

The theme for our April meeting was bar and restaurant magic hosted by Bill White. Our room was divided into five different bars - Joe's Bar managed by Joe Mercer, The Black Hole run by Chris Ward, "F Goldman" hosted by Mike Goldman, The Shamrock Pub with Kevin Rhodehouse serving as saloon keeper, and Zach Mandel as the barman for The Night Before.

Besides our members, we had the pleasure of hosting 10 laymen in the crowd. The only thing we were lacking was the booze! The crowd was divided into five small groups who essentially went "bar hopping" every fifteen minutes and rotated locations.

The evening showcased Ring 244 at its best. By having lay people in the audience, performers were able to feed off of the wonderful energy of the crowd which led to a fun night. It was wonderful treat to see performers do a complete set of effects. Mike Goldman performed a series of classic bar bets that you can be sure the crowd will try on their friends. Zach Mandel's card skills left the audience feeling like they must have had too much! There is now way it was possible. Joe Merced baffled his patrons with his blend of card wizardry. Chris Ward, science teacher by day, turned to sorcerer this night. Kevin Rhodehouse performed a set using bar coasters, money and cards. The night ended with a favorite bar mystery from Bill White. You just would not believe how many dimes that can be dropped into a filled shot glass without a drop being spilled! It's something you need to see to believe.

How fitting that next month our Ring will be hosting a lecture by Dan Fleshman, a well-known bar and restaurant performer.

Kevin Rhodehouse