



## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Date: June 2, 2019

Berth and Port: Two Guys From Italy, 11637 Webb Chapel Road, Dallas, TX 75229

Presiding Officer: Steve Mason, Third Mate

Time Convened: 1:10 p.m.

## CREW ON DECK

There were 16 attendees on hand.

## OPENING TOAST

- 1) Delivered by: Dr. William Pervin
- 2) Honoring: George Newnes, the founding publisher of *The Strand Magazine*, and Herbert Greenhough Smith, its founding editor.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – Steve Mason

- A. The printer provided twenty additional paperback copies of A Grimmer Holmes. These are displayed on a table at the back. Anyone who did not previously receive a copy is welcome to take one home with them.
- B. August 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for submitting limericks from members of our society. I encourage everyone to, at least, write one or two.

## THE QUIZ

The topic of this quiz was A Study in Scarlet, chapters 1 through 3. Mary Butcher won following a tie-breaker with Walter Pieper. Both had answered 10 out of 11 correctly. The prize was a handsome brass compass engraved with a poem.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – Steve Mason

- C. There was a modest showing for our presentation during the Annual Book Fair at the Dallas Public Library this past weekend. However, some people indicated interest in attending our meetings.
- D. I plan to make some updates and changes to our newsletter, *The Bilge Pump*. The newsletter has been in production for a number of years now. By our starting over with A Study in Scarlet, now is a good time. Future issues will not include any of the articles pertaining to a specific novel's chapters or the story that we are covering for the next meeting. It would simply be repetition. I invite members to submit their own articles or reports for possible inclusion.
- E. Liese Sherwood-Fabre is facing difficult decisions with regard to her employment circumstances. It is possible that she will be moving to Washington for a couple of years until she retires. The alternative would be to find a new job position here. She has been working with grants and healthcare. Whatever happens, she has indicated she will continue to submit articles for *The Bilge Pump* from her continuing series The Life and Times of Sherlock Holmes.
- F. Stage West Theatre (821 W. Vickery Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76104) is presenting the play "Holmes and Watson" by Jeffrey Hatcher on May 30-June 30, 2019. The Crew of the Barque *Lone Star* has been invited to attend as a group. Our presence will be announced for the show we attend. I propose that we consider attending on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> (*confirmed*).



HIATUS: DINNER

Meeting resumed at 1:55 p.m.

PRESENTATION

Title: "Little Doll Houses of Horror"

Delivered by: Rusty Mason

General Description: Frances Glessner Lee [b. 1878 (Chicago, IL) – d. 1962], often considered "the mother of forensic science," recognized the necessity of training lawmen regarding crime scenes. She affected improvements by creating both teaching seminars and, with the assistance of a carpenter, twenty extremely detailed 1:12 scale miniature crime scenes. The latter drew from true cases, but with clues varying from the original ones. They are used for training even to this day.

DRAWING FOR THE GANGWAY PRIZE

Allen Osborn won a movie poster for one of "The Hound of the Baskervilles" films.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- G. Walter Pieper – Movie Night at our place is this coming Saturday at 7:00 p.m. We will present a double feature starring Jeremy Brett: "The Adventure of the Solitary Cyclist" and "The Adventure of the Copper Beeches."
- H. Allen Osborn – We will cover A Study in Scarlet, chapters 4 through 6, for next month's meeting on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

READING/TOAST

Delivered by: Steve Mason

Title: "Ah Yes, I Remember Well"

Source: *Baker Street Journal* Winter 2008

Time Adjourned: 2:20 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by: Brenda S. Hutchison