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

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Story, Meeting Content & Events for 2026 SOB Gatherings:

★ We kick off the New Year, with a wrap-up on the theme, “Leisure and Entertainment”—with the last two of our four stories ...MISS, SUSS ★

Jan. 18, 2026 The Missing Three Quarter
via Zoom

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

★ We begin the 4th year in our Canonical voyage in chronological order, on the topic of “Crime,” with Sunny’s selection of three (3) stories...FIVE, DANC, and STOC ★

Mar. 15, 2026 The Five Orange Pips
via Zoom

Apr. 19, 2026 The Dancing Men
In-person meeting

May 17, 2026 The Stock Broker’s Clerk
via Zoom

Reminders:

♥ To translate the 4-letter abbreviations for the 60 Holmes stories, we suggest this reference:
<http://www.bestofsherlock.com/ref/rfab.htm>

Source: Jay Finley Christ, *An Irregular Guide to Sherlock Holmes of Baker Street*, New York: Argus Books, 1947.

♥ Remember: Dues renew every year in March!! Send your check for dues—\$25 for individuals, \$35 for families (U.S. funds only)—payable to “The Sound of the Baskervilles”—to our Club Treasurer Melinda Michaelson at: P.O. Box 7633, Tacoma, WA 98417.

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Says Program Chair SOB Sunny Even

“The Best and Soundest Thing in England”

In “*The Adventure of the Missing Three-Quarter*,” Holmes’ finds himself enmeshed in the sub-culture of amateur sport. A skilled cricket bowler and rugby player, Arthur Conan Doyle reveled in amateur sports. Upper- and middle-class men of the time viewed sporting amateurism as the highest ideal of the “*Corinthian Spirit*” (fairness and honor valued over victory and gain), and viewed any professionalization of sport as contrary to its purpose.

The term originated with the Corinthian-Casuals FC, an English football club founded in 1892 to promote an amateur, gentlemanly style of play. These ideals were so influential that the club’s name and ethos were adopted by other teams around the Empire. A famous apocryphal example was that if a penalty was *awarded against* C-C FC, their goalkeeper would stand aside, and if they *won a penalty*, their captain would deliberately kick it over the bar. This emphasis in gentlemanly play and amateur commitment also served to support eroding social order by preventing working men from competing against upper classes with any success, as only men of leisure had the resources to play top-level sport that did not pay any income.

However, as organized sports gained monetary significance, a preference for more competitive play changed this ethos. One can argue whether the chicken or the egg came first, but in either case, the Corinthian Spirit became more honored in the breach than the observance. In the U.S. the organized sports professionalized quickly, perhaps due to robust association with betting and sponsorship from the start. Major League Baseball goes back to... Continued on Page 2

Join Us for Our Next Meeting! ★ Via Zoom, Sunday, January 18, 2026 ★

12:00 (Noon) to 12:30 p.m. Pacific time is Social Time!!

12:30 p.m. Pacific time—Structured meeting with discussion & quizzing!

★ *We continue our study on the theme of “Leisure and Entertainment” with the 3rd of our four stories...“The Missing Three-Quarter”* ★

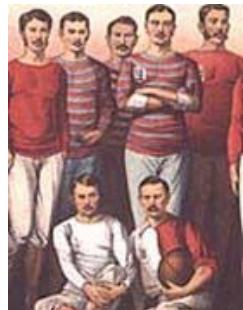
Please note that we are continuing with the pattern of rotating meetings—with Zoom meetings occurring in odd-numbered months and In-person meetings occurring in even-numbered months—with MOST meetings & events occurring on the 3rd Sunday the month.

Says Program Chair SOB Sunny Even...

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...1869, and the NFL formed in the 1920s. However, like in England, sports still served to support existing social hierarchies, with participation tied to class, gender and race.

In England pay for talented players (from any class) was still a hotly debated subject into the late 19th century, putting competitive play at odds with the gentlemanly mode. This created enormous strain on the old-style rules and practices, which in the case of Rugby drove a split in 1895 in the National Rugby Football Club Union. While the original organization attempted to maintain “the best and soundest thing in England,” the Northern Rugby Football League formed to satisfy a version of organized sports that now favored victory and gain over fairness and honor. Originally only 163 clubs, the League scooped up over 200 more in quick succession that same year, offering paid participation and a more competitive environment. For better or worse, “*The best and soundest thing in England*” was changed forever.

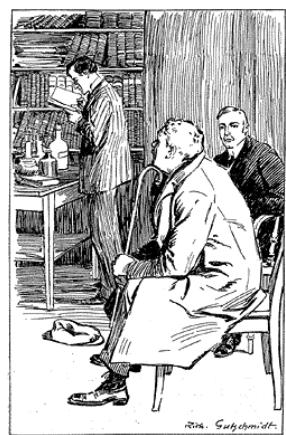


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“*Why, Mr. Holmes, I thought you knew things,*” said he.”

A Quiz on “The Missing Three-Quarter” by: SOB Charlie Cook

1. Name the man seeking Holmes' help!
2. Who recommended the client to Holmes?
3. Name the missing three-quarter!
4. Name and describe the two men listed in Holmes' Commonplace book having the same last name as the missing three-quarter!
5. What is the client's occupation/profession?
6. Name the missing man's uncle and how he was described by and to Holmes!
7. Holmes was able to extract what from the response to the telegram sent by the missing man?
8. Whom did Holmes visit upon arriving at Cambridge?
9. Did the missing three-quarter return in time to play in the Cambridge-Oxford game?
10. Which team won the game?
11. What “detective” did Holmes use to determine the destination of the brougham he was following?
12. Why had the three-quarter gone missing?



Answers may be found
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SOB Kris Hambrick's Sherlock on Screen: An Alternative to "Missing Three-Quarter"

I am going to take a break from my column for January, as there are no adaptations on film of "The Missing Three-Quarter."

In its place, I offer this: I've done a version of this talk for the SOBs, so if you have the time and you are a local Member, might I suggest that you attend my next presentation?

**"A Century of Sherlock Holmes," January 6, 2026 @ 1p.m. @ Greenwood Senior Center
@ 6532 Phinney Ave N, Seattle, WA 98103 (phone: 206.783.2244)**

Summary of my program: "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? From 1908 to 2025, Holmes has appeared on screens big and small over 250 times. The character affords a wide variety of interpretations and has been popular with some of the best performers of our times. Grab the nearest deerstalker hat, a briar pipe, and your best knowledge of deduction as we uncover "What is the truth of Sherlock Holmes?" ★

"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).

While some stories like "The Five Orange Pips" (1891) and "The Adventure of the Three Garridebs" (1924) itemize January events concocted by others, Sherlock was also busy that month in the following cases.

- **In "The Final Problem" (1893):** Sherlock was involved in a case we don't have information about. Moriarty confronts Holmes with this accusation. "You crossed my path on the *fourth of January*, 'said he. 'On the twenty-third you incommoded me; by the middle of February I was seriously inconvenienced by you; at the end of March I was absolutely hampered in my plans; and now at the close of April, I find myself placed in such a position through your continual persecution that I am in positive danger of losing my liberty. The situation is becoming an impossible one.'"
- **From "The Valley of Fear" (1915):** Sherlock begins, "We pay the price, Watson, for being too up to date!" he cried. 'We are before our time, and suffer the usual penalties. Being the *seventh of January*, we have very properly laid in the new almanac.'"



- **From "The Adventure of the Blanched Soldier" (1926):** Written in first person by Sherlock Holmes himself! "I find from my notebook that it was *in January, 1903*, just after the conclusion of the Boer War, that I had my visit from Mr. James M. Dodd, a big, fresh sunburned, upstanding Briton. The good Watson had at the time deserted me for a wife, the only selfish action which I can recall in our association. I was alone." ★

Things to See, Buy, Do & Know!

Ed. Note: Year-End Roundup

News & Notes that did not fit into a previous issue of *Ineffable Twaddle*!

⇒ From PFL David:

- **... for those who want to broaden their detective portfolio:** We received information at our website about a European Holmes. The message said: **We are happy to introduce The Adventures of Dagobert Trostler**, the first volume of Trostler stories by Balduin Groller to be published in English. Could you let your membership know that this is available? Dagobert Trostler is a worthy rival to Sherlock Holmes, and we hope you agree that he deserves to be more widely known! Here is a link to the Amazon page: <https://www.amazon.com/Adventures-Dagobert-Trostler-Kazabo-Publishing-ebook/dp/B0784Z5KT4>. ♦ “Dagobert Trostler is the Sherlock Holmes of Vienna...with a twist: Like Holmes, he's the most famous private investigator in Vienna. Unlike Holmes, he's a bit of a party animal. While he loves a good mystery, he also loves good food, good company and a good time. He's a bon-vivant and right at home in the brilliant social scene of Vienna in the heyday of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. And when scandal threatens and reputations are at stake, he's the only man to call.”

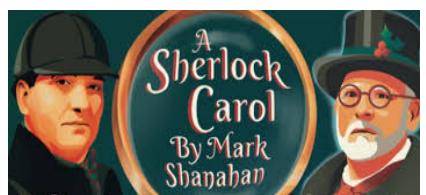
⇒ PFL David surfs the web for you:

- **The 15 best Sherlock Holmes pastiches – and five to avoid:** I have seen a copy of the editorial guidelines that one publishing company gives to its battery farm of Sherlock Holmes writers. They must *never* have Holmes say “elementary, my dear Watson;” Mrs. Hudson should *not* have a Scottish accent (that tradition only started with the Glaswegian actress Mary Gordon in the Basil Rathbone films); references to Holmes's deerstalker and Inverness cape should be *sparing* as these were bestowed on him by Sidney Paget, the stories' original illustrator, and never mentioned in Doyle's text; and so on. ♦ I've *excluded* anything that doesn't focus on the characters of Holmes and Watson, which explains such glaring omissions as Enola Holmes, They Might Be Giants or Basil the Great Mouse Detective. So here's the best – plus a handful to avoid: [The 15 best Sherlock Holmes pastiches – and five to avoid](https://www.amazon.com/15-best-Sherlock-Holmes-pastiches-and-five-to-avoid/dp/B0784Z5KT4) ♦

- **From Holmes to the Lab: How Sherlock Sparked a Love of Observation and Evidence:** It's hard to imagine a world where the art of careful observation didn't feel thrilling—where paying close attention to the tiniest clue wasn't the mark of a genius. But then along came Sherlock Holmes. Suddenly, the world was abuzz with talk of footprints in the mud, the glint of a wedding ring, the curious whiff of a rare tobacco. Holmes didn't just change detective fiction—he opened up a new way of seeing the world, one magnifying glass at a time. Today, his influence extends far beyond foggy London streets, reaching into classrooms, crime labs, and the wildest corners of nature. *Let's dive into how this fictional detective set off a chain reaction that still shapes our love for science, discovery, and the search for truth.* Go to: [From Holmes to the Lab: How Sherlock Sparked a Love of Observation and Evidence - Search](https://www.amazon.com/From-Holmes-Lab-Sherlock-Sparked-a-Love-of-Observation-and-Evidence/dp/B0784Z5KT4)

- **The Best On-Screen Versions of Sherlock Holmes Ranked:** Who has held the pipe and worn the deerstalker hat to their fullest potential? Which on-screen portrayals of Doyle's detective have stood the test of time? The answer to that question is elementary, my dear reader. These are the best on-screen versions of Sherlock Holmes, ranked. [The Best On-Screen Versions Of Sherlock Holmes Ranked](https://www.amazon.com/The-Best-On-Screen-Versions-Of-Sherlock-Holmes-Ranked/dp/B0784Z5KT4)

- **⇒ SOB Larry Raisch's review:** My wife and I went to see “A Sherlock Carol” and while it is hardly canon, we did enjoy it. “Scrooge was dead to begin with.” The plot: Holmes has returned from Reichenbach (everyone thought he was dead) and is distraught at not having Moriarty as his foil. He pushes Watson and everyone else away until he is coaxed into investigating the death of Dr. Timothy (Tiny Tim) Cratchet's benefactor, Ebeneezer Scrooge. ♦ From there, combine the Blue Carbuncle, the Countess of Morcar (nee' Irene Adler), the Fezziwigs, Wiggins, Lestrade and the actors have a lot of parts to play. It was played rather broadly for fun, and I think the actors enjoyed themselves and so did the sold-out audience. Happy Holidays to everyone!



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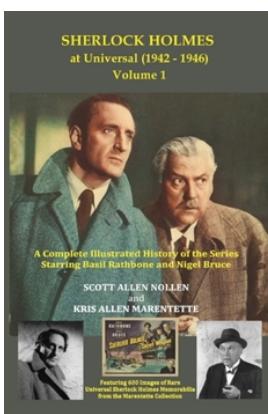
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⇒ From Peter Blau's Newsletter, "Scuttlebutt from the Spermaceti Press":

- The website of the **Sherlock Holmes Society of London** has many useful features, including the **Gazetteer**—www.gazetteer.sherlock-holmes.org.uk—an opportunity to “discover all about the important locations from the stories about Sherlock Holmes,” with photographs of many of them. ♦ Another is the **Scrapbook**—www.sherlock-holmes.org.uk/scrapbook—maintained by Ashley Mayo, who has indexed the Sherlock Holmes Journal and provided both text of the stories and text of what has been said about them (and about other general topics) in the SHJ.

• Sherlock Holmes at Universal (1942-1946),



Vol. 1, by Scott Allen Nollen and Kris Allen Marentette (\$33), is a grand exploration of the Rathbone/Bruce films, with a chapter on the two made with 20th Century Fox and then a chapter each for the first six made with Universal. The authors are dedicated enthusiasts who dig deeply into each film, discussing scripts and finished films, and offering hundreds

of illustrations that include lobby cards and publicity portraits. They have interviewed actors and writers, and tell many stories about the people who worked on the series. One can assume that the second volume, covering the remaining six Universal films, will be just as thorough and interesting.

- **Laurie R. King's Knave of Diamonds** (New York: Bantam Books, 2025; 318 pp., \$30) is the 20th title in her series about Mary Russell, her (now) husband Sherlock Holmes, and her Uncle Jake...It was Uncle Jake who gave young Mary her throwing knife, and taught her how to use it; she hasn't heard from him in years, but now (in 1925) Jake has returned and he involves Mary, and Sherlock, in a search for the Irish Crown Jewels.
- More about the “**Watson**” series now running on CBS-TV: The last episode will air in two parts on May 4 and 11. ♦ And there's more news: the network announced (Mar. 26) that the series... ♦

- has been renewed for a second season. Go to: www.tinyurl.com/5f6kpukc.
- **The Jeremy Brett Sherlock Holmes podcast:** (“devoted to revisiting and honoring the world’s greatest portrayal of the world’s greatest detective”), was created in Jan. 2019 by Gus and Luke Holwerda), and in May 2024 they presided over “Brettcon 2024: The 40th Anniversary Celebration in Guildford in Surrey.” ♦ The podcast continues, and is well worth exploring, especially for their new posting of Gary Leach’s interview with Brett in 1985 at: www.tinyurl.com/5ambbjt. They’ve also commissioned a new run of the “Secret of Sherlock Holmes” T-shirts, designed by Leach; they’re available (while supplies last) at Etsy for \$29.99 www.etsy.com/listing/1870427276 in various colors and sizes.
- The **Frederic Dorr Steele Memorial** has started work on **The Complete Steele Portfolio**, reproducing all of his Sherlockian illustrations, from original artwork when possible. They also are planning to upload to their YouTube channel in mid-May recordings of the lectures at their illustration seminar at the Salmagundi Club last year.
- **The Sub-Librarians of the Baker Street Irregulars** in the American Library Association’s meeting during the annual conference of the ALA in San Diego in 2024 included a panel discussion of “Writing Sherlock Holmes into the 21st Century” that featured Laurie R. King, Nicholas Meyer, and Lesl Klinger; a recording’s now on-line at www.tinyurl.com/4pf74v77.
- **The ACD Society’s “The Terror of Blue John Gap Project”** (presided over by Margie Deck, SOB, and Nancy Holder, BSI, SOB) has reached page 10 of the manuscript of the story, halfway through the manuscript, and the Project’s a fine demonstration of making scholarship available on-line; you can explore the results at www.acd-society.com/bjg10.html
- **Rotten Tomatoes doesn't rank Benedict Cumberbatch as the best modern-day Sherlock Holmes:** Guess who is number one? [Rotten Tomatoes doesn't rank Benedict Cumberbatch as the best modern-day Sherlock Holmes](http://www.tinyurl.com/5ambbjt).

Who wins?...Elementary.

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⇒ **Ed Note: Our Webmaster Shannon Wallace was featured in Peter Blau's December 2025 newsletter on Page 1!**

"The December issue of *Ineffable Twaddle* (the newsletter published by The Sound of the Baskervilles) carried a report on Shannon Wallace's presentation on 'The Devil's Foot' at the society's August meeting, and a link to the website of the Devil's Foot Beverage Company (www.devilsfootbrew) in Asheville, NC. The company offers Devil's Foot Root Beer and four varieties of Devil's Foot Ginger Beer, which would seem to be thoroughly appropriate to have available when your society discusses the story." **Kudos, Shannon!!!**

- Rob Nunn has reported that the block of rooms for **"Holmes in the Heartland"** (the conference planned by the Parallel Case of **St. Louis for July 24 to 26**) is filling up quickly, and encourages early registration. Details are available at their website at www.shorturl.at/B3onQ.
- Registration is now open for the **"And It's Always 1895"** conference planned by the Torists International in **Chicago for October 23 to 25**. Their website is at www.anditisalways1895.org, and you will be able to attend the annual dinner of the Hounds of the Baskerville. (sic)
- **"Sherlock Holmes and the 12 Days of Christmas"**—the new musical with songs by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice—has opened at the Birmingham Rep (in the U.K.), and you can see lots of images at: www.tinyurl.com/3e6kcs4x.
- The **Lilly Library's webpage** for online exhibitions offers an interesting list of 15 exhibits www.tinyurl.com/27cftkyv, and the last (and most interesting one) is **"The History of The Baker Street Irregulars Through 221 Objects"** at www.tinyurl.com/ydkf94xp. It's well worth a tour, to see what sort of material can be found in the BSI Trust Archives.
- The 46th annual **"Saturday with Sherlock Holmes"** (Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, Nov. 1) offered, as usual, an excellent assortment of Sherlockian presentations. If you missed the festivities, you are welcome to watch the event on-line at www.youtube.com/live/fp0kVVRCgk.

⇒ **Dr. Holly Turner, Editor of the London Society's "District Messenger" newsletter:**

- **The Serpent Under** by Bonnie MacBird (HC, \$26.99) is now out: Murder, jealousy, and deceit underscore three interlocking mysteries as Holmes and Watson take on a high profile case at Windsor Castle, a boy drowned in the Serpentine, and a crusading women's rights activist who suspects a traitor in her organisation is as fantastic as I expected. There are many different strands to the plot and they all come together perfectly.
- A new adaptation is in the works, called **True Sherlock**. This will be a television adaptation of Nicholas Sercombe's book series **The Unexpurgated Adventures of Sherlock Holmes**. The series is set to star Oli Higginson as Holmes and Will Kemp as Moriarty, and will be exploring the origins of both characters, as well as Watson and Mrs. Hudson. It will consist of four feature length episodes. Shooting is scheduled to begin in January 2026. Further information is available at <https://worldscreen.com/tvdrama/harry-king-televisiondeveloping-true-sherlock>.
- 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>.
- The podcast **"Only Murders in My Mind"** has done an episode discussing Sherlock Holmes television adaptations. You can listen to it here: <https://rss.com/podcasts/onlymurders-in-my-mind/1989584/>.
- The second volume of Caiden Cooper Myles's series **The Further Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes** came out in November 2024. A further eight, previously unpublished, accounts by Watson are presented. Holmes and Watson come face-to-face with thieves and murderers, as well as bringing them into contact with the murky worlds of espionage and spiritualism.
- **Where to Spend Your Sherlockian Money:** The Strand Magazine has a Holmes calendar for 2026 available: <https://strandmag.com/product/sherlock-holmes-calendar-2026-limited-edition-original-illustrations/>



Simpson's in the Strand to reopen in 2026

By: SOB Margaret Nelson

Sherlock Holmes and John Watson occasionally went to eat at Simpson's in the Strand restaurant in Doyles' stories; Doyle himself visited the place and **Terri, David, Al and Margaret** had assorted beverages there about ten years ago when we all happened to be in London at the same time.

Unfortunately, the restaurant closed in recent years along with, regrettably, Simpson's Chophouse (with entirely different owners but a wonderful history and haunt of Charles Dickens and others) near the bank of England. Simpson's in the Strand has a new owner and is set to reopen in February 2026. They have put out a handy website—marketing@jeremykingrestaurants.com—with the history of the establishment and the quoted information below is straight from Simpson's in the Strand:

“Few restaurants share the history or cultural significance of Simpson's in the Strand. First opened in 1828 and established at 100 Strand since 1904, Simpson's sits at the edge of Covent Garden, in the heart of London's theatre district, and will return in February 2026.

Reimagined by Jeremy King Restaurants, the revived “home of the English roast, the silver carving trolley and chess” will unite the traditional Grand Divan, theatrical Romano's, the classic Simpson's Bar, the seductive Nellie's, and a small ballroom under one roof.”

“Simpson's History



1828: Grand Cigar Divan opens a cigar-smoking coffee-room called the Grand Cigar Divan on the Strand; it's aimed at gentlemen who wanted coffee, cigars, newspapers—and a comfy sofa.

1848: John Simpson joins and the name changes; Samuel Reiss partners with caterer John Simpson and the place is rebranded Simpson's Grand Divan Tavern—Simpson helps turn it from a smoking room into a full dining house.

1850's: The chess café that became famous for roast beef trolleys; Simpson's becomes the 19th-century hub of British chess and the famous silver meat trolleys originate as a quiet way to bring roast meat to tables without disturbing chess players.

1851: Adolf Anderssen played the Immortal Game against Lionel Kieseritzky at Simpson's. Renowned for Anderssen's bold sacrifices of both rooks and his queen to achieve checkmate with minor pieces, it remains one of the most famous and celebrated games in chess history.

1898: Bought by D'Oyly Carte, rebuilt and renamed; Richard D'Oyly Carte (owner of the Savoy) acquires Simpson's in 1898; the restaurant is gutted and redeveloped, reopening in 1904 as Simpson's-in-the-Strand, Grand Divan Tavern—the interior and traditions you associate with Simpson's date largely from this era.

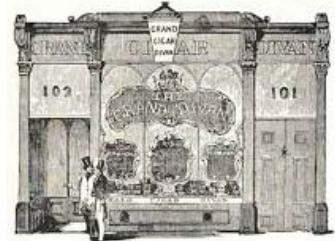
1900's: A celebrity, literary and political haunt; across the Victorian, Edwardian and modern eras, Simpson's hosted figures such as Dickens, Gladstone, Conan Doyle and, later, Churchill, literary figures, playwrights, actors and film stars—cementing its image as a Strand institution.

1925: Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson dine at Simpson's in *The Adventure of the Illustrious Client*.

2020: Pandemic closure; Simpson's closed in March 2020 with the pandemic; the famous carving trolleys remained iconic but the building went quiet.

2023: Restaurateur Jeremy King and his team secured a plan to relaunch Simpson's, promising to restore the theatrical elements and reopen with a mix of reverence and modernity.

2026: *Planned reopening.*”





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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. ←



Two New Mem- bers Joined Us in November!

First was Elizabeth Fregoso

Who, after receiving our Welcome Letter told us:

I discovered SOB while looking for Sherlockian scions in the Redmond area. I first read the canon in 2013, when I was 17, starting with STUD. I didn't stand a chance. Like other Sherlockians I've met, I fell in face-first and read the whole canon in 3 months, then dove into the BSJ, pastiche, and ACD's other works.

At the time, I lived in Cleveland, OH, and when I went looking for scions in college, there weren't any close enough to me that were active! I tried starting an informal one, but unfortunately wasn't able to find enough people to join... So I was very happy to find SOB here in Seattle, active and well-loved.

Second was Doug Anderson

We haven't met Doug yet but we deduce that he must be a long-time fan of our dynamic duo! He lives in Centralia, WA but that wasn't much help. The biggest clue was that he has already selected a Canonical alter-ego for himself: Aloysius, Father of the bride, from "The Noble Bachelor."

Answers To Cook's Quiz on Page 2: "The Missing Three-Quarter"

1. Cyril Overton.
2. Stanley Hopkins.
3. Godfrey Staunton.
4. Arthur H., forger; Henry, whom Holmes helped to hang.
5. Skipper of the Rugger team of Cambridge 'Varsity.
6. Lord Mount-James; one of the richest men in London, but a miser.
7. "Stand by us for God's sake."
8. Dr. Leslie Armstrong, one of the heads of the medical school.
9. No.
10. Oxford.
11. Pompey, the pride of the local draghounds.
12. His wife was dying of consumption.



Being 50 miles south of Tacoma and a bunch further than that from Seattle, we predict, however, that we might not meet Doug at an in-person event very soon.

Lucky for us, his first opportunity is just around the corner...because our January Meeting is a **Zoom Meeting**, when we'll study "The Missing Three Quarter" on **Sunday, January 18, 2026!**

