



REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Date: June 3, 2018

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

Presiding Officer: Steve Mason, Third Mate

Time Convened: 1:05 p.m.

CREW ON DECK

There were 21 attendees on hand.

INTRODUCTION ROUNDS AT TABLE

We welcomed newcomers Stephanie of Coppell and Ann of Richardson.

OPENING TOAST

- 1) Delivered by: Steve Mason
- 2) Honoring: Sherlock Holmes and Lifelong Learning
- 3) Source: An article by Alex Katz in the Fall 2013 *Serpentine Muse*

THE QUIZ

- 1) Topic: "The Adventure of the Priory School"
- 2) Winner: Karen Olson
- 3) Top Score: 7 of 10
- 4) Awarded: An early edition of The Hound of the Baskervilles
- 5) Donald King achieved second place to receive a proper prize.

PROGRAM/PRESENTATION

- 1) Presented by: Steve Mason
- 2) Title/Topic: "Are There Any Questions?"
- 3) Resource: Article by Bruce Harrison in a 2003 *Baker Street Journal*
- 4) Basic Description: Following a workman-like accounting of questions contained within the Canon, analyses regarding opened- or closed-ended question preferences led into an examination of Holmes's and Watson's interviewing styles.

A RECOLLECTION

Dean Clark offered that a few years ago at the New York weekend celebration, someone posed a question to Alex Katz, "How old were you when you attended your first BSI dinner?" In answer, Mr. Katz replied that his first dinner was actually while he was *in utero*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Walter Pieper – Movie Night is Saturday, June 9th at 7:00 p.m. "Sherlock Holmes in Washington" (This year is the 75th anniversary of its release.) followed by "The Problem of Thor Bridge" starring Jeremy Brett will play. **Note: Before completion of this record, the location was changed to the home of Liese Sherwood-Fabre. Please contact Steve or Liese to RSVP.**



- B. Steve Mason – Anyone planning to write a story to include in A Grimmer Holmes, the follow-up book to A Grimm Holmes, needs to submit the name of the Brothers Grimm tale, Mother Goose story, or other written inspiration in order to avoid duplication. The deadline for submitting a completed story is the last day of September. This provides time for proofing, editing, and publishing prior to the Christmas holiday.
- C. Steve Mason – The Dallas Preston-Royal Library will host our society on November 13th for a symposium. We need three speakers for 10-15 minutes to cover the following topics: (1) An Introduction to Sherlock Holmes, (2) Sherlock Holmes in the Movies and Television, and (3) Sherlock Holmes in Animation. We will also provide the family-appropriate mystery “The Hound of Pinchin Lane” by B. Sivley Hutchison.
- D. Steve Mason – The society has been invited to return to the Allen Public Library a week later, the 20th. There was a question regarding whether the 17th was a possible consideration. Two presentations of 10-15 minutes each and the performance of a radio play are planned. Our fellow Allen Osborne is the acting intermediary with the Allen Public Library.
- E. Steve Mason – Don Hobbs was set to consider hosting a summer picnic for the society. **Post-meeting Update: Karen Olson will work with Don Hobbs on the picnic at the Olson home. Steve Mason volunteered to help too.**
- F. Steve Mason – Leading with the example of the scion Harpooners of St. Charles presenting their meetings via remote access, Steve opened the topic of remote presentations for discussion. This would provide the opportunity of spreading our presentations beyond the local area and receiving presentations from beyond our boundaries. He did not intend that our meetings be spread, but the presentations and special events. Don Hobbs raised the possibility of drawing a special speaker to our assembly, perhaps once a quarter. The problem of little funds became an immediate difficulty as our scion has neither a bank account nor a treasurer. Discussion continued.
- G. Steve Mason – Congratulations to Liese Sherwood-Fabre for the publication of an article titled “Villainesses: Female Antagonists in the Canon” in the Spring 2018, Vol. 68, *Baker Street Journal*.
- H. Liese Sherwood-Fabre – The second volume of The Life and Times of Sherlock Holmes is now available.

DECK CREW MEMBER INVESTITURE

The newest official member of the Deck Crew is Karen Olson having dutifully accomplished the essential requirements.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- I. Sandra Little – She informed us that this was her final regular meeting, as she will be leaving to take up residence in Denver, CO. She plans to stay in touch and to do her best to attend a meeting whenever she is in town.
- J. Allen Osborne – “The Adventure of Shoscombe Old Place” will be the next meeting’s story. We are approaching the end of the Canon.
- K. Steve Mason – Consideration is being given to provide attendees copies of the stories in the *Strand* magazine format during the scion’s next passage through the Canon. (He also mentioned the Lending Library to the two newcomers.)



- L. Liese Sherwood-Fabre – Bouchercon 2019 will be held at the Hyatt Regency Dallas on October 31 through November 3, 2019. This is the World Mystery Convention. Liese is the Denton County Ambassador. For more information, please visit: <http://bouchercon2019.com/>.
- M. Dean Clark – “Holmes in the Heartland”, a conference by the Parallel Case of St. Louis, is scheduled for August 10-12, 2018. Our own Don Hobbs will be one of the speakers. For more information, please visit: <https://parallelcasestl.wixsite.com/home/holmes-in-the-heartland>.
- N. Steve Mason – “From Gillette to Brett V” is scheduled for October 5-7, 2018, at Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. For more information, please visit: <http://www.wessexpress.com/html/g2b5main.html>. Also, the conference in Minnesota by the Norwegian Explorers of Minnesota is expected to return during the fall of 2019. Keep it in mind. It takes place every three years. Named “The Misadventures of Sherlock Holmes” for 2016, the conference welcomed a good representation from this society.

DRAWING FOR THE GANGWAY PRIZE

Allen Osborne won this month’s prize, a frame-ready art print of the Reichenbach Falls. There were appreciative ‘ooh’s’ and ‘ah’s’ from about the room.

CLOSING READING/TOAST

- 1) Delivered by: Steve Mason
- 2) Source: An article by Steven Rothman from the Spring 2002 *Baker Street Journal*

Time Adjourned: 2:05 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by: Brenda S. Hutchison