

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

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

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Our December holiday show. That means we've again come to the completion of another year. How come everyone seems to get older except me? I don't understand it. Well, anyhow, let's get on with it.

The festivities started with the swearing in of the 2007 officers. Then, as is our custom, President Bill White read the names of Ring 244 members who have passed on and we then observed a moment of silence in their honor.

The 2006 version of the Ring 244 Holiday Show was produced and emceed by our Webmaster, Steve Morisi. Steve was ably assisted by his children, Paul and Stef. Before the show, as the theater was filling up, members of our Junior Ring, 244 ½, performed close-up magic in the lobby and at the seats. Great job everybody!

The first performer of the evening was the Amazin' Jess, a thirteen year old member of our Junior Ring. Amazin' had a really nice ten minute act highlighted by the production and eventual vanish of three doves! Next up was Billy Gray who performed a number of items from his stand-up act. Billy has a very dry sense of humor that was not lost on the audience and they thoroughly enjoyed him. Following Billy on the stage was none other than Al Garber known throughout magicdom as Magic-Al. Al performed a wonderful routine with the talking drawing board. He drew and conversed with Sponge Bob and all the kids, even the ones over twenty-one really enjoyed it! Nick Lange, another Junior Ring member, then took the stage. A few months back, Nick covered his face with duct tape for the advancement of the art. This time around, Nick performed a more conventional mentalism routine and the crowd really liked it! Our next to last act was the entire Haarhaus family, featuring Wayne, MaryAnne and their two sons. Each performed an effect associated with their favorite holiday. Covered were Halloween, Hanukkah, Christmas and New Years. I thought it was very creative. Our final performers of the evening were President Bill White and our club mascot, Magic the Dog. Magic is a nine-year-old Boston Terrier who exhibits professionalism well beyond her years. So does Bill, but he's got more years. I don't want to forget all the back stage help that nobody sees, but is just as important. We had stage manager, Nicholas Paul; lighting, Dick Mancini; sound, Steve Heller and all around help, Don Burger.

You should be a little more than a month into the New Year by now and we here at Ring
244 hope it's off to a good start and only gets better. Later.

Bill Krupskas, O.M.