TV specials. These include the following:

- LANCE BURTON MASTER MAGICIAN; THE ENCOUNTER,
- LANCE BURTON MASTER MAGICIAN; TOP SECRET,
- LANCE BURTON MASTER MAGICIAN; ON THE ROAD,
- LANCE BURTON MASTER MAGICIAN; YOUNG MAGICIAN'S SHOWCASE.

He also hosted specials for The History Channel, Discovery, Animal Planet, The Family Channel, and many more.

While successful on TV, Lance Burton's greatest accomplishments have been made in live performance. Working primarily in Las Vegas, he has performed an astounding FIFTEEN THOUSAND shows in his 30-year career. His first job in Vegas was as a featured act in "The Folies Bergere" at The Tropicana Hotel, a job he held for nine years. In 1991, he opened his own show, "Lance Burton World Champion Magician", at the Hacienda Hotel, which ran for five years.

In 1996, "Lance Burton Master Magician" opened at the brand-new Monte Carlo Hotel in the Lance Burton Theater. This was the first time any entertainer in the history of Las Vegas had a theater built and named for him. The contract at the Monte Carlo was for an unprecedented 13 years, the longest contract ever given to a live performer ever. Lance stayed at the Monte Carlo for a total of 14 years, performing over Five Thousand shows for over Five Million fans, grossing over Two Hundred Million Dollars. His last performance was September 4, 2010.



Throughout his career, Lance Burton has received numerous awards and accolades from his peers:

- 1980- First Magician to be awarded the GOLD MEDAL from the International Brotherhood of Magicians.
- 1982- First American and youngest Magician to win the GRAND PRIX (World Championship) from the Federation Internationale Societes des Magiques.
- The Academy of Magical Arts (AMA) has honored Lance Burton with awards many times, including BEST STAGE MAGICIAN, MAGICIAN OF THE YEAR (twice), and THE MASTERS FELLOWSHIP.
- In the Las Vegas Review Journal ‘Best of Las Vegas’ readers’ poll, Lance Burton was voted BEST MAGICIAN a dozen years in a row, a feat unequaled to this day.

Today Lance Burton is happily retired and lives quietly on his farm in Kentucky. He spends his time supporting a number of charities, including Heaven Can Wait Animal Society, Nevada SPCA, Variety Children’s Charity, and the Shriner’s Children’s Hospitals. He mentors young Magicians, and has taken up a hobby, filmmaking.

Lance Burton recently made his debut as a Feature Film Director. “Billy Topit Master Magician” was the closing night film at the Wild Rose Independent Film Festival in Des Moines, Iowa, where it won six awards including Best Family Film!

He is currently working on a number of documentary and narrative film projects. Recently, Lance worked on “OZ THE GREAT AND POWERFUL” as Magic Advisor. He taught magic to James Franco, who he now considers his number one student.

## Submit Magic Effects

Do you know any cool magic (or mentalism) effects that aren’t copyrighted and that you’d like to share with our Ring 1 members? If so, please send your ideas to Gary S. Chan at [ring1newsletter@finderstellers.com](mailto:ring1newsletter@finderstellers.com).

## The Magician's Forum (TMF) Deal

I'm offering all three volumes of the HaLo Project for one low price of \$8. This is due to the fact that a pirate site is selling them and this reduced price is my way of recouping some of the losses. Well, a friend recently told me that these pirates are also selling many of our Magician's Forum lectures!

For that reason, I'm offering you the opportunity to have 26 of our TMF lectures for just \$20!! That's just 75 cents for each lecture! Hours and hours of great magic for one low price.

Here is the list of lectures that you will gain access to...

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*Gary S. Chan, Spirit Editor*

# Volunteer for Ranken Jordan Children's Hospital

Put a smile on children's faces! Volunteer to perform on Nov 14th. Contact D. Jay at [djay1000@yahoo.com](mailto:djay1000@yahoo.com) .

## Upcoming Events

I.B.M. Ring 1, and other events nearby St. Louis (US Central time)

Date	Event
Nov 1, 2022, evening	A Night of Magic and Comedy at St. Charles Music House (see ad on next page)
Nov 2, 2022, at 7pm	Ring 1 Meeting: Lance Burton
Nov 11, 2022, at 7:30pm	Disbelief: An Evening of Wonder and Laughter <a href="https://thewestportplayhouse.com/tickets/">https://thewestportplayhouse.com/tickets/</a>
Nov 14, 2022	Ranken Jordan Volunteer Performance (see top of this page)
Nov 14, 2022	Blue Strawberry, Tim Shegitz magician & improv comedy act from The Improv Shop <a href="https://bluestrawberrystl.com/show/detail/979">https://bluestrawberrystl.com/show/detail/979</a>
Nov 26, 2022	The Illusionists: Magic of the Holidays <a href="https://www.theillusionistslive.com/magic-of-the-holidays">https://www.theillusionistslive.com/magic-of-the-holidays</a>
Dec 7, 2022, at 7pm	Ring 1 Meeting: White Elephant Gift Exchange
Dec 17, 2022, at 7pm	Veteran's Show at Kirkwood Theatre
Apr 20-22, 2023	The Senior Tour at Double Tree in Collinsville, IL <a href="https://www.baskervilleproductions.com/seniortour">https://www.baskervilleproductions.com/seniortour</a>

All events in the table above are in-person unless otherwise indicated.

The St. Louis Magic Roundtable meets every Saturday at 1:30pm at Dierbergs, 1080 Lindemann Rd, Des Peres, MO 63131. Check the following website for the latest information before attending each week: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/374210993307299>

Board meetings are generally held the third Wednesday of each month over Zoom (virtual meeting), and all members are welcome to attend. To attend, please contact the President and Secretary (contact info on last page).

If you are interested in performing at the Blue Strawberry, please contact Jeff Lefton at [jlefton@q4solutions.com](mailto:jlefton@q4solutions.com) or 314-608-6547.

### Magic Conventions

<https://www.themagicwordpodcast.com/magic-convention-guide>



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Jeff Lefton

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