



REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Date: May 1, 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: 1:12 p.m.

CREW ON DECK

There were 15 attendees on hand. Those in attendance included:

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| Pam Mason | Brenda Hutchison | Marland Henderson |
| Rusty Mason | Allen Osborne | Colleen O’Connor |
| Steve Mason | Sharon Lowry | Don Casey |
| Karen Olson | Donna Kutlus – New | Herb Linder |
| Charles Olson | Walter P. Pieper | |

OPENING TOAST

- 1) Delivered by: Steve Mason
- 2) “A Perennial Toast” by Paula Coben
- 3) Source: The Serpentine Muse (from ASH), Spring, 1982.

THE QUIZ

- 1) Topic: “The Resident Patient”
- 2) Winner: Sandra Little
- 3) Top Score: 10 out of 10
- 4) Awarded: “The Sherlock Holmes Collection BBC” DVD set starring Peter Cushing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS by Steve Mason

- A. Cindy Brown has retired from the EPA.
- B. “Houdini & Doyle”, a new television series, will start in our area on May 2nd at 8:00 p.m. Central on Fox 4.
- C. On behalf of Dean Clark – Sandra Little did a great job in speaking before the Afghanistan Perceivers in Tulsa, OK.

QUESTION: What is Lady Day?

Answer provided by Karen Olson: Lady Day falls on March 25th and celebrates the angel appearing to Mary to announce the conception of Christ.



PROGRAM/PRESENTATION

- 1) Presented by: Steve Mason
- 2) Topic: The Gasogene
- 3) Description: The purpose of a gasogene was the creation of carbonated water. The product was achieved through a chemical reaction between an acid, a base, and water. The glass portions were encased in wire, wicker, or another supportive material due to the risk of an explosion. Two examples were on display for the meeting, an English model dated 1884 and a French model dated 1875. These are delicate and are now strictly for display. The earlier one was actually referred to as a seltzogene. Related information was provided regarding the tandalus and the spirit case. A tandalus displayed liquor decanters with a locked bar to secure them. One of these is mentioned in “The Adventure of Black Peter.” A spirit case fully encases the liquor, hiding it when the case is closed. This last is what is mentioned as being at 221B, Baker Street. Some Sherlockian societies refer to their president as The Gasogene and their vice-president as The Tandalus.

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- D. Steve Mason – Reminded us that he is one of the speakers at the conference in Minneapolis next month. He announced that the topic he is presenting concerns pollution. “It Wasn’t All Rosy in 1895 London” is the title of his speech. Steve briefly touched upon various aspects he will be including. There was some discussion. For more information about the conference, go to: http://www.norwegianexplorers.org/2016_conference.html.

DECK MATE INVESTITURE

Sharon Lowry received the certificate with an English penny. She is one of the founding members of the Crew of the Barque *Lone Star*.

Note: To become a Deck Mate, one must give a presentation and donate two Sherlockian books to a library or other institution. Steve mentioned that there are two other deserving members with investitures pending.

THE CREW’S ANNIVERSARY

Sharon Lowry believes the start of the society most likely took place during 1970, while allowing for error by months either before or after the year. The Crew of the Barque *Lone Star* has a second scion certificate dated 1986 from the Baker Street Irregulars, but the record for the original certificate is currently lost. The VR Society used to exist in the area and was first dated 1976. Of the two, the Crew is the older society. If we embrace 1970, our fiftieth anniversary will arrive in 2020. It will be a special occasion. Discussion followed.



CLOSING READING

- 1) Delivered by: Pam Mason
- 2) Title: “That Last Quiet Talk” by Russell Rhine
- 3) Source: The Baker Street Journal, December, 1972.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- E. Walter Pieper – Movie night will be next Saturday, May 7th. The movie will be “The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes.” Movie nights will now regularly be held each Saturday on the weekend following that of the regular meetings.
- F. Steve Mason – At next month’s meeting, Charles Olson and Rusty Mason will both be making presentations. We will have a full slate.

Time Adjourned: 2:20 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by: Brenda Hutchison