

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

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

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We're baaaaaack! I know it's been a while but in March, we had weather problems and in April, we had meeting location issues. Bur it's now May and we're baaaaaaaaack!

May was a fun meeting. All the performers were either a member of our Junior Ring, 244 ½ or an alumnus. Our first performer was nine year old, third grader, Nicole Homburger. Nicole started with a nice production box bit followed by her version of Spiked Coin and Cut and Restored Rope. She was followed by 11 year old, fifth grader, Matthew Hass. Matthew, the Mesmerizing Magician, is also the son of member Ed. Matt performed a matching card routine entitled Snap. I wonder who taught it to him. Next up was that bundle of energy, thirteen year old and eight grader, TJ Tana. TJ, using six brand new decks, performed a license plate prediction. Jessica Kagan who is thirteen and in the seventh grade was next. The Amazing Jess performed a very nice dove act and closed with a clever color changing feather flower bit. Fourteen-year-old ninth grader Josh Kurzban did an act revolving around paper money. He started by turning two singles into a two dollar bill, produced a silk from the dollar, pushed his pen through the dollar and closed with a bill switch. Steve Jurgielewicz, one of the junior ring's alumni, performed his version of Simon Aronson's Shuffle-bored and closed with Doc Eason's Color Changing Deck routine. Next was fifteen year old ninth grader Nick Lange who presented a blindfold routine. He used so much black electrical tape; he may never ever shave again. It was painful to watch him remove all the tape. What we won't do for our art. Our final performer of the evening was another alumnus, Zack Mandel. Zack demonstrated a nice color changing knife bit followed by a nice four ace production. He closed with a smooth performance of the Asher Twist.

It was really great to see all the kids perform. There will be great magic on Long Island for years to come. Also, special thanks to Nick Paul who is the mentor to our junior ring. He does an outstanding job! Also again, at our May business meeting, the membership approved the Bernie Cohen Memorial Scholarship for aspiring magicians to be awarded to a qualifying graduating senior. Any junior ring member who is graduating from high school and attending college may apply and a special committee of ring members will review the applications and determine the winner. Now, onto the diner.

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