



REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Date: April 3, 2016

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

Presiding Officer: Steve Mason, Third Mate

Time Convened: 1:20 p.m.

CREW ON DECK

There were 20 attendees on hand. Those in attendance included:

Diane Tran	Pam Mason	Don Hobbs, BSI
Charles Mason	Joshua Palmer - Visitor	Allen Osborne
Karen Olson	Bill Huebner - New	Jen Liang - New
Charles Olson	David Harnois - Visitor	Marland Henderson
Cindy Brown	Herb Linder	Liese Sherwood-Fabre
Brenda Hutchison	Sandra Little	
Steve Mason	Joe Fay	

INTRODUCTION ROUNDS AT TABLE

OPENING TOAST

- 1) Delivered by: Joe Fay
- 2) Honoring: Benedict Cumberbatch
Mr. Cumberbatch is a Sherlockian actor for the BBC “Sherlock” series and an actor in numerous other roles.

MEMORIAL TOAST

- 1) Delivered by: Steve Mason
- 2) Honoring: Douglas Wilmer, BSI (The Lyceum Theatre)
Mr. Wilmer, a Sherlockian actor notable for his portrayal of Holmes in the 1960’s BBC series, among other accomplishments, passed away on March 31, 2016.

THE QUIZ

- 1) Topic: “The Crooked Man”
- 2) Winner: Sandra Little
- 3) Top Score: 10 out of 10
- 4) Awarded: (1) “Murder at the Baskervilles” DVD and (2) a Sherlockian calendar.

ANNOUNCEMENTS by Steve Mason

- A. The Crew’s book exchange library is available at every meeting.
- B. The television series “Elementary” has been extended. As a result, it will be the longest running Sherlock Holmes televised programming.
- C. There is to be a regular addition to the meeting lineup that includes commentary/discussion relevant to the meeting’s reading material and enlisting the aid of the teachers among the ship’s complement.



PROGRAM/PRESENTATION

- 1) Presented by: Steve Mason
- 2) Title/Topic: “The Crooked Man”
- 3) Basic Description: Steve presented the first of the Commentary/Discussion Segments while crediting various resources. The story referenced Dr. Watson’s living circumstances. Among points covered here were the number of servants, their jobs and salaries in a prosperous Victorian household. Giving consideration to the cost of having a wife and a house with servants, he went on to explore Watson’s possible income sources. In addition to profits from his medical practice, earnings from penning stories, a military pension, and the successful flutter (albeit possibly offset by losses), it was suggested that Holmes may have provided appropriate compensation for Watson’s contributions and support in the detective’s cases. Additional discussion expanded to Holmes’s wealth as recorded in the Canon.

PROGRAM/PRESENTATION

- 1) Presented by: David Harnois
- 2) Title/Topic: I Am Lost Without My Boswell
- 3) Basic Description: Mr. Harnois presented background and information regarding a volunteer audio drama project. He is director and actor (playing Holmes), among multiple other titles. The goal is to record and to present online an “adaptation by fans, for fans” of every Sherlock Holmes story and novel in the Canon. Since early 2014, they have completed four stories from The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes. The current project is “The Five Orange Pips”. For additional information, go to: <http://iamlostwithoutmyboswell.com/>.

CLOSING READING/TOAST

- 1) Delivered by: Steve Mason
- 2) Reading: “Back to the Canon” by Chris Redmond, Guest Editor
- 3) Source: *Baker Street Journal* December 1966

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- D. The Movie Night is scheduled for Saturday, April 9th, at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Walter and Linda Pieper. At this time, the movie choice is unknown.
- E. The Norwegian Explorers of Minnesota will be hosting a conference this summer. For more information, go to: http://www.norwegianexplorers.org/2016_conference.html.

Time Adjourned: 2:20 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by: Brenda Hutchison