

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

Meets 1st Thursday, Plainview Public Library, Plainview, New York

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In November, Ring 244, like the rest of the country, holds its annual election of officers. Congratulations are in order for our 2006 officers who are President, Jonathan Frede; VP Mike Raccuia; Secretary, Chris Ward; Treasurer, Steve Ziegleman and Sgt. at Arms. Billy Gray.

The club was fortunate to have Tom Craven visit us and deliver a wonderful lecture. Tom's lecture was entitled "New Twists on Old Tricks". Tom started things off with a three-phase ring and rope routine using two rings of different sizes simultaneously. He followed this with a routine using the G.W. Hunter puzzle knot and a ring you can grab when riding a carousel. He continued on with Joe Berg's version of the same knot and a vanishing knot bit. Tom then shifted into his Mentalism gear and demonstrated Mental Shopper, Whisper Word and a very ingenious book test. He closed with an item he calls the Groby Prediction. This is an effect where he correctly predicts which one of five silks the spectator will choose along with the spectator's astrological sign. Although there were not supposed to be any card tricks at this lecture, Tom closed with an item called the Invisible 21 Card Trick, which he credits to, if memory serves, to Chuck Smith in Texas.

Tom delivers a very fine lecture with something for everyone. Catch him whenever you can. In December, we move from our humble meeting room to the library's theater for our annual holiday show and on January 14, 2006, we host our annual dinner, dance and show headlined by the Dean of American Magicians himself, George Schindler. Should be a hoot!

Bill Krupskas, O.M.