

President Bill White announced at our September meeting that, for the second time in our history, the IBM has granted Quality Ring Status to Ring 244. I'm sure I speak for the entire membership when I say that we are extremely proud of this honor.

The theme for September was Imitation. Performers were requested to imitate any magician whether famous or not famous; dead or alive; young or old and perform their magic as this person. It turned out to be an extremely entertaining evening. Our MC for the evening was the recently married Nick Paul. President Bill White does a magic act with Magic, a Boston Terrier who is our mascot. Nick drafted three members from our junior ring to play the part of Magic, with hilarious results. Next up was Ziggy who, dressed as Tom Mullica, performed his cigarette eating routine. Dan Miller, performing as Murray the Magnificent Magician (whoever that is) did Joshua Jay's card at any number where the "any number" is a random page in a book.

Ziggy was back as none other than Ricky Jay. But, instead of throwing cards at fruit, he threw fruit at the cards, and he was able to impale the selected card on a lemon wedge. Eric Greenberg was next and dressed as Capt. Billy the Pirate, (again whoever that is) performed Annemann's Pseudo Psychometry. Jeff Miller did member Bob Weinowitz' balloon bit where he sucks all the air out of a balloon and becomes very fat. Ziggy was back for a third time imitating Johnny Carson doing Carnac the Great with Bill Krupskas playing Ed MacMahon.

The best impersonation of the night was done by Eric DeCamps who did, now get this, Eric DeCamps. He performed a three ball routine by John Scarne and a four ace routine by Dr. Jacob Daly, both out of one of the greatest books on close-up magic, Stare of Magic.

Don Engstrand as Joseph Dunninger had a penny initialed on both sides, had it tossed into a bag of 250 pennies and was able to find it on his first shot. Next he performed his version of Eddie Joseph's Premonition where a freely selected card in one deck is found to be missing from a second deck and has been in an envelope on the table since the beginning of the trick. Our final

performers of the evening were Bill White and Billy Gray performing as the Bogus Brothers from Brooklyn. They performed the spirit nut trick but instead of that familiar brass nut, they used a doughnut. An entertaining evening to say the least.

Our annual dinner, dance and show has been set for January 10, 2009 the performers were announced at the meeting. The show will consist of about 25-30 close-up performers followed by a stage show consisting of Bob Dorian, George Sateriale and John Pizzi.

Bill Krupskas, O.M.