



REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Date: October 4, 2015

Berth and Port: La Madeleine’s French Café, 5290 Belt Line Road, #112, Addison, TX 75254

Presiding Officer: Steve Mason, Third Mate

Time Convened: 1:15 p.m.

CREW ON DECK

There were fifteen attendees on hand. Those included:

Steve Mason	Herb Linder	Bill Pervin
Pam Mason	Dean Clark	Sue Chizeck
Rusty Mason	Don Hobbs	Jack Pugh
Liese Sherwood-Fabre	Colleen O’Connor	Allen Osborne
Tim Kline	Brenda Hutchison	Marland Henderson

As camaraderie was in evidence for the full complement, Steve Mason dispensed with the introductory rounds for this meeting.

OPENING TOAST

- 1) Delivered by: Steve Mason
- 2) Titled: “Tale of the Tale”
- 3) Source: Written by Steve Mason

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Tim Kline – Displayed a *Sherlock* Metal Lunchbox/Game Set that he purchased from BBC online. Showed various Sherlock Holmes comics and books that are available. Announced the publication of an article that he has written called “A Game of Holmes” in *The Journal of the Bootmakers of Toronto*. See Volume 38, Number 3, Summer 2015.
- B. Don Hobbs – Gave a reminder about the appearance of Lyndsay Faye at Oak Cliff’s The Wild Detectives Bookstore on Monday, October 19, 2015. He also extended an invitation to the Society to attend a social gathering at the Hobbs’ home on the following evening, Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Lyndsay Faye will be there.
- C. Jack Pugh – Shared the fact that after Sir Arthur Conan Doyle ‘killed’ Holmes at the Reichenbach Falls for “The Final Problem” (*Pub. December 1893*), ACD eventually released The Hound of the Baskervilles (*Pub. August 1901-April 1902*) as the first Sherlock Holmes comeback novel. “The Adventure of the Empty House” was published later (*October 1903*).
- D. Don Hobbs – Added to Jack’s offering by pointing out that The Hound of the Baskervilles is actually a prequel. (*HOUN takes place in 1889 while FINA occurs in 1891.*)

THE QUIZ

- 1) Topic: The Hound of the Baskervilles, Chapters 11-15
- 2) Winner: Jack Pugh
- 3) Top Score: 9 out of 10
- 4) Awarded: Uncollected Stories of Arthur Conan Doyle, an Avon bulldog pipe bottle, and a William Gillette poster.



PROGRAM/PRESENTATION

- 1) Presented by: William J. Pervin, Phd.
- 2) Title/Topic: “Sherlock Holmes and Mathematics”
- 3) Description: This program centered about specific observations and mathematical analyses, appropriate for the layperson, of material contained within several Sherlock Holmes short stories, a television program episode, and a pastiche. Bill reported upon geometry found in “The Musgrave Ritual”, cryptology within “The Adventure of the Dancing Men”, and the game theory of “The Final Problem”. His approval of *Elementary*, Season 2, Episode 2, involving the murder of a mathematician, extends to its well-presented facts in mathematics. The P versus NP problem that arises from the field of computer science is truly a Millenium Prize Problem (one of seven). Then, offering “The Adventure of the Russian Grave” by William Barton and Michael Capobianco for consideration, Bill provided a negative assessment with arguments regarding the possibility of accurately predicting the timing and the site upon the Earth for a natural catastrophe to arrive from outer space. This short story can be found in the collection of pastiches [Sherlock Holmes in Orbit](#), editors Mike Resnick and Martin H. Greenberg. Some discussion followed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- E. Steve Mason – Symposium Update. Presented Final Agenda. Noted that Dean Clark’s brief presentation about radio plays will be followed by a short radio play he has written. Videos will be shown during the lunch break. More door prizes are needed; there are about five on hand at present. The symposium is being taped and will be made available by the Allen Library via public access television. PowerPoint presentations need to be submitted to the library early to allow for preparations.
- F. Steve Mason – Regular society meeting: Sunday, November 1st. Symposium: the following weekend, on Saturday, November 7th. Next Movie Night: Saturday, October 24th.
- G. Don Hobbs – Reported that Les Klinger’s September 29th speech at Eastfield College was filmed. It will be released on YouTube.

CLOSING READING/TOAST

- 1) Delivered by: Steve Mason
- 2) Titled: “On the Forms of Address”
- 3) Source: Baker Street Journal, July, 1959

Time Adjourned: 2:10 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by: Brenda Hutchison