

No. 244 Long Island, New York - Frank Garcia Ring
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Since November is the month that we celebrate Thanksgiving, how appropriate is it that our topic for the evening was Food and Utensils. Our MC was Kevin Rhodehouse and he started out with that old but venerable knife/fork switch where you roll up a knife in a napkin and when you unroll it, the knife changes into a fork. He followed that by waving the napkin and producing a bottle of wine. Our first performer was Don Engstrand who performed Jay Sankey's 99 and followed up with some spoon bending and an effect where an apparent random selection of two cards each by five spectators produced two-word foods. Kevin was back and he performed a nice one coin routine using a salt packet. He also vanished a pepper shaker and he caused the contents of a randomly selected Sweet 'n Low packet to switch with the contents of a randomly selected Sugar in the Raw packet. Chris Ward actually knew which food card would be selected. Kevin Rhodehouse was back again and this time he removed a piece of chewing gum from his mouth and suddenly it appeared to be unchewed, if there is such a word, and then it ended up back in the wrapper. Next up was Bill Krupskas who demonstrated Michael Close's straw and shoelace routine. Everybody's best friend, Bill White, was next and he performed Eye to Eye. Ziggy followed with sponge meatballs and cut and restored spaghetti. Wayne Haarhaus was next and did a salt on knife routine, salt and sugar transposition, knife through body and closed with Third Choice by Tony Corinda using breakfast cereal boxes. Our final performer of the evening was Dave Levitan who performed Paul Potassy's signed bill to potato. All the performers did a great job given a seemingly difficult theme for the evening.

On behalf of Ring 244, I hope everyone out there in magic land had a terrific holiday season and has a happy and healthy New Year. On January 9th, we will be having our annual dinner, dance and show which usually draws upwards of 220 people and this year, the show will be headlined by none other than Michael Finney. I can't wait for that!

Bill Krupskas O.M.