

No. 244 Long Island, New York - Frank Garcia Ring

Meets 4th Thursday, Plainview Public Library, Plainview, New York

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The year 2005 started off on a somber note. We had a Broken Wand Ceremony for long-time member, **Mr. Lucky** who passed away suddenly in November. The ceremony was expertly officiated by Dennis Kyriakos and Bill White who presented the wand to Mr. Lucky's son, Matthew.

The evening's events were dedicated to remembering the life and magic of Mr. Lucky. First, various members and guests reflected on their experiences with Mr. Lucky and related humorous anecdotes. Speakers were Bill White and his daughter, Christine, Bruce Frieden, Mary Anne and Wayne Haarhaus, Dave Levitan, Magic Al Garber and guests, Michael Chaut from Monday Night Magic and Bob Friedhoffer. In addition to magic, Mr. Lucky's interests were training and performing with his animals – his vocation, and playing jazz saxophone, his other avocation.

A few members performed a few effects that were taught to them by Mr. Lucky, Ziggy started things off with a signed and folded card transposition. He was followed by Bob Friedhoffer who demonstrated a number of balloon animals, mostly dogs, that Mr. Lucky enjoyed. Bob Lusthaus then performed a lie detector trick shown to him by Mr. Lucky.

Next on the program was Peter Kaufman. Peter and Mr. Lucky were both members of the same jazz combo for many years and Peter related stories of their various rehearsals and gigs. He then played audiocassettes of two of Mr. Lucky's saxophone solos.

We then viewed a video of Mr. Lucky, nattily attired in his ever-present pith helmet, performing his act with three of his dogs at one of the Ring's benefits.

President Wayne Haarhaus then closed the program with the performance of a trick called My Lucky Card. Mr. Lucky, you will be missed.

Bill Krupskas, O.M.