

## **Meeting of the Crew of the Barque Lone Star**

October 4, 2020

Attendees: 39

The meeting was opened with a toast given by Robert Stek, regarding Lewis Carroll and Conan Doyle.

We then had a quiz on this month's story, The Noble Batchelor.

The Third Mate, Steve Mason, gave a brief discussion on the difference between supper and dinner as noted in the canon.

The main speaker for today was Steve Doyle and his presentation focused on Professor Moriarty. The presentation started out with the T. S. Elliot poem Macavity the Mystery Cat, and progressed through what we know and what we think we know about Moriarty, revisionist theories, and the idea that Moriarty truly was more evil than some movies and TV series made him out to be, and could even be compared to the devil confronting Christ in the desert. It was a wonderful presentation.

The society then went over some upcoming events, including the Left Coast Conference which is next week, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Crew, and the trip to the University of Minnesota Library to research the history of the Crew, once the virus subsides and travel is safe.

We then had our second quiz which was on the topic of Victorian/Cockney slang.

The final reading was from Liese Sherwood Fabre, and was "A Modest Sherlockian Proposal", from the summer 1977 Serpentine Muse.

The first half of the meeting concluded, and we went on to discuss the college/medical school days of Arthur Conan Doyle, presented by Steve Mason.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Brown