



Ineffable Twaddle

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

The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle

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Story, Meeting Content & Events for 2025 SOB Gatherings:

★ *We move forward in our 5-year Cycle—with the first 2 of 4 stories on the theme, "Leisure and Entertainment"—covering these two in 2025...*
VEIL, SCAN ★

Oct. 12 **"Miss Holmes Returns,"** 2 p.m. matinee performance at Federal Way's Center Stage Theatre **New Event! Details on P. 2**

Oct. 19 **The Veiled Lodger**
In-person meeting

Nov. 16 **A Scandal in Bohemia**
via Zoom, **Discussion & Quiz**
by SOB Naching T. Kassa!

We interrupt our regular study with the Annual Return to our Christmas favorite...

Dec. 21 **The Blue Carbuncle**
In-person meeting

Want to give us your take on BLUE on December 21, let PFL David know you'd like to lead this discussion!

★ *We will wrap-up our study on the theme, "Leisure and Entertainment" in the New Year—with the last two of our four stories...MISS, SUSS ★*

Jan. 18, **2026** **The Missing Three Quarters**
via Zoom

Feb. 15, **2026** **The Sussex Vampire**
In-person meeting

Have a fun, fantastic, safe Halloween this Year! Then call your Dentist...since he/she is probably already booked out until February!



Please note that we are continuing with our pattern of rotating our meetings—with Zoom meetings occurring in odd-numbered months and In-person meetings occurring in even-numbered months—with **MOST** meetings & events occurring on the 3rd Sunday the month.



Says Program Chair SOB Sunny Even

We begin our new theme this month
...on **"Leisure & Entertainment"**

The next four stories in our sequence highlight some of the many leisure activities available to a growing prosperous middle class. **"The Adventure of the Veiled Lodger"** introduces us to one of the most popular activities—the spectacle of the circus! Circuses originated in the eighteenth century and reached their heyday in the Victorian era. P. T. Barnum and W. C. Coup founded one the most successful of the American circuses in 1871. Ten years later, the partnership with James Bailey began and was operated as "The Greatest Show on Earth." The Barnum and Bailey Circus traveled to the United Kingdom in 1889 and 1897, where it was spectacularly popular, averaging an attendance of 10,000 every performance.

In the United Kingdom, the most well-known circus proprietor was "Lord" George Sanger, and who was as equally famous as Barnum and Bailey. It was Sanger who introduced the three-ring circus concept, before Barnum and Bailey. After having read Sanger's biography, I am convinced that it was his love life from which Conan Doyle took the inspiration for VEIL.

Read more of Sunny's commentary on VEIL at **Ineffable Twaddle, July 2021, Page 2** in her essay for our previous 5-year cycle, wherein she explains Doyle's possible inspiration for this story's plot. Go to our website at: [Publications – The Sound of the Baskervilles](#) for: [July 2021 Twaddle](#)

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Join Us for Our Next Meeting!

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★ In-Person, Sunday, October 19, 2025 ★

At the Seattle Public Library on Queen Anne Hill, located at 400 West Garfield

Door to the Meeting Room, which is on the lower level, will open at 10 a.m.

The meeting will start at 12:30 p.m. and end by 3 p.m.

Your contribution to the snacks table will be most appreciated!

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.

★ *We begin our study on the theme of “Leisure and Entertainment” with the 1st of our four stories... “The Veiled Lodger”* ★

A Group of SOBs Will Attend the New Play... “Miss Holmes Returns”

We plan to convene in Federal Way, WA, for a “no-host” lunch (11:30 a.m.) and attendance at Centerstage Theatre (prior to 2 p.m.) for the matinee performance of the new play “Miss Holmes Returns” on Sunday, October 12.

- *Arrangements are also being made for a gathering place that day (Applebees??) for a no-host lunch prior to the matinee, for both play-attendees and non-attendees—who wish to enjoy some social time with others—whether attending the play, or not!*
- **The Centerstage Theatre is located inside the Dumas Bay Centre at 3200 SW Dash Point Rd, Federal Way, WA 98023; (253) 661-1444.**
- **Web links** for the Theatre include: [Centerstage Theatre Arts Conservatory](#), & [Plan Your Visit – Centerstage Theatre Arts Conservatory](#) & [AudienceView Professional](#) ... where you can read a summary of the plot of “Miss Holmes Returns,” and get driving directions to the Theatre!
- **Regular Ticket Prices:**
 - ★ **Adult:** \$40 advance sales, \$43 at the door
 - ★ **Seniors (65+) & Military:** \$35
 - ★ **Students (under 22):** \$19



PFL David received a call from the Theatre saying if we have **9-19 people** attending, we can save \$3 per person/per ticket. **So please let me know if you want to attend.** Last time Terri & I gave Center Stage one check for all attendees, and you just paid us the day of the play. I am in hopes of doing it this way again.

The other thing to consider is whether we want to eat together at a restaurant before the play. Last time we ate at Applebee's, and we thought that turned out well.

- **Please let PFL David know no later than October 4** if you want to attend **and** if you want to eat together as a group. If you have any questions, please let me know at: tandhaugen1@msn.com or (253) 460-2753 (land line with voicemail). Thanks!

We anticipate being able to reimburse \$20 per ticket from the Club Treasury, as a benefit for participating—for those members who do attend the play.



“One forenoon—it was late in 1896—I received a hurried note from Holmes asking for my attendance. ...”

A Quiz on “The Veiled Lodger” By: SOB Charlie Cook

1. Holmes was in active practice for how many years, and how many were with Watson?
2. What three items did Watson say he would make public, if further attempts were made to steal his papers?
3. In what year did this tale take place?
4. Name the woman who came to see Holmes, and also name her lodger!
5. What name did the lodger say would bring Holmes to see her?
6. To whom or what did that name refer?
7. Who was Sahara King?
8. Name the county policeman who investigated the original tragedy!
9. Name the circus strongman!
10. What color were the eyes of the lodger?
11. What did the lodger send Holmes?
12. Why did she send it?



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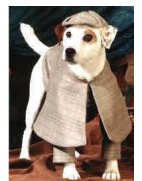
Answers may be found on Page 8

SOB Kris Hambrick’s Sherlock on Screen: “The Veiled Lodger”—aka: “Animals in Adaptation”

For my column about this month's story, such as it is, see **Twaddle's July 2021 issue** (available on our website at: [Publications – The Sound of the Baskervilles](#) for [July 2021 Twaddle](#)). There's not much further about "The Veiled Lodger" as an adaptation, as it really hasn't been touched.

But what role have other animals played in Holmes films? There's the obvious, endless parade of HOUND adaptations, as it is a contained story that is for some reason very attractive to directors despite having very little of Holmes and even less actual dog action. But animals, and animal actors, have always been a part of the deerstalker set.

Take 1912's "**A Canine Sherlock**," which you can watch on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vQ43f0AJGWA>. I'm not actually sure what the little guy is investigating but already, we were using "Sherlock" as a synonym for "detective" in a film that has actually nothing to do with Holmes at all. Though the terrier prefigures the "**Wishbone**" episode (*aired on PBS from 1995—1997 and was later rebroadcast on PBS Kids*) by almost a century, which has the advantage of the little costume.



Other than **THE Hound**, other dogs star in various stories, most notably **Toby** in "**The Sign of Four**," my favorite version of which is the Soviet one simply because it involves two breathless actors trying to say their lines while almost being dragged by the dog. There's "**Sherlock Hemlock**" and his dog, Watson, the Muppet character who appeared on the children's television series *Sesame Street*. There's "**Sherlock Hound**," the anime series from the 1980s (*an Italian-Japanese anime TV series produced by RAI and Tokyo Movie Shinsha*) where almost all the characters are anthropomorphic dogs. And who can forget 1986's film "**The Great Mouse Detective**," where Basil of Baker Street confusingly...also has a pet dog, despite himself being a mouse.



I highly doubt that anyone will tackle "The Veiled Lodger" in film or TV form anytime soon. And if they did, no actual live animals would probably be involved. But I am 99% certain that we're not done putting deerstalkers on cartoon, or actual, dogs.





"Sherlock Throughout the Year"

By: SOB Margaret Nelson

What adventures were Sherlock and Watson experiencing by month during the year?

Some clues come out of The Daily Sherlock Holmes: A Year of Quotes From The Case-Book of The World's Greatest Detective by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, edited by Levi Stahl and Stacey Shintani (University of Chicago Press, October 15, 2019).

Here are the entries, in chronological order, which mention the month of **October**, along with the stories cited:

From "The Red-Headed League (1891). "The Red Headed League is dissolved. **October 9, 1890.**"

From "The Adventure of the Noble Bachelor (1892). "It was a few weeks before my own marriage, during those days when I was still sharing rooms with Holmes in Baker Street, that he came home from an afternoon stroll to find a letter on the table waiting for him. I had remained indoors all day, for the weather had taken a sudden turn to rain, with **high autumnal winds**, and the Jezail bullet which I had brought back in one of my limbs, as a relic of my Afghan campaign throbbed with dull persistence."

From "The Adventure of the Resident Patient" (1893). "It had been a close, **rainy day in October**. 'Unhealthy weather, Watson,' said my friend. 'But the evening has brought a breeze with it. What do you say to a ramble through London?'"

From "The Hound of the Baskervilles" (1902) (2 citations).

A. From Chapter 8, "First Report of Dr. Watson."

Baskerville Hall, **October 13th**.

"Dear Holmes,

My previous letters and telegrams have kept you pretty well up to date as to all that has occurred in this most God-forsaken corner of the world."

B. And from Chapter 9, "Second Report of Dr. Watson: The Light Upon the Moor."

Baskerville Hall, **October 15th**.

"My Dear Holmes,

If I was compelled to leave you without much news during the early days of my mission you must acknowledge that I am making up for lost time, and the events are now crowding thick and fast upon us."

From "The Problem of Thor Bridge" (1922). "It was a **wild morning in October**, and I observed as I was dressing how the last remaining leaves were being whirled from the solitary plane tree which graces the yard behind our House."

Perhaps **"The Adventure of the Second Stain" (1904)** was set in October. "It was, then, in a year, and even in a decade, that shall remain nameless, that *upon one Tuesday morning in autumn*, we found two visitors of European fame within the walls of our humble room in Baker Street."

The Arthur Conan Doyle Encyclopedia (arthur-conan-doyle.com) has a listing for each story and includes ideas of when the story would have taken place, along with the people who picked that month and/or year. According to this source, other stories that probably occurred in the month of October should include **"The Musgrave Ritual"**, **"A Case of Identity"** and **"The Adventure of the Veiled Lodger,"** but I was unable to find clues in these stories that would place them in October. If you have thoughts on this, please let me know what I failed to see!





Things to See, Buy, Do & Know!

⇒ SOB Geoff Jeffery has discovered a new used bookstore in Pierce County!!

The Lakewood Bookstore in Lakewood, Pierce Co., WA opened in the spring of 2024 and Geoff found it by chance this summer! They occupy space on the north side of Bridgeport Way S.W. at #11017 Bridgeport (98499) in a strip mall between O'Reilly's Auto Parts on the west and Jack in the Box on the east. Two big rooms are bursting with loads of books, book, books...as well as other neat things...like gifts of *all sorts book-ish*, D & D game supplies, and great stuff you'd find at any first class retail store!! Owner Shannon Grover has gone all out in every corner!! ♦ At the top of the stairs are two smaller spaces: The first is a living room-setting and more books! There is also a dining room with seating for 8 and extra seating stashed along the wall! There's even a coffee machine! There's not a large amount of space for an SOB gathering, but perhaps an occasional Saturday with a few of the South Sounders meeting-up could work! Two disadvantages: They are not ADA accessible, nor is their plumbing great, so use of their restroom is for emergencies only. ♦ Go to Google Earth and search on 11017 Bridgeport Way S.W., Lakewood, WA 98499 to see pix of both the exterior and interior of The Lakewood Book store! It's definitely worth your time!

⇒ SOB Dawn Jaekel says: Here is the info about the Sherlock Holmes audios I mentioned in the last zoom meeting. If you can forward this to SOB members... **The first audio & podcast happens this week!**

♦ If you are interested in Sherlock Holmes audios, then you may be interested in the following:

First Special Announcement! Big Finish (a British company) is releasing its new Sherlock Holmes series, in 8 weekly episodes in Oct & Nov 2025, called "*Sherlock Holmes Untold*," 6 stories: 30 minutes each, 4 hrs. total.

- The Adventure of the Remarkable Woman parts 1 & 2
- The Adventure of the Music Hall Hearties
- The Adventure of the Amateur Medicant Society
- The Strange Disappearance of James Phillimore
- The Adventure of the Body in the Burrow
- The Adventure of the Politician, Lighthouse, and the Trained Cormorant parts 1 & 2

The link to further info about each story at:

<https://www.bigfinish.com/ranges/v/sherlock-holmes>. Buy each episode separately or as a ... ⇒

TIME SENSITIVE ITEMS

⇒ Still time to Register... for SOB Kris Hambrick's lecture series in Edmonds, WA. coming Thursdays from 10/30/2025 to 11/20/2025:

"A Century of Sherlock Holmes: The Great Detective on Film is coming to Edmond's Community College's Creative Retirement Institute!"

"When you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth." But what does that mean when it comes to what may be the most prolific fictional character on screen? What is the truth of Sherlock Holmes? In this [three/four] week course, we'll get an overview of Holmes on film, delve into the relative merits of each adaptation, and discuss the biggest question of all: Why is Holmes such an enduring character?

Presented by [Kris "Pepper" Hambrick](#)

On four (4) Thursday afternoons, from 10/30/2025 to 11/20/2025 ♦ 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Location: [Maltby Building](#), Room 109

7020 196th St SW Lynnwood, WA 98036

Fee: **\$75.00** ♦ For more, go to: [Creative Retirement Institute \(CRI\) | Edmonds College](#)

♦ You must sign-in to Register

- To sign in to your current account, enter your user name and password.
- **Don't have an account?** Create one quickly by specifying a user name (no spaces), a password, and your e-mail address.

⇒ SOB Judy Lyen reminds us:

- **Taproot Theater** is doing another Sherlock Holmes Christmas Carol mash up this year: "**A Sherlock Carol**" by Mark Shanahan, November 26 to December 27. Ticket sales started on July 29th. More: [A Sherlock Carol : Taproot Theatre](#).
- **Village Theater** will present "**Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery**" in early 2026! In **Issaquah**, Jan 20–Feb 22, 2026 & in **Everett** Feb 28–Mar 22, 2026. Book by Ken Ludwig. Individual tickets are already limited and quite pricey. [Village Theater in Issaquah is doing "Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery" - Google Search](#)

...collection/bundle (now on pre-sale). They are all digital downloads (so no tariffs to pay!). You will need a free Big Finish account to download the mp3s however, and transfer onto your computer. Or, there is an app if you wish to listen from your cellphone; details at the Big Finish website. In addition, ...

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...“Following each [Wednesday] episode, there'll be an 'after show' discussion in the weekly [Big Finish Podcast](#), in which a special panel of Sherlock Holmes devotees will discuss the episode, invite listeners to contribute their thoughts, and talk to members of the creative team.” —Big Finish ♦ The Big Finish podcast is free and can be found on the Big Finish website (ibid). The length ranges from 60 to 75 minutes and various topics are discussed. You can “livestream” the podcast or download it into your account (if you wish to listen via The Big Finish Listening App for Apple or Android devices.) Plus, each week you can get 25% off the purchase price of a selected item. ♦ **Second Special Announcement!** Big Finish is celebrating by having a sale on all its other Sherlock Holmes audio adventures! From 25% to 50% off many items. Some are still available as CDs. The link above provides information about the earlier releases and the sale prices.

⇒ PFL David Surfs the Web for You:

- To “Look Closely & You'll See These 10 TV Characters Are Really Sherlock Holmes in Disguise,” go to: [Look Closely & You'll See These 10 TV Characters Are Really Sherlock Holmes In Disguise](#). Sherlock Holmes is one of the most fascinating characters in history, and there have been countless TV characters inspired by him. He is not exactly the kindest person in the room, but he is always the cleverest. Yet beneath his cold exterior, his loyalty runs deep, and he is unwavering in his pursuit of justice.
- **Queen Victoria's Secrets:** The “Victorian” era contained some of the most dazzling and darkest moments of English history, but who was the monarch behind the glorious name? Queen Victoria led a nation for longer than anyone before her—and it was a reign full of personal scandal, tragedy, and heartache. For more, go to: [Queen Victoria's Secrets | Watch](#).
- For over a century, the clever brain and memorable charisma of Sherlock Holmes have been enchanting movie-goers, whether it be the gloomy Victorian era or the stylish, contemporary adaptations of the famous detective. In the movies, he has been reinvented as different personalities—with varied speech, and even as another animal. Still, it is difficult to decide from so many versions which is .✈
- ...really the best one. (Here) are the top 10 Sherlock Holmes movies and series—the most loved ones by the audience, the critics, and the extremely selective Tomatometer. For more, go to: [10 Must-Watch Sherlock Holmes Movies and Shows for Every Fan](#).
- Sherlock Holmes, the brilliant detective created by Conan Doyle, has been a screen icon for over a century. His sharp mind and knack for solving mysteries have inspired countless films, each bringing a fresh take on the legendary sleuth. ♦ From classic black-and-white adventures to modern action-packed blockbusters, these movies capture Holmes’ wit and charm in unique ways. Here are ten must-see Sherlock Holmes films we think deserve a spot on your watchlist. Go to: [Top 10 Sherlock Holmes Films to Add to Your Watchlist](#)
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- The BBC’s ‘Sherlock’ arrived as a brisk modernisation of Doyle’s detective, built around feature length cases, quick cut visuals, and a web savvy spin on clues. Created by Steven Moffat & Mark Gatiss and led by Benedict Cumberbatch & Martin Freeman, the series reached a wide global audience through broadcast and streaming, with specials and event style releases that drew significant attention. For More, go to: [Ways the ‘Sherlock’ Aged Poorly \(& 5 Ways It Aged Masterfully\)](#).
- **IMPORTANT—Sherlockiana Miscellanea:** Suspension of “de minimis” exemption as of Aug 29, 2025: The Postal services in more than 20 countries announced the temporary suspension of most parcel shipments to the U.S., citing uncertainty over the effects of a Trump administration policy change. ♦ The suspensions, which affect shipments of goods valued under \$800, follow a recent executive order signed by President Trump that would effectively end the “de minimis” exemption on August 29. ♦ **What To Know:** As of August 26, the national postal services of these countries [have announced the suspension](#) of shipments to the U.S. of goods valued under \$800: **United Kingdom & Most of Europe.** ♦ Letters, documents and gifts worth less than \$800 are still being delivered to the U.S. ...

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...♦ [Map shows countries suspending postal service to United States](https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/map-shows-countries-suspending-postal-service-to-united-states/ar-AA1Le1G?ocid=msedg_dhp&pc=U531&cvid=e05a728646af4799_baf3c38932a1232f&ei=38). **More:** https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/map-shows-countries-suspending-postal-service-to-united-states/ar-AA1Le1G?ocid=msedg_dhp&pc=U531&cvid=e05a728646af4799_baf3c38932a1232f&ei=38

⇒ **SOB Margaret Nelson suggests these for your kids & grandkids:** At Daughter Kate's Sunday, she showed us some **mini Sherlock Holmes books**. **They are Barbie-sized and have printing inside.** The frontispiece and the first few pages have writing, then it becomes gibberish. You need to have a 10x hand lens to be able to read that much, but they look good. I was able to read the whole first page of "The Adventure of the Empty House" in miniscule print with the hand lens; a mere magnifying glass will not do the trick. ♦ She bought them at Fred Meyer or Target, and are in hard spherical plastic containers, about as big as a grapefruit. ♦ The lettering on the outside of the sphere says "Zuru Mini Brand Books Series 2". For \$7.99, you get two or three books and a reading accessory, Barbie-sized. The accessory might be a small bookcase for the books, a reading lamp, a library cat or a teacup. ♦ From the ad there appear to be at least 22 different books in this series. You don't know which books or accessories you get before buying and there are only 2 or 3 books in each pod. Kate said it is like gambling but with lower stakes. ♦ The two SH volumes she gave me are "Sherlock Holmes the Complete Novels and Stories, Vols. One and Two." ♦ You can see these online by Googling "Mini brand books series 2 capsule." I have attached photos. They are hard to take as the books are so small, but fun to look at.



⇒ **From Peter Blau's Newsletter, "Scuttlebutt from the Spermaceti Press":**

- **Plan ahead:** the Parallel Case of St. Louis have announced that their next **Holmes in the Heartland** ♦

conference will be held on July 24-26, 2026. The preliminary announcement is online at <https://parallelcasestl.wixsite.com/home/holmes-in-the-heartland>.

- The Deadline website reported (July 30) that Remarkable Entertainment is developing a reality game-show television competition with the working title "**Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock: The Detective Academy**", and the series will "test player's powers of deduction and logic as they attempt to solve puzzling crimes from the world of Sherlock Holmes." Remarkable's website is at: www.remarkable.tv.
 - The speakers at his year's "**Worldwide Doyle**" celebration at the Portsmouth Library were Jonathan Cranfield, Clifford Goldfarb, Sheldon Goldfarb, and Burt Wolder; the talks were recorded and now are available at the "**Doings of Doyle**" channel at YouTube. Recordings from 2023 and 2024 can be seen at the "**Created Playlists**" link for "Worldwide Doyle" at: [worldwide doyle - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=worldwide-doyle).
 - "**Sherlock Holmes: Night Stalker**" is billed as the first Sherlockian computer game driven by AI, and a preliminary version was unveiled this month at Gamescom in Cologne, is scheduled for release later this year, and Johanna Goebel has already posted an enthusiastic review at the EarlyGame website: <https://earlygame.com/reviews/gaming/i-tried-the-first-ai-detective-sherlock-holmes-game-and-i-loved-it>.
- ⇒ **Dr. Holly Turner, Editor of the London Society's "District Messenger" newsletter:**
- Hey look, it's us! A definition of "Sherlockian" can be viewed at: [https://onelook.com/?w= Sherlockian](https://onelook.com/?w=Sherlockian).

Ed Note: Yes! Seven (7) dictionaries & 1 encyclopaedia now define Sherlockians as "*relating to Sherlock Holmes fandom!*"

- The podcast "**Only Murders in My Mind**" has done an episode discussing Sherlock Holmes television adaptations. Listen to it here: <https://rss.com/podcasts/onlymurders-in-my-mind/1989584/>
- An online lecture on the legacy of Sherlock Holmes in the modern world from the Smithsonian has been made available here: <https://smithsonianassociates.org/ticketing/programs/sherlock-holmes>. ☆



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\$25 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. Traditional events scheduled through the year may include: "The Master's Dinner" celebrating Holmes' birthday, "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—films, teas, plays and gaming events—are as announced.

To join, send your check for dues—\$25 for individuals, \$35 for families (U.S. funds only)—to the address shown at left. ←

Three-Year Certificates Awarded!

As we have done for a number of years now, Three-Year Certificates are being issued this month by Secretary/Editor Terri, recognizing this year's Members who have now completed two (2) full years' membership with The SOB's.

Certificates of Membership carry the Members' dates of joining our scion and issues to them their permanent Member ID number.

The Class of 2025 was (in order of their date of joining from January through December, 2022:

Frank Connell—February 2022	ID #186
Brian McAuliffe—March 2022	ID #187
Wayne Tomczak—July 2022	ID #188
Larry Morton—November 2022	ID #189

Kudos to you all and thank you for your loyalty!

We have also added three (3) Members to our Honorary listing; i.e., those who no longer are required to pay our annual dues.

They are: **Bill Seil, Member #1** who has belonged to this scion continuously since it's founding in March, 1980;

Jean Macdonald, Member #12 who is now our eldest Member (in terms of life-lived), who has been a continuous Member since January, 1985; and,

Frank Connell, Member #186, who has been an active member all the way from Conwy, Wales!!

A Few Factoids Relating to Membership:

- Holding Member #s 8 & 9 and in 2nd place in length of continuous membership since joining...in October 1983 are: **Lisa Miller & Anne-Marie Wehrer** of Olympia, WA.
- Also joining originally in 1985, but with intermittent membership to date...are again current: **Judy Lyen** (Tacoma, WA) and **Joy Lee Barhart** (Renton, WA).
- While 3-year Certificates were first issued in 2012, the running count of folks joining since then is 189, while the count of those who have enjoyed a little bit of The SOB "experience" since our founding in 1980 actually totals, at present, 420!! ☆

Answers To Cook's Quiz on Page 3: "The Veiled Lodger"

1. 23; 17.
2. The politician, the lighthouse & the trained cormorant.
3. 1896.
4. Mrs. Merrilow; Mrs. Eugenia Ronder.
5. Abbas Parva.
6. A small village in Berkshire.
7. A North African lion.
8. Constable Edwards.
9. Leonardo.
10. Brown.
11. A bottle of prussic acid.
12. To let him know that she wouldn't commit suicide. ☆

