



Ineffable Twaddle

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

—The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle

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Time's UP!!

Everyone was eligible
to enter our 2018
Writing Contest, but
your time is now UP!

**SOB LAURAN
STEVENS** challenge:

IMAGINE: Of all the Sherlock Holmes stories written by Conan Doyle, there is bound to be at least one that you did not like the ending of, right?

Decide which story—or stories—you would have liked to have a different or better ending. Explain what you would have had happen instead—to make it a more satisfying ending for you! Multiple entries are permitted!!

There's no need to rewrite the original story's ending; just explain how you would have liked the story to end. Bring your entry to the November meeting or snail-mail it by November 30 to Luran at: 320 West Roy Street, Apt. 207, Seattle, WA 98119.

THE GAME IS AFOOT!

A Villain's Description of Holmes

A Crypto Puzzle

By: SOB Charlie Cook

Hint: a = j

" ... ynf pjnfedlzl! ... Ynf cdl
Tnzhl p vtl hluuzld. ... Tnzhl p vtl
gfpynuy!

... Tnzhl p vtl Pjnvzceu Ycdu acjm -
qf - nkkqjl." - Ud. Xdqhlpgy
Dnyznv, qe ... "Vtl Pbljnzlu Gceu"



Newer Members!

Now is a good time to
choose your **Canonical
Name**—an alter-ego, a
person, place or thing
from Sherlockiana with
which you'd like to be
identified!

Generally, you may be any person, place or thing in the Canon which is not already used by another Member.

There are but four exceptions to this rule: No one may be "Sherlock Holmes", "Dr. John Watson", "Prof. James Moriarty", or "Irene Adler". But, if these four people are referred to by some other name, you can use it. For example, we have a Member who has been "Sigerson" for years. That's the alias Holmes used when he traveled after Reichenbach Falls, during the Great Hiatus. The name "Sigerson" is fine because it is not actually the name "Sherlock" nor the name "Holmes". Don't know if your choice of a person, place or thing is already taken? **Phone or email Editor Terri (see masthead on the last page) to find out in advance if your choice of alter-ego has already been taken.**

SOBs Set Membership Record ...Again!

In April 2018, The SOBs welcomed Pepper Cross-Jeffery—an all female, very French canis nigrum—as our first non-human Member! (See IT for June 2018, Vol. 37, P. 2)

In years past we've welcomed folks from all over the world and of every age. Furthest away is SOB Francis Bond in Singapore; SOB siblings Katherine and John Geis joined back in the 1980s while they were still in the cradle. ...

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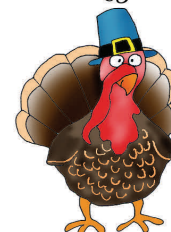
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Thanksgiving



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 northwest corner, at the cross with Garfield Street.

If you have a favorite snack, please bring it along!

"A Scandal in Bohemia" Served Two Ways

The Regular Monthly Meeting of The Sound of the Baskervilles will begin at **1:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 18, 2018** at the Seattle Public Library (Queen Anne Branch) at 400 West Garfield, Seattle (*driving directions at left*). **This is a two-part program!!**

Part 1 is our study of SCAN. Says our Program Chair Sunny Even: Who is Irene Adler really? For most of the story, we only see her through others' eyes. Dr. Watson seems of mixed minds. He names her "the late Irene Adler, of dubious and questionable memory." However, upon seeing her beauty, "... never felt more heartily ashamed of myself in my life than when I saw the beautiful creature against whom I was conspiring." The King of Bohemia classifies her "an adventuress", a genteel term for a high-class prostitute, only to exclaim (several times!) what a magnificent queen she would have made him. While Watson and the King are alternately captivated and censuring in their descriptions, Holmes apparently makes no judgement. Even while he takes note of her exceptional beauty, he describes the entire wedding escapade with no comment as to her character or her motivations. And in the end he seems to take a small pleasure in having been bested by her. It is to Holmes' credit that, she is simply *the woman*. No more, while being no less.

Adler doesn't speak for herself until the last few pages of *A Scandal in Bohemia*. Yet that stealthy statement she makes illustrates an impudence and independence unseen from the story's male viewpoint. In that brief encounter she shows herself a person apart from Holmes' intellect, or Watson's idealism, or the King's belligerence. By her own words, "I love and am loved by a better man than he." As Sherlockian James Edward Holroyd said, "One may fairly claim that the only dubious and questionable aspect of the adventure was the conduct of the three men principally concerned."

Part 2 is SOB Sheldon Gloger's presentation, titled "Irene Never Wanted to Marry Wilhelm", which he summarizes as follows:

What the King of Bohemia told Holmes & Watson (about Irene Adler) was a lie: "*Rather than I should marry another woman, there are no lengths to which she would not go—none.*" Totally untrue. Ineffable Twaddle. A wedding was never an issue.

Thank you for letting me present this point of view at our November 18th gathering at the Queen Anne Library, whose scheduled story is, *A Scandal in Bohemia*. What scares me, though, is that my perusal of the literature has not found support for my challenge to the King's claim.

So who am I, a novice at Sherlockian research, to come up with something original about the disputed photograph? My hope is that the best SOB minds will show up at the meeting to either find flaws in my reasoning or encourage me to publish my findings.

I will expose the King's lie in depth with eight historical truths: (1) royalty only married royalty; (2) a mistress-courtesan was the alternative to marriage with a commoner; (3) *La Scala's* associated gambling casino was where royalty met and wooed opera performers; (4) England and Germany recruited both royalty and commoners for espionage; andmy 5, 6, 7 and 8 truths have to do with rising nationalism.

To test your mettle on this story, **SOB Charlie Cook** has produced the following quiz on "**A Scandal in Bohemia**":

1. How did Holmes speak of the "softer passions"?
2. The now-married Watson read of 3 cases which Holmes had solved. Name them.
3. Watson didn't know how many steps led from the hall to Holmes's room. Do you?
4. About what does Holmes claim Germans are so uncourteous?
5. What alias did the King of Bohemia use when he first visited 221B?
6. What was Irene Adler's London address?
7. Whom did Irene Adler marry?
8. What was the name of the church where her wedding ceremony took place?
9. It wasn't Mrs. Hudson serving dinner at 221B. Who was it?
10. What disguise did Holmes take on when he went to trick Irene Adler?
11. Holmes claimed to have used similar tricks in which two other cases?
12. What did Irene—whilst disguised as young lad—say to Holmes upon his return to 221B?

Answers may be found on Page 7

Things to See, Buy, Do & Know

⇒ **From SOB Sheila Holtgrieve:** CHECK OUT THIS WEBSITE: <https://www.1000bookstoread.com> for the book, *1,000 Books to Read Before You Die*. If you put Doyle into the search box, you will find the complete Canon with a great description by author James Mustich, the compiler of the weighty tome.

⇒ **From SOB Vice President Kashena Konecki:**

● **THIS PRESS RELEASE CAME IN AT OUR WEBSITE FROM AUTHOR THOMAS BRUCE WHEELER:** “You may want to take a look at the <http://www.SherlocksLondon.com> website. It contains an interactive map that identifies over 400 places in London associated with the great detective, explains their Sherlockian significance and identifies in which adventure(s) they were mentioned. Currently, the map has been accessed over 300,000 times by visitors from all over the world.” For more, contact Wheeler at londonsecrets@europe.com

Ed. Note: Amazon is offering Wheeler’s book for \$13.⁹⁵. <https://www.amazon.com/Mapped-London-Sherlock-Holmes-ebook/dp/B01A2NGAVW>

● **FOUND A PLETHORA OF SHERLOCKIAN NEWS AT “GOOGLE ALERTS” ON OCTOBER 26.**

★ The Seattle Times reported: A new thriller to rival John le Carré is Henry Porter’s *Firefly*, and a new take on Sherlock Holmes from Kareem Abdul-Jabbar with his second book, *Mycroft and Sherlock* are now out.

★ A release in Becker’s SpineReview—“Be the Mother Teresa & Sherlock Holmes of the opioid epidemic—Coastal Orthopedics’ Dr. Richard Bundschu tells physicians how”—shows that Holmes really is everywhere! <https://www.beckersspine.com/orthopedic-spine-practices-improving-profits/item/43226-be-the-mother-teresa-sherlock-holmes-of-the-opioid-epidemic-coastal-orthopedics-dr-richard-bundschu-tells-physicians-how.html>

★ The Waterville (ME) Public Library was hosting quite the mystery for folks to solve on October 27: The 3rd annual “Nosh and Knock Off” is an interactive mystery event at which attendees try to catch a suspect with their favorite literary characters. Characters this year included Jay Gatsby, Sherlock Holmes, and Katniss Everdeen.

● **STARTING SEPTEMBER 1, AUDIENCES WERE ABLE TO VIEW THE NEWEST INTERNATIONAL HBO SERIES.** Co-produced with Hulu in Japan, “*Miss Sherlock*” is also the first Japanese series to premiere on the network. The series is a reimagining of the classic *Sherlock Holmes* stories. Set in present day Tokyo, the series focuses on a gender-



bent take on the mythos by casting Yuko Takeuchi (*Flashforward*) and Shiori Kabeiya (*Kuchizuke*) as Sherlock and Dr. Watson—now Dr. Wato Tachibana. Yuki Yoshi Ozawa (*The Forest*), who plays Sherlock’s elder brother Kendo (a stand-in for Mycroft Holmes), spoke with *The Hollywood Reporter* about his role. “I’m not trying to offend any guys, but some types of guys think very square,” said Ozawa. “Women are more sensitive and know how to touch people’s hearts, so they know how to win the game. I think they make better private detectives.” Naturally, the two women spark up a friendship and partnership as they investigate the crimes no one else can solve. Like other recent takes on the premise (like *Sherlock* and *Elementary*), this new approach showcases the flexibility of the concept. A trailer was released in August that showcased Takeuchi especially, as she tries to investigate a case where people are dropping dead from bombs in their stomachs.

⇒ **From Entertainment Weekly’s “Sound Bites”, October 5, 2018: DID WE EVER THINK WE’D HEAR HOLMES SAY THESE WORDS TO DR. WATSON? (RIGHT)**



⇒ **From SOB Maffie Rafferty:** LOOK WHAT DAVE & I SAW RECENTLY (LEFT) IN THE WINDOW OF TRICKY’S POP CULTURE EMPORIUM IN TACOMA.

⇒ **From SOB Jean Macdonald:** THE BBC MAIL ORDER CATALOG RECENTLY FEATURED AN ENTIRE PAGE DEVOTED TO SHERLOCKIAN STUFF: Books—“*Sherlock Holmes’s...*”

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Is The SOB's' Website Effective? You Bet!

Here's an item PFL David received at his SOB email inbox:



Hello,

My daughter and I just wanted to reach out to give a big thanks for your wonderful page, <http://www.soundofthebaskervilles.com/links.html> since it's been extremely helpful to her! She just recently finished up her **Victorian Era project** for her history class. She's been pretty stressed over this project but thanks to you she seemed confident and excited about it this morning before school.

To better show our appreciation she thought it would be nice to pay it forward and recommend another page she found useful. It's <https://www.fragrancex.com/fragrance-information/fashion-and-courtship-in-the-victorian-era.html> and it has great information and resources on it about the **fashion and courtship in the Victorian Era** with many great resources on it.

If you decide to add it to your resources, I'd love to show my daughter that her suggestion was up and running to help others out! It would also make her feel that she contributed positively to the lives of others.

Best Wishes, Abigail & Ellie Lynwood

Tennessee SOB Bill Mason has a New Book Out!

My latest book, *A Holmes By Any Other Name: The Twistings and Turnings of "Sherlock Holmes"*, is now available from Wildside Press.

When Arthur Conan Doyle finally decided on a name for the greatest detective in history, he could not have envisioned just how perfect "Sherlock Holmes" would be for parody, for rhyme, for the transposing of letters and sounds, for the substitution of suggestive words in the name of a comic character: Beerlock Foams, Cockroach Bones, Heddlock Phones, Herlock Sholmes, Mukluk Gnomes, Picklock Holes, Sheerluck Hums, Shellshock Sloan, Shirley Combs, Smallpox Soles...and hundreds more!

This is not just a list, but also a catalogue of 578 parody names derived from a true phonetic gold mine: the name Sherlock Holmes. Many are unique, the exclusive product of a single creative mind. Others are found frequently, although they were most likely continually reinvented rather than copied. All



are credited to their creators and referenced to their first appearance. Also included are lists of parody names for Watson and Moriarty and a full index..

These appellations are gleaned from a multitude of sources. The "twistings and mis-shapenings" of the name Sherlock Holmes can be found almost everywhere: novels, short stories, jokes, cartoons, comics, movies, plays, puppet shows, radio and television programs, the internet, newspapers, magazines, video games, jewelry, toys, music, and even supermarket fliers. All are represented in this listing.

Soft cover, 196 pages. Now available for \$12.⁹⁹ from Wildside Press at <http://wildsidepress.com/a-holmes-by-any-other-name-by-bill-mason-paperback/> and from Amazon.com.

An Analysis by SOB Charlie Cook: On the Essay, "Pastiches: The Third Leg of the Sherlockian Stool" by David Marcum

Many Sherlockians are familiar with David Marcum's MX series of Sherlock Holmes pastiches, but he also includes a few essays in each volume.

This one is provided in Volumes IX and X.

The three legs of the stool are: 1) The Canon, 2) Sherlockian scholarship and 3) pastiches. Quoting Edgar W. Smith, "The pastiche writer must be competent, adept and efficient." Mr. Marcum then follows by adding "the writer must also be receptive", willing to present fresh adventures and not dwell too much on the original ones.

He also notes that in his opinion the importance of the pastiche is that, for many, it may be their first introduction to the World of Sherlock Holmes—be it a story, a film, a TV show, or a radio program. Marcum calls the body of work, "Canon and pastiche, 'The Great Holmes Tapestry'."

A history of parodies and pastiches is presented, loaded with interesting and informative entries which should impress most Sherlockians. After including a plethora of data on early silent and talkie films, parodies and pastiches, highlighting the post-Canon Golden Age through the 1940's and then plowing into the new Golden Age which began with Nicholas Meyer's *The Seven Percent Solution* and which has continued to the present day. Gem after gem of history and trivia leaves the enthusiast drooling.

For example: Anyone fortunate enough to have a copy of Edgar W. Smith's "amazing collection of Holmesian essays", *Profiles By Gaslight* (which I do) should note that following page 220 is page 221B and followed by page 222. ...

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Holiday Activities Abound!! Add These to Your Calendar NOW!

These Club Events should be first on your list:

⇒ **December 1: The Club's 34th Annual Will Crakes Memorial Jollification!!** It will be hosted again by SOB Carrol Clemens in Federal Way. The fun begins at 1:00 p.m.; **more details in next month's issue!**

⇒ **December 16:** At our regular monthly meeting in Seattle, we'll have **our annual study of "The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle"** and a cookie exchange!!

⇒ **December 31: Deadline for 2019 Beaten's Christmas Annual submissions!!** Email **yours** to Editor Terri at: Terri@SoundoftheBaskervilles.com.

And, Thanks to SOB Margaret Nelson for these additional free events your family might enjoy!

Learn about English dinners at the Time of Sherlock Holmes via One at Downton Abbey



Learn about Victorian/Edwardian dining (as in the time of Sherlock and Watson) at "Dining at Downton: A Trial by Fork". This program by re-enactor Tames Alan is **November 20, 2018 at 6:30 pm** at the University Place Library, 3609 Market Place West, University Place, WA.

From her website: "Much of the plot for Downton Abbey revolves around the dinner table. Explore the final years of a time when one changed into dinner clothes and chose jewelry to reflect candlelight, where setting the table and serving a meal was an art. Any dinner at Downton Abbey is a well-choreographed dance performed with military precision. Everyone from the hostess and guests to the butler and kitchen maid, know the parts they are to play."

In this one-hour program, food historian Tames Alan demystifies the manners, menu, and accoutrements of a formal 12-course dinner as would have been eaten upstairs at Downton Abbey before the outbreak of World War One."

For more, go to: <https://livinghistorylectures.com/Dining-at-Downton-A-Trial-by-Fork/>. Included is a listing of comestibles included in her formal Victorian menu.

A Pioneer Christmas: Traditions Across America

Being held **Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 1:00 pm** at the Milton/Edgewood Library (900 Meridian East Milton,

WA), this program explores the various traditional celebrations of the Christmas season as they might be found, across this country during the latter part of the 19th century.

Dressed in the authentic clothing of a pioneer woman and, using three differently decorated Christmas trees, your hostess Tames Alan compares and contrasts how the holiday was celebrated by an upper-middle-class family in an East Coast city, a homesteading community in the Midwest, and those who tried to keep their traditions alive out on the prairie.

Discussed are the significance of gifts, crèches, nutcrackers, and what was used to decorate the trees. Tames also talks about the perils of holiday travel and how food played a major part in the celebrations. When people gathered to celebrate the holiday, there would be music, dancing, and the singing of carols.

During this program, the audience will learn the history of and be encouraged to sing some traditional carols that were popular in this era.

For more: <https://livinghistorylectures.com/A-Pioneer-Christmas-Traditions-Across-America/>



Some Smiling SOB Faces



From SOB Ginie Romnes: Here's a picture of James using the items he won (mug and pub towel) in the raffle at the June 10 South Sound Meeting!



From SOB Webmaster Shannon Wallace:

Here are a couple of shots from my recent vacation in Newfoundland, Canada! After a week taking in historic sights in St. John's, I got away to a wonderful seaside cottage. It's all rugged coast, fall colors and lighthouses!



More Things to See, Buy...

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...London", "The Official Sherlock Puzzle Book", "Sherlock Holmes: book of Conundrums"; DVDs—"Murder by Decree" and "Sherlock: The Complete Series"; Audio—"Sherlock Holmes: His Last Bow Audio CD"; and a pewter pocket watch!

⇒ **This item is a bit dated, but interesting all the same: SHERLOCK ACTOR BENEDICT CUMBERBATCH SAVES CYCLIST FROM MUGGERS IN LONDON** Benedict Cumberbatch, known for his portrayal of crime-fighter Sherlock Holmes and comic book superhero Doctor Strange in the Marvel movies, has been hailed a hero for chasing away four assailants as they mugged a cyclist in London. ■ Cumberbatch, 41, jumped out of his taxi and ran to the aid of the man working for food delivery company Deliveroo as he was set upon by the muggers, the Sun reported. ■ "The cyclist was lucky, Benedict's a superhero," Cumberbatch's Uber driver told the Sun. "Benedict was courageous, brave and selfless. If he hadn't stepped in the cyclist could have been seriously injured." ■ The attempted robbery took place on Marylebone High Street, just around the corner from Holmes' fictional home on Baker Street.



⇒ **From Editor Terri Haugen: THIS PRESS RELEASE WAS RECEIVED AT MY SOB EMAIL INBOX: *The Game's Afoot*:** Sir Arthur Conan Doyle ranked "The Adventure of the Dancing Men" third in his list of his twelve favorite Holmes stories. This is one of only two Sherlock Holmes short stories where Holmes' client dies after seeking his help. There are many illustrations seen and the stories are briskly told which often add new insight to a familiar tale. I did not need to be told to make my Sherlock look like actor Basil Rathbone. The thing was inevitable!

Have I got your attention? Don't miss out: This is a signed giclee print that's sure to make your consulting detective-fan jealous!

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⇒ **Says SOB Associated Editor Lauren Messenger:**

GET EXCITED! THERE'S A (RELATIVELY) LOCAL SHERLOCK HOLMES CONVENTION ON THE HORIZON DUE IN OCTOBER 2019! Portland-based Left Coast Sherlockian Symposium is in the early planning stages. You can keep up with the news at its website: <https://leftcoastsherlocki.wixsite.com/lcss>, or on Twitter (@LCSherlockian), or on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/leftcoastsherlockian/>



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⇒ **From SOB Bill Seil: HERE'S MORE ON CONAN DOYLE FOR THE DEFENSE (SEE AUGUST 2018 IT, VOL. 37, ISS. 8, P.5):** Margalit Fox brings to life a forgotten cause célèbre in this page-turning account of how mystery-writer-turned-real life sleuth Arthur Conan Doyle helped exonerate a man who was wrongfully convicted of murder. Fox takes us inside the famous crime and how Conan Doyle played a part in the outcome. To read the whole article, go to https://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/industry-news/tip-sheet/article/77306-the-time-arthur-conan-doyle-helped-solve-a-real-murder-case.html?utm_source=Publishers+Weekly&utm_campaign=52035a8341-EMAIL_CAM_PAIGN_2018_06_22_03_52&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0bb2959cbb-52035a8341-304560817

⇒ **From SOB Charlie Cook: IN THE JULY 6/JULY 13 ISSUE OF *THE WEEK* MAGAZINE**, Margalit Fox, author of *Conan Doyle for the Defense*, gives a thumbnail sketch of 6 of her favorite entries into the literature of the creator of you know who: *Memories and Adventures*, *The Stark Munro Letters*, *Round the Red Lamp* and other *Medical Writings*, *Through the Magic Door*, *The Case of Mr. George Edalji* and *Strange Studies From Life and Other Narratives*. I was aware of some of these but not all.

⇒ **From SOB Maffie Rafferty: CAUGHT THIS TITLE IN TV GUIDE**, "The Best British Murder Mystery Shows to Stream Right Now". See the list at <https://www.tvguide.com/news/british-murder-mysteries-streaming/>. And look which show they mention first!

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SOBs Set Membership Record...Again!

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...But as of the date of this writing (October 28)—**at only 10 days of age**—we welcome our youngest paid SOB Member ever: **Master William T. Cook!!**

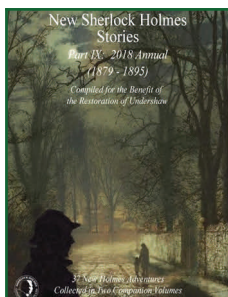
The first great-grandson of long-time **SOBs Manson & Nancy Polley**, who live full-time now in Casa Grande, AZ, Little William has had his dues

fully financed by Grandpa Manson for the next 20 years!

Says Manson, "I hope the enclosed check will last until he is old enough to understand what the Canon is all about and can renew his dues himself! I have already given my granddaughter (his Mom) a two-volume Annotated slip-cased set of the Canon and she promised that the early reading to her son will include the Canon!"

...“Pastiches: The Third Leg of the Sherlockian Stool”

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Mr. Marcum does provide some critical analyses which the reader may agree or disagree with—all of them very entertaining.

He then takes the reader on his personal journey through the World of Sherlock Holmes. And a fascinating and entertaining trip it is! Many sources of stories are provided and the highlights of his travels left me and, I would think, every “collector” envious. It is with sadness that due to economic limitations and advancing age, I’ll never get to enjoy many of the entries the author has brought to my attention.

There exists a coda in the essay devoted to the collection of the current volume and kudos to the many people who helped the author with both his Sherlockian development and his monumental MX Book of New Sherlock Holmes collection.

Ed. Note: Go to the following URLs for Publishers Weekly reviews of these two Volumes of Marcum’s work: <https://www.publishersweekly.com/978-1-78705-281-9> and <https://www.publishersweekly.com/978-1-78705-285-7>

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⇒ **From Steve Mason of the Crew of the Barque Lone Star: RE: THE BEACON SOCIETY:** In order to get the word out about our work of “Keeping Green the Memory of

Solutions to Puzzles & Quizzes

- To Quiz on SCAN on Page 2:**
1. With a gibe and a sneer.
 2. The Treppoff murder in Odessa, the tragedy of the Atkinson brothers at the Trincomelee and a mission for the reigning family of Holland.
 3. Seventeen.
 4. Their verbs.
 5. Count Von Kramm.
 6. Briony Lodge, Serpentine Avenue, St. John’s Woods.
 7. Godfrey Norton.
 8. The Church of St. Monica in the Edgeware Road.
 9. Mrs. Turner.
 10. A nonconformist clergyman.
 11. The Darlington substitution scandal and the Arnsworth Castle business.
 12. Good-night, Mister Sherlock Holmes.
- To Crypto Puzzle on Page 1:**
- “...you scoundrel! ... You are Holmes the meddler. ... Holmes the busybody! ... Holmes the Scotland Yard jack-in-office”
- Dr. Grimesby Roylott in “The Speckled Band”**

the Master”—through our Jan Stauber Grants, the Junior Sherlockian Society and the Beacon Award—it is important that we get our message out to as many Sherlockians and educators as possible. ■ Go to our website at: www.beaconsociety.com and sign up for our e-mail list. There are scores of Sherlockians out there who only need to be asked and they will join our efforts of educating our youth across the globe.



⇒ **For Fans of Team Moffet & Gattis: SEEN IN ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY’S “THE BULLSEYE” FOR NOVEMBER 2:** “*Sherlock* team (Steven Moffet & Mark Gatiss) to reunite for *Dracula* series. Same detailed obsession with dead bodies, slightly different reason for it.”

⇒ **From Jean Upton of the London Scion’s District Messenger:** Jeff Falkingham’s Murder in Minnesota was published earlier this year by AuthorCentrix of Murrieta, CA. It is a 2-in-1 bundling of the author’s “County Courthouse Caper” and its sequel “In Search of the Source”. Both tales find Sherlock Holmes in Minnesota in the late 1800s. Their narrator is an adventurous young frontier lad, which makes the stories appealing for young readers. The book includes upgraded maps and graphics. (\$10.⁹⁹ [soft cover]; \$2.⁹⁹ [eBook]). Details can be found at cccaper.com.

Ed. Note: Besides writing two pastiches (ibid) about Holmes, Falkingham has created a program that’s drawn rave reviews at more than 80 libraries, schools, historical societies and book clubs. Jeff’s menu of offerings consists of six units, allowing you to customize a program to suit the interests of any audience, and to fit any time frame.



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"International
Sherlockian Summit",
Saturday, November 3,
12:00 to 4:00 p.m. in
Mt. Vernon, WA

Regular Monthly
Meeting, Sunday,
November 18, 1:30 p.m.
at Queen Anne
Library, Seattle

Will Crakes
Memorial Jollification,
Saturday, December 1,
1:00, the home of
SOB Carrol Clemens
in Federal Way

Regular Monthly
Meeting, Sunday,
December 16, 1:30 p.m.
at Queen Anne
Library, Seattle

Member News & Notes

● Our **October 21, 2018 Regular Monthly Meeting** in Seattle was presided over by PFL David Haugen.

● SOB Members present were:

New Member Colin Beck

(recruited for us by SOB Sonia Fetherston, BSI),

Dawn Jaekel	Jean Macdonald	Airy Maher
Sheila Holtgrieve	Pat McIntosh	Judy Lyen
Margaret Nelson	Sheldon Gloger	Allen Nelson
Lauran Stevens	Chris "Bear" Berwald	
Cameron Brandon	VP Kashena Konecki	
Treasurer Melinda Michaelson.		

● Some of the dates for upcoming events that PFL David reminded us of were:

- ★ November 3—International Summit
- ★ November 18—Next meeting. Sheldon will discuss his paper on Irene Adler and the King.
- ★ November 30—Lauran Stevens' competition closes (see P. 1 for details).
- ★ December 1—Christmas Jollification at Carrol Clemens' home; more details coming next month.
- ★ December 31—Deadline for your *Beaten's Christmas Annual* submissions.

● The month's story was "The Noble Bachelor". Kashena kept the quiz score; Sheila and Dawn came in first; Airy, second; Cameron, third; and Margaret, fourth.

Ed. Note: October 21, 2018 SOB meeting notes taken by Margaret Nelson. **Grateful thanks to you, Margaret!**

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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' Celebration" honoring 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.

● **From Editor Terri:** Thanks so very much to all the SOB's for your support and well-wishes throughout my recovery from a broken leg in July!! A big shout-out to all the local SOB Members who attended our many Club events since that time for the many, many phone calls, greeting cards, visits, flowers and edible gifts! I couldn't have done it without you, and David & I both treasure your kindness and affection!!

● Got this photo from SOB Vice President Kashena Konecki—three gorgeous women (and one unknown little kid), taken on the ferry ride to Liberty Island in October during her vacation to New York City.

