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"It is my business to know what other people don't know."

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Last Call for Masters' Celebration!

Our celebration of Holmes & Watson's
meeting in March 1881 is:

Date: Saturday, March 11, 2017

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: The Olive Branch Café & Tea Room
2501 East D Street, Tacoma

You have **your choice of lunch or high tea!**
Complete details—including costs for each option
and what's included in each option—can be found in
the flyer mailed to you with last month's issue.



The Olive Branch is an
excellent new venue for
The SOBs, located near
the Tacoma Dome, with
plenty of parking direct-
ly across the street.

Please be sure to re-
turn the "clip-off" coupon on the flyer—by USPS
or email—by **March 3** to reserve your spot!

A Word about Completing the "Clip-Off" Coupon:

When choosing between the "Lunch Option" or
the "High Tea Option", please insert the number of
people in your party choosing each of the 2 options;
for example, if there are 4 in your party, 2 may want
lunch, 2 may want high tea:

Lunch Option at \$18.10

High Tea Option at \$45.00

If the "Lunch Option" is your 4-person party's
preferred choice, insert the number of people choos-
ing each of the 3 sandwich options:

Sandwich selection: Almond Chicken

Turkey Lover Grilled Veggie

If questions develop, contact Terri H. at: (253)
460-2753 or terri@soundofthebaskervilles.com

Don't Trust Anyone Over 30?

Try again: The SOBs are now
37 Years Young!!

Date: April 1, 2017

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: SOB Carrol Clemens' home in
Federal Way

Join us as we celebrate the 37th
Anniversary of the continuous operation
of this Club with afternoon tea (*not high
tea*)!

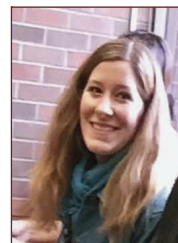
*Please try to bring
traditional fare of the
sort served at "after-
noon tea": Tea cakes,
finger sandwiches, and
small 2-bite sweet or
savory treats are
Carrol's suggestions!*



Here is a great way to spend your
Saturday afternoon—visiting, eating,
imbibing, winning free raffle items, and
welcoming springtime!! If you missed
our Masters' Celebration, here's a 2nd
chance to Tea-Up!!! We'd love to see
YOU there!!

Driving Directions to Carrol's Home:

From I-5 north- or southbound, exit in
Federal Way at S.W. 320th Street and head
west. After passing through intersections at
21st Ave. S.W. and at 26th Ave. S.W., turn
left on S.W. 323rd Street. Then take the first
left on 33rd Avenue S.W. Clemens' home is on
your right at 32148—33rd Avenue S.W. If you
need further, call her at (253) 838-1790.



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The GUEST EDITOR for our June 2017 issue of *Ineffable Twaddle* will be:
SOB Lauren Messenger! Regular Editor Terri will—beginning in April—
start referring some of your essays, quizzes and articles to Lauren.
Please support Lauren by being generous with your submissions!!



The Seattle Public Library on Queen Anne Hill is at 400 West Garfield



Library opens at 1:00, closes at 5:00. Come early, and catch up with your fellow SOBs!

Getting there:

From north- or southbound I-5, exit at Mercer Street and head west. Turn right on Queen Anne Avenue and head up the hill. At the 3-way stop sign at the top, turn left onto West Galer Street. At 4th Avenue, turn right. The library is one (1) block north on the north-west corner, at the cross with Garfield Street.

And So, We Begin Again...!

The **March 19, 2017** Regular Monthly Meeting of The Sound of the Baskervilles will begin at **1:30 p.m.** at The Seattle Public Library (Queen Anne Branch) at 400 West Garfield, Seattle (*driving directions at left*). If you have a favourite snack or non-alcoholic beverage you'd like to share, please feel free to bring it along!!

As the SOBs begin their chronological journey through the Holmes Canon yet again, the first story considered will be, of course, **"The Adventure of the 'Gloria Scott'."** This tale, first published in 1893, is told entirely in the voice of Holmes, as he and Watson sit before the fire. This reminiscing allows Watson (and us) a look back into Holmes' college years and his first inkling that his particular hobby might be made into a career.

While some critics have not found much to like in this story of greed and punishment, **SOB VP Kashena Konecki** is fond of it and she will, perhaps, convince you that you should be fond of it as well. Please join us March 19 when Kashena will lead a three-person panel discussion of the value of this tale. Will her table mates (some configuration of SOBs Lauren Messenger, Shannon Wallace, and/or PFL David Haugen) agree with her? Will you?

Good cookies, good conversation, strong coffee, and strong opinions should make this a delightful meeting. We hope to see you there!



Renewal Dues are Now Due

Are your dues paid for the Club's April 2017 to March 2018 fiscal year??

If not, now's the time to act! Send your check—payable to "The Sound of the Baskervilles"—to:

Hank Deck
1806—177th Street Court East
Spanaway, WA 98387

If you joined in the last 6 months, chances are you paid a lower, prorated rate to join through March 31, 2017, so it's time for you to renew as well!

See the back page of this issue for dues rates!! **Thanks!**



March 31 is the deadline for renewal dues to be paid!

A Review: Mystery Weekly Magazine, Sherlock Holmes Double Issue, October 2016

By: **SOB Charlie Cook ("Café Noir")**

The *Mystery Weekly Magazine* is published in Ancaster, Ontario and on the cover of this special issue is a good looking watercolor portrait of Jeremy Brett playing the violin with an image of Big Ben in the background. The painting is by Penny Crichton-Seager.



The issue opens with **"Sherlock Holmes: A Brief Overview"** by Vincent W. Wright who provides a masterful summary of all things Sherlock. It not only features enough savory tidbits of information to whet the appetite of novices but provides items that may be unfamiliar to, or perhaps forgotten by, serious Sherlockians. References to films, TV shows, actors who have played the Master Detective, illustrators, some canonical tales and references to the many pastiches and related works pervading today's market.

The first Sherlockian tale is **"The Adventure of the Missing Princess"** by Michael Mallory, a pastiche which finds Holmes missing and Watson asked to find him by his friend and colleague, Dr. Frederick Treves, the physician attending Joseph Merrick, The Elephant Man!

Our good doctor is also ordered to find his friend by both Mycroft and the Home Secretary. The consulting detective is needed to find the Prince of Wales' wife, the princess of the title, who disappeared shortly after visiting Merrick in the hospital. Holmes does appear and in turn produces the missing royal. In addition, the sleuth is also able to explain an unfortunate death that has occurred. The reader is informed as to why Watson, himself, was unable to bring this adventure to the attention of the public.

On a note of perhaps Watson's failing memory, he mentions that...**Continued on Page 4**



Please Note:

Standard distribution of our monthly newsletter is **by email!** Those with **NO email** and those who **"opt out"** of receiving *Ineffable Twaddle* by email will continue to receive it by snail-mail!!!

If you need to make a change, please contact Editor Terri:

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In Honour of Our Study of GLOR...

A Quiz on "The Adventure of the Gloria Scott"

By: SOB Charlie Cook

1. What is the surname of the Justice of the Peace (JP) and his son—Holmes' friend—in this Holmes-narrated tale.
2. What was the JP's problem?
3. Watson asked Holmes why he should study this case. Holmes' answer was what?
4. Holmes had few athletic tastes except for what?
5. Holmes observed several things about his friend's father. How many can you name?
6. Name the man who visited the father after 30 years; name the man's profession and what he wanted.
7. Where were the papers hidden, which the father left for his son?
8. Who left the father a coded message?
9. What was the key that enabled Holmes to decipher the coded message?
10. Name the date the *Gloria Scott* left Falmouth and the date on which She sank.
11. What was the father's real name?
12. Name the brig that picked up the survivors of the *Gloria Scott*.



Answers to this Quiz may be found on Page 5.

Sherlock Holmes and Conan Doyle in the Newspapers, Volume 2, January-June 1893.

Edited and annotated by Mattias Bostrom and Matt Lafrey

A Review by SOB Margaret Nelson

As so many newspapers' archives are now online, the editors have been able to include a great number of reviews of Conan Doyle's works. It is interesting to read what people thought about his works at the time they were fresh and new. This volume covers reviews of stories from *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*, some of Doyle's historical novels and numerous reviews of *Jane Annie or the Good Conduct Prize*, a musical written by Doyle and J.M. Barrie. They might have included fewer repetitive reviews and expanded the time frame of the volume to cover more of his works.

It was amusing to read one article, "A Chance for Sherlock Holmes" dated June 9, 1893, asking Doyle to apply his methods to a real murder that occurred in Ramsgate on May 14, 1893, where a woman was found murdered in a

room locked from within, nothing appeared to be stolen and the dog offered no resistance to the murderer. A perfect case for Sherlock! There was no information as to whether Doyle took on the problem or if it ever was solved.

The editors list numerous papers which they trolled for these reviews. The list of London papers alone includes: *The Echo*, *The Graphic*, *The Morning Post*, *Pall Mall Gazette*, *Reynold's Newspaper*, *The Standard*, *The Anglo-American Times*, *Black and White*, *The Era*, *The Evening News and Post*, *The Independent and Nonconformist* and *The Times*. It is a testimony to their sleuthing and makes me wonder how many of these Sherlock read himself! This book is available from the SOB Library.

Sherlock Seattle: To Be, or Not to Be?

Source: <http://sherlock-seattle.tumblr.com/page/4>
Tumblr posting January 6, 2017

The question in this case is whether the "Sherlock Seattle" convention, headed by Mimi Noyes, will continue to exist, or if "Sherlock Seattle 2016" will have been our last convention.

The biggest challenge we face is having enough staff to make the convention happen, such that no one person is carrying too heavy a burden, and it is a challenge that we have yet to meet. As such, we've decided to put the fate of *Sherlock Seattle* in the hands of the Fandom.

If we can find enough people to make the convention happen again, we'll put on "Sherlock Seattle 2017". If we cannot, then we'll shelve the convention for a year, or possibly forever.

We already have a fantastic Guest of Honor lined up: **Rachel Talalay, who directed "The Six Thatchers" from BBC Sherlock, Series 4**, and we would love to find someone else in the same field—perhaps a writer or director from "Elementary".

Our challenge to you is this:

- * **If you have a passion for ALL the iterations of Sherlock Holmes; and**
- * **If you want there to be a "Sherlock Seattle 2017"; and**
- * **If you are willing to put in the time and effort to make it happen,**

then send an email to sherlock.seattle@gmail.com and put CONCOM in the subject line.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The "GoFundMe" project for *Sherlock Seattle 2016* (see Page 4, *Ineffable Twaddle* for January 2016, <https://www.gofundme.com/help-sherlock-seattle>) exceeded its goal of \$3,500 for paying off 2016 expenses in a single month. So think about getting involved! As **SOB VP Kashena Konecki said** in our January issue, **"Sherlock Seattle been a cornerstone of good Sherlockian times in Seattle for the last four years!"**

Things to See, Buy, Do & Know

⇒ SOB Bill Seil reports:

• If you have an interest in crime fiction, **Left Coast Crime** is a mystery convention that changes location each year (<http://www.leftcoastcrime.org/2017>). There is usually something Sherlockian, but this is not the emphasis of the convention. Here are locations coming up:

- 2017 March 16 through 19: Honolulu (Toastmaster: Laurie King)
- 2018 March 22 through 25: Reno
- 2019 March 28 through 31: Vancouver, B.C.

• **BoucherCon 2017**: Grab your passport and head to the Sheraton Centre in Toronto, ON, Canada for “BoucherCon2017: Passport to Murder” (<http://bouchercon2017.com>), where they’ll be celebrating all things mystery. It runs from October 12 through 15, and it’s a way to see all things mysterious and visit the ACD/ Sherlockian Collection at the Toronto Reference Library.

⇒ Further to the item in our last issue (February 2017, Page 5)

re: Heywood Hill Bookstore, London that “create (and sell) private, personalized libraries—based on specific requests and ‘reading consultations’!” Offers **our friend Roger Johnson from the London Society**, “It’s quite a while since I visited Heywood Hill’s bookshop, but it certainly was possible to buy one or two books and walk out of the shop with them. I held back from buying one of NTP Murphy’s admirable books on the oeuvre of PG Wodehouse, and rather wish that I hadn’t, as the heart of Mayfair is to the Wodehousean what Baker Street is to the Holmesian. Norman Murphy, who died last year, brilliantly applied to PGW’s canon the same approach that the best Holmesian scholars apply to the chronicles of the Great Detective. As you may know, the Sherlock Holmes Society of London and the PG Wodehouse Society meet each summer for a Victorian Cricket Match, played to the laws of 1895. (Other sports have rules, but cricket has laws.)”

⇒ **From SOB Margaret Nelson: “A Study of Sherlock’s Home”** by Audrey Ward appeared in The Times (of London) on January 1, 2017, in its “Home Section”. Here’s an excerpt: *Today marks something other than the first hangover of 2017. For Sherlock fans it signals the return of their favourite sleuthing series. But don’t expect New Year cheer—the three-parter is set to be darker than ever. Anxiety over the characters’ fates may be reaching fever pitch but viewers can rely on one constant—Sherlock is still living in his chaotic bachelor pad at 221 B Baker Street.* • *The property is almost as much of a star of the show as Benedict Cumberbatch and Martin Freeman, who play Holmes and Watson. Indeed a Spanish interior designer has put it right under the spotlight. Inaki Aliste Lizarralde, 45, has plotted the flat’s floorplan, including details of the shabby-chic interiors, from the mismatched furniture to the Union Jack cushion. While the interior shots of Sherlock’s home are filmed on a set in Cardiff, the exterior belongs to a one-bedroom flat on North Gower Street, in London NW1, a mile from Baker Street. The 370 sq. ft. home was listed for rent last summer at £365 a week, but Lizarralde’s handmade drawings are more affordable at £50. He is a fan of the drama: “I love the scripts, the actors, the direction and the staging, but I hate the long*

wait between seasons and the uncertainty of the ending.” • To see the Etsy site to order the floorplan, go to: https://www.etsy.com/listing/502070763/floorplan-of-sherlock-holmes-apartment?ref=shop_home_active_1.

⇒ **From SOB Ann Milam: Sherlock: Playing Cards on sale, \$9.98.** “The game is on! There are more than a few wild cards set loose as Sherlock, Watson, and Moriarty face off on this print-and blood-bedecked deck of cards. Watch these bitter foes up the ante with each game you play, and search for clues behind their poker-faced stares: which player is a few cards short of a deck, who has a card up their sleeve, and who will be forced to cash in their chips? Stakes are always high with murder and mystery afoot, and only you can help the world’s greatest consulting detective stack the deck on the side of good. SKU: 20503”. https://shop.bbc.com/sherlock-playing-cards-0503.html?cm_mmc=ExactTarget_-email_-US+-+Undercover+-+12-27-16_-email&utm_medium=Email&utm_source=US+-+Undercover+-+12-27-16&utm_campaign=ExactTarget.



⇒ **From SOB PFL David Haugen:** Found this AP report on the web on 12/31/2016—*Genealogy detectives have discovered that Benedict Cumberbatch, the British actor who portrays Sherlock Holmes in the PBS TV series, is distantly related to the author who created the iconic character more than a century ago.* • Cumberbatch, 40, and the late Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, who died in 1930, were 16th cousins, twice removed, according to the web site Ancestry.com. • Cumberbatch and “Sherlock” return Sunday night. With the British actor rocketing to movie stardom, it’s likely to be his last time in the character. • Ancestry.com wasn’t asked to dig into the backgrounds of Cumberbatch and Doyle but its researchers love both the series and historical puzzles, said (a) spokesman. They haven’t told the actor of the connection. • Doyle and Cumberbatch’s common ancestor was... **Continued on Page 5**

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...that he took his degree at St. George’s but in STUD he claimed a medical degree from the University of London. In NAVA, he mentioned his school days, but he never told us about St. George’s before!

The second Sherlockian entry is “**The Case of the Masticated Hand**” by Jaap Boekestein and Roelof Goudriaan, which finds Holmes and Watson having their breakfast ruined by the arrival of a package containing a severed hand. Along with it is a letter from the widow of a man Holmes helped years ago to recover a stolen object. The widow, a very mysterious lady whom Watson is immediately enamored with, informs Holmes that her husband traveled to Sumeria and returned with a sarcophagus containing a mummy whose hand was removed by a professor of the occult. The lady’s spouse became hypnotically under the influence of the ...

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...*John of Gaunt, the duke of Lancaster and the fourth son of King Edward III of England, who lived in the 14th century, the website said. John of Gaunt was Doyle's 15th great-grandfather and Cumberbatch's 17th great-grandfather.* ● *"Making family history connections is similar to piecing together a mysterious puzzle, one that the great Sherlock Holmes himself would be intrigued to solve," said Lisa Elzey, family historian at Ancestry.com.* ● *Holmes and sidekick John Watson, played in the PBS series by Martin Freeman, came to life in a novel written in 1890, and were featured in dozens more detective stories.* ● **Says our PFL:** Too bad the person who wrote the article didn't do some research regarding when "A Study in Scarlet" was written.

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...professor and she believes he was responsible for his death. In addition the man has stolen an artifact dear to the lady's heart and plans something evil. She hopes Holmes can recover the article. Bordering more on science fiction than mystery, this story has Watson saving the widow from death and hallucinating over the reward she has given him. Or was it an hallucination? Oh, and Holmes, of course, recovers the artifact and thwarts the villain's nefarious plans!

"MacGuffins on Baker Street" ● by Bruce Harris is a delightful treatise on the word of the title. The author provides Alfred Hitchcock's definition, the history of its use, and provides many examples of it in the Canon (e.g., Stamford and even Mycroft). He also indicates several occurrences in films and books outside the World of Sherlock Holmes. This all too brief article should prove both interesting and entertaining to lovers of Watson's Adventures.

"The Mystery of the Bee's Egg" by Eric Cline begins with Watson making a few amusing observations and comments about the behavior and slovenly demeanor of his flat mate. A visitor arrives and Watson believes it to be a royal personage. But Holmes does his usual magic and reveals that it is a Scottish policeman seeking his help in the death of the foreman in charge of constructing a mile-long bridge over a firth near the North Sea. Indeed that is the case as Chief Inspector McAdams suspects murder and possibly sabotage.

The three proceed to the site of the construction where Holmes interviews the new foreman, the engineer who designed the bridge, the supplier of materials and several of the workers. It seems also that there was a message found on the dead foreman's person which among other things had the cryptic phrase, "bees' eggs and Swiss cheese"! After doing some research and analyzing the message Holmes gathers all together and reveals both the meaning of the message and why the foreman met his demise. Returning to Baker Street, the detective discovers that he finds the behavior of bees fascinating and plans to pursue the topic in more detail.

Non-Sherlockian contributions are inserted throughout,

beginning with "The Pit of Hell" by Martin Hill Ortiz. It concerns a "bargain basement" Houdini who not only attempts an escape from a burning straight jacket but also from a full body cast. It falls on a journalist to discover how these tricks were done. The next entry, "Acid Test" by Allen Lang, involves an aging plumber who claims to see ghosts and uses a lady gastroenterologist to try to establish scientific proof that his method of tracking them is valid.

"Unacceptable Risk" by Karl Lykken finds a man who placed his name in a Dead Pool very suspicious as all on the list, except one other, have died in questionable circumstances within the last year. Although it may be a big mistake, he and a friend break into the other fellow's home hoping to find evidence of foul play.

Dan DeVoto is the author of "Your Turn" which may be the best non-Sherlockian entry in this issue of the magazine.

Ricky and Daphne have a con game going where they take turns fleecing wealthy, lonely people. It's Daphne's turn and the mark is a deep pockets fellow whose wife has been institutionalized for years. But Daph is getting tired of the game and would like to quit. She considers making "Deep Pockets" all her own. Ricky will not be pleased, but what can he do? Hmmmmm!

The issue ends with a "You Solve It" challenge, "He Digs Candy" by Laird Long, followed by the solution to the previous issue's challenge, "Case Closed" by James C. Glass.

The editor, Kerry Carter, promises more Sherlockian tales in future issues. Subscriptions and access to back issues are provided electronically, but (very beautiful) paper copies of this issue and others are available from Amazon for only \$5. Although the magazine is not dedicated to Sherlock Holmes, it boasts some clever and humorous well-written short mystery stories. So if you're interested, Google away!

● **Note:** "What's MacGuffin? An object or device in a movie or a book that serves merely as a trigger for the plot...Macguffin can be a prop, a character, a device, or a place." (reellifeinsider.com)

Answers to Quiz on "The Adventure of the Gloria Scott" on P. 3

1. Trevor.
2. He was struck dead reading a message.
3. Because it was the first case in which Holmes was engaged.
4. Fencing and boxing.
5. He feared a personal attack; he had melted lead in his walking stick; he boxed in his youth; he had done a lot of digging; he'd been to New Zealand and Japan; he was intimately associated with someone with initials "J. A."
6. Hudson; a sailor; a place to rest.
7. In the back drawer of a Japanese cabinet.
8. Mr. Beddoes.
9. Pick every third word.
10. October 8, 1855 and November 6, 1855.
11. James Armitage.
12. *Hotspur*.



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Anniversary Tea!
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ing, Sunday, April 23*
1:30 p.m. at Queen Anne
Library, Seattle

** This is a change; Easter
falls April 16—3rd Sunday!*

Annual Wreath Throw!
Saturday, May 6, 11:30
a.m., Tumwater, WA

Member News & Notes

SOBs attending our February 5, 2017 South Sound Meeting, presided over by PFL David Haugen, were:

Sheila Holtgrieve	Sunny Even	Terri Haugen
Cameron Brandon	Geoff Jeffery	Cara Cross
Margie Deck	Al Nelson	Judy Lyen

● **Margie** gave us a visual explanation of our new chronological study of the Canon for the next 6 months...beginning in March with GLOR. ★ The rest of the time, we ate and analyzed Series 4 of *Sherlock*...until all headed home due to the snowfall!!

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Sheila Holtgrieve	Sunny Even	Al Nelson
Vivika Sundqvist	Pat McIntosh	Francis Bond
Lauren Messenger	Terri Haugen	Alex Snow
Cameron Brandon	Hank Deck	Margie Deck
Kashena Konecki	Lauran Stevens	"Mel" Briganti
Chris "Bear" Berwald		

● **Margie** again gave us a visual explanation of our new chronological study of the Canon for the next 6 months...beginning in March with GLOR when **VP Kashena** will lead a 3-person panel discussion ★ **Lauran's** quiz stumped the crowd well; but we did arrive at 3 winners who could answer 1 or more of the 24 Holmes quotes that needed to be identified! They were Margie, Sheila and Cameron! ★ **Vivika** was the winner in the raffle of our anonymous donor's 30-vol. collection of Tolkien books and reference materials! ★ Guests attending were **Kashena's** pal Saul Pwanson; Ed Southon; and Stormy Petrels from Vancouver, BC, Fran Martin, MBt and Bob Coghil, MBt, BSI. ★ Like so many of the good things

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\$20 per year brings Members the monthly newsletter "Ineffable Twaddle", a copy of *Beaten's Christmas Annual*, and the incalculable benefits of association with a group of certifiable Holmes aficionados.

Meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of each month. Location of the meetings may vary.

Regularly scheduled additional events throughout the year include: "The Masters' Dinner" celebrating the meeting of *Holmes and Watson* (March), "The Annual Wreath Throw" commemorating Holmes' loss at Reichenbach Falls (May), "The Dr. John H. Watson Picnic" (July), and "The Will Crakes Memorial Jollification" (December). Other activities—book crawls, teas, plays and gaming events—are as announced.

To join or to renew your membership, send your check for dues—\$20 for individuals, \$30 for families (U.S. funds only)—to the address shown at left.

in life, raising a glass in tribute goes back to the ancient Greeks, who often offered up goblets to the gods. **PFL David** encourages anyone who'll be attending our Masters' Celebration on March 11 to offer up a toast of your own! *Just please phone or email him (above) ASAP with the person or topic you'll be toasting!*

● **You do know it's time to renew your dues, right?!** (See P.2 and the enclosed renewal form.) It's also an excellent time to choose a **Canonical Name (alter-ego)**: A person, place or thing from *Sherlockiana* with which you'd like to be identified!

Some rules:

- No one in the Club may "be" Holmes, Watson, Moriarty or Irene Adler—ever!
- If the alter-ego you want is currently held by another active Member, you may not select that one!
- Take the time now—if you wish—to note your alter-ego selection on the enclosed renewal form where indicated! *Editor Terri will call or email you with any conflict; she keeps those records.*
- Don't know if your choice of a person, place or thing is already taken? *Phone or email Editor Terri (above) to find out in advance if your choice is already taken.*
- Forgotten or want to change your alter-ego selection? *Phone or email Editor Terri (above) to ask.*

Some of our more interesting alter-ego selections: "The Black Formosa Corruption" (DYIN), "Victor Trevor's bull terrier" (GLOR), "Café Noir" (MUSG), "Sigurson" (EMPT), "Bag of Tigers" (EMPT), and "The Busy Bee" (CREE).