



REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Date: December 6, 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: 1:12 p.m.

CREW ON DECK

There were 16 attendees on hand.

Allen Osborne	Colleen O’Connor	Sandra Little
Steve Mason	Herb Linder	Walter Pieper
Pam Mason	Liese Sherwood-Fabre	Linda Pieper
Rusty Mason	Diane Tran (New)	Cindy Brown
Dean Clark	Jan Leitner	
Brenda Hutchison	Marland Henderson	

INTRODUCTION ROUNDS AT TABLE

OPENING TOAST

- 1) Delivered by: Cindy Brown
- 2) Honoring: Steve Mason, Third Mate
- 3) Source: Written by Cindy Brown

THE QUIZ

- 1) Topic: “The Stock-broker’s Clerk”
- 2) Winner: Brenda Hutchison
- 3) Top Score: 7 out of 10
- 4) Awarded: (a) The Crimes of Dr. Watson, edited and introduced by Duane Swierczynski, and (b) Sherlock Holmes Mystery Solver 1000 Piece Puzzle: Watson’s Inheritance.

SPECIAL QUIZ

- 1) Topic: “The Stock-broker’s Clerk”
- 2) Winner: Liese Sherwood-Fabre
- 3) Awarded: Christmas Cookies in a Victorian-style Tin

PROGRAM/PRESENTATION

- 1) Presented by: Steve Mason
- 2) Title/Topic: “It’s All in the Name”
- 3) Basic Description: This presentation explored some of the name choices contained within the Canon. The most popular female name used was Violet. John and James were often used for males; however, the name Arthur appeared in eight instances. Steve cited each one. Also to be noted was ACD’s lending of some of his own attributes to these other bearers of the name Arthur.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Steve Mason – The program/presentation “Society Recognition” was to have been also given by Sharon Lowry. Sharon was unable to attend this meeting due to an injury.

PROGRAM/PRESENTATION

- 1) Presented by: Steve Mason
- 2) Title/Topic: Society Recognition
- 3) Description: Opening with some details of Sherlockian society history within the Dallas-Fort Worth area, Steve displayed a copy of Texas House Resolution No. 69 that had been adopted on May 4, 1979, and signed by then Speaker of the House Bill Clayton. Instigated by Bill Beeson, Third Mate of the Crew of the Barque *Lone Star* at that time, and Bullitt Lowry of Denton, Texas, the now late husband of Sharon Lowry, among the language of the document is:

“RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 66th Legislature, That the Barque Lone Star be listed as a ship-of-the-line of the Texas Navy, and that its ship’s company be commissioned into the Navy of the Republic of Texas; ...”.

Sharon is in possession of the original prepared for her husband; she had intended to be able to show us that document.

Additionally, Steve displayed the society’s BSI scion designation certificate. There is research taking place into locating a certificate with an earlier date. There were submissions regarding the society by Francine Morris of Arlington, Texas, to the *Baker Street Journal* even during 1970. Steve confirmed that the Crew of the Barque *Lone Star* was the original Sherlockian society in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Steve proposes to gather and to record a more thorough history of the society. To discover a more definite year for the establishment of the Crew of the Barque *Lone Star* is also a goal, seeking an anniversary. Even though Pam Mason is Historian, additional assistance will be welcome.

Bill Beeson is one possible source of the society’s history; however, he is now out-of-contact even with the BSI of which he is a member. Steve and Don Hobbs intend soon going to Bonham, TX, to check on him.

Some discussion took place.

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- B. Dean Clark – Don Hobbs will be presenting his “symposium” program to The Afghanistan Perceivers in Tulsa, OK, next weekend.
- C. Dean Clark – Sandra Little is scheduled to speak before their society in April, 2016.
- D. Walter Pieper – Passing the prototype for the society’s badges for inspection, Walter plans to start accepting orders. He priced each badge at \$12.00.
- E. Walter Pieper – Movie Night will be next Saturday. He plans to show “The Masks of Death” starring Peter Cushing.



READING

- 1) Delivered by: Steve Mason
- 2) Title: "Christmas with Sherlock Holmes"
- 3) Source: December 1959 *Baker Street Journal*

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- F. Steve Mason – In answer to a question, two requirements are to be met in order to become a full-fledged Deck Mate: (1) the giving of a Sherlockian presentation/speech and (2) the donation of at least two Sherlockian books.

Some discussion took place.

Time Adjourned: 2:33 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Brenda Hutchison