

We had a really nice turnout at our April meeting. California-based Tom Frank is doing a lecture tour of the Northeast and was able to include Ring 244 as one of his stops. Tom is a long time street performer, magic shop owner, corporate performer and Magic Castle performer.

Tom opened the evening by performing his show. Effects presented were linking rings, cups and balls, a wonderful coin and silk routine, a card transposition using a "Tricky Wallet", additional card material and routines using a Stripper Deck and a Mental Photography Deck. I think many of us forget how powerful these two decks are when they are used properly. After the show, Tom opened the floor to discussing any and all topics. He explained his effects. He talked about all his experiences performing on the street especially focusing on how different it is today compared to twenty years ago - the pre cell phone era. Tom also sells the Stripper and Mental Photography decks on the street and at many gigs and he discussed in detail the hows and whys of that practice.

This was a wonderful lecture. Tom offered many insights and observations garnered during his thirty-five year performing career, and if one didn't learn anything here, it was their own fault.

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