

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

December 2, 2018

There were 20 people in attendance at the meeting. Steve opened the meeting by giving a toast In Praise of Baker Street Gasogenes, by Michael Harrison, from the Baker Street Journal, 1968.

We then proceeded to the quiz for the story from the Canon, The Blanched Soldier. Allen Osborne won first place, and Brenda Hutchinson won second place. They both received original posters with a Sherlockian theme.

Steve then noted that the book "A Grimmer Holmes", has gone to print and will hopefully be available to those contributing authors, by next Saturday, December 8, the same day as the Crew's Christmas party. He also handed out the 2019 edition of the Baker Street Elementary calendar. He then gave a brief recap of the two recent symposiums presented by the Crew members. The first was November 13, at the Dallas Public Library near Royal and the Tollway. The second symposium was on Saturday, November 17, at the Allen Public Library. Both were very well received, and we had a number of people express interest in joining the club.

The Second Mate then gave a brief explanation the Victorian gasogene and selzegene and described the differences as well as exhibited beautiful examples of each. He also exhibited a Victorian tantalus, which was to hold and keep secure liquor in the home. The first mention of these items was in the story Scandal in Bohemia. The tantalus is from Greek mythology and is named after a Greek god who killed his son and offered him as food.

The group then went on to discuss the upcoming Sherlockian/Crew Christmas Tea to be held at the home of Charles and Karen Olson on December 8. There will be a gift exchange with the average price to be approximately \$10-\$15.

Liese Sherwood Fabre mentioned that she submitted 2 stories to "Villains, Victims, and Violence" and both have been accepted and will go to print and should be available in the Fall of 2019.

We discussed why Sherlock Holmes birthday is noted as January 6, and two solutions were submitted. First, it is the Twelfth Night after the Christmas Day, and second it is the birthday of the brother of Christopher Morley a famous Sherlockian.

The January meeting will be on the story from the Canon, "The Three Gables". Next month Steve will start doing a cross-word puzzle pertaining to the story of the month. Steve also mentioned that he and Rusty found a set of the Barrington-Gould Annotated Sherlock Holmes at a Half Price Book store and found several Sherlockian articles from the Dallas Morning News from many years ago.

It was noted that Steve and Rusty just finished publishing the fourth year of the Baker Street Elementary cartoons.

We then had a drawing for 3 door prizes. We have also started a new (actually very old) tradition of setting out a deer stalker and a bowler hat during our meetings just in case Sherlock Holmes or Dr. Watson might attend.

The Final Reading was by William Murcheson, the former editor of the Dallas Morning News.