

Meetings from the Crew of the Barque Lone Star

February 3, 2019

Attendance was 19 at the February meeting and the events were held at the La Madelaine in Allen, TX.

Dr. Pervin gave the opening toast to William Gillette and the Conan Doyle play, *The Crown Diamond*. *The Mazarin Stone* was one of two stories written by Conan Doyle in the third person, rather than by Dr. Watson. The toast goes along with the story for the week, because it was a theatrical expression of the story. It is also worth noting that the play included a young actor named Charlie Caplin, as Billy the Page.

We then had the quiz for the story. The quiz winner was Karen Olson.

The Crew then discussed the issue of getting a new location for our meetings since the La Madelaine on Beltline has closed. Today's meeting was held at the La Madelaine in Allen, which has proven to be too small for our group, with no room to expand. However, we recently visited Two Guys from Italy, in north Dallas, and we think this location may work well for our society. This is a very established neighborhood restaurant, who is welcoming our business on the first Sunday of each month at 1 pm. So for the next meeting, which is March 3, we will meet at Two Guys from Italy.

Steve then gave an interesting story and background on the play *The Crown Diamond*, and lead a discussion on who wrote the story, possibly the second Mrs. Watson, or Mycroft, or even Arthur Conan Doyle, Watson's literary agent. Or there is the possibility that Dr. Watson himself wrote the story in the third person since he was not present for the largest portion of the story. This also led to the discussion of how many wives did Watson have. The numbers from one to six were suggested.

Everyone present got a copy of the 1958 play *The Crown Diamond*, which was presented at the Baker Street Irregular's meeting that year.

We then had a second quiz based on the colors described in the stories of the canon. This quiz was won by Cindy Brown.

The third mate encouraged everyone to write a limerick for the Crew's next publication. He also reminded people to ask at their local library about setting up a Sherlockian display at their location.

He noted that the main Half Price Bookstore, on Northwest Highway has been hosting a Friday movie night to go along with books they have for sale. We are discussing the possibility of having a Sherlock Holmes movie as part of the festivities.

Liese Sherwood Fabre gave an update on the upcoming Bourchecon conference (of mystery writers), which will be held in Dallas in October 2019.

The Dallas Central Library has contacted Steve again for someone from the Crew to participate in a panel on books, in June 2019. Steve agreed, and we hope to have one of our younger (student) members to also participate as a panel member.

We briefly discussed and reminded people of the upcoming Sherlock Holmes conferences: Dayton in March, 221B.com in April, Scintillations of Scion in May, and the Minneapolis conference in August.

The next Sherlock Holmes movie night will be on February 9, at the home of Walter and Linda Pieper.

The drawing for the month was won by Linda Pieper.

The closing toast was given by the Third Mate, and was called "Tell me More, Tell me More", from the Baker Street Journal, for the winter of 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Brown