

PLEASANT PLACES OF FLORIDA

The Scion Society of the Baker Street Irregulars

Office of the Recorder, Rev. Dr. Benton Wood,

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Communication #28, Nov. 2, 1976

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My five-year tenure of office as Recorder having been completed, it is with pleasure and appreciation that I welcome as my successor, our Chaplain, Dr. Wood. He already has served with distinction, and will bring to his new duties a singular ability to do all that is required of him. From this date send to Dr. Wood all documents confirming all references you have seen or heard regarding Sherlock Holmes and/or the Sacred Canon; all correspondence, and such lubrication as you know is required to keep machinery of our Cause in good order.

- Leslie Marshall

1. Our fourth annual meeting held Oct. 30 in the Social Hall of the New Christian Church in St Petersburg, was a most pleasant and fruitful occasion. Nineteen members and their ladies attended, a huge mahogany table of exhibits holding their attention, until luncheon. Welcoming the members collectively, the Chaplain then somoroukly intoned the sacred Holmes' Prayer, its touching words suffusing many an otherwise dry eye. There then followed the welcome to three new resident members, Miss Frances Van Antwerp, Jamie Subda and Roy Kerr (in absentia). At the same time new non-resident members were reported, Mesdames Dorton, Ulan, and Sneider, the latter inaugurating our BSJ section, being 15 yrs. Mistrs Dandrew, Nivers, Greenfield and Hoffman. A complete membership list is soon to be distributed.

Next, the Recorder reported. Five Communications had been issued, each being also reported in the Baker Street Journal, N.Y. There had been somewhat extensive correspondence with existing members and new applicants. The first meeting ever held in the world at Holmes Beach, that hallowed spot where once the Master and his amanuensis stood to observe the placid waves, proved a most enlightening session, including the conception and birth of the Scions third ground robin pastiche, "The Third Stein."

The treasurer reported receipts of \$41.00, with disbursements of \$48.16. As remittances had been made by only sixteen of the 48-membership, all are reminded that whereas our only by-law is that there shall be no by-laws, we have an inexorable standing rule that all members shall from time to time remit \$2.00 to cover expenses. The rule also includes under section 2.7d-47x, the requirement that any member not being heard from in any way for one year automatically drops from the Roll.

Unfinished business included a report on the current Pastiche. Dr and Mrs Mitchell having undrtaken to substitute for Ms. Wanda Butts, who asked to be excused, gave a vivid and entrancing commentary, and sketched out a fitting climax. It is to be circulated to the Membership. Member Fought volunteering his services.

New business included the Bill Wards' suggestion of an Agony Column in the periodical Communication mainly of wants and offers, and other interchanges. Charlie Saunders spoke of the possibility of renting a Sherlock Holmes motion picture for projecting at some future meeting.

Founding Member Tom Reesor, electronics engineer and camera man at WEDU (Public Broadcasting Service) spoke briefly of scenic affairs, and as a well known local balloonist told of his up-in-the-air experiences. Each member then gave a one-minute laundered autobiographical account, the meeting then adjourning following a short period devoted to Quizzes in the Sacred Writings.

Since our previous Communication, the references and documents of confirmation have exceeded all records, magazine covers, lengthy dissertations, motion pictures, "kick-kacks," 26 new books, by last count, (the Bill Wards, alone, card-indexing two hundred or more) All this material is in the hands of the new Recorder, Dr Wood, who will be pleased to send to inquirers on a first come, first served basis. Postage should be included.

Leslie Marshall
RECORDER (Ret.)

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AREA MEMBERS

Bryan, M.G.,
 Burton, R.J.,
 *Butts, Wanda, Miss.,
 Carroll, Chas.M. Dr.
 Everett, Caroline W. Miss.
 Fought, John,
 Gunning, Paul,
 *Hall, Rebecca L., Miss,
 Kerr, Roy,
 *Marshall, Leslie,
 McClatchy, Lee,
 Mitchell, T.A., Dr. & Mrs..
 Morgan, Edw. J.
 *Norton, Marvin, Dr. & Mrs.
 *Reesor, Tom,
 Satterlee, Louis P.,
 Saunders, Chas.
 Siegrist, Harry III,
 Smith, Chuck,
 Subda, Jamie,
 Takach, Thos.,
 VanAntwerp, Frances. Miss.
 Ward, Bill,
 Wood, Benton, Rev. Dr.,

NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS

Dandrew, Thos.
 DeWaal, R.B., Dr., Colo. State Univ.
 Dorton, Carolyn, miss.
 Edwards, Ralph E.,
 Goldstone, Adrian H.,
 Greenfield, B.D., Atty.
 Herst, Herman, Jr.
 Hill, Stanfield D.,
 Hoffman, F.A. Dr. Dept. English.
 Maxfield, David,
 Niver, Harold,
 Petit, Margaret, Miss.
 Redmond, Donald A.
 Reilly, Frank E.,
 Schatell, Norman L,
 Shaw, John Bennett,
 Sneider, Suzy, Miss.,
 Ulan, Barbara Iris. Ms.
 Vogel, Rose,
 Wilson, D.B.,
 Wright, Sean,
 *Founding fathers

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HONORARY MEMBERS

Bothwell, Dick, The Times, City 33731
 wolff, Julian, M.D.,

ADDENDA

1. Please excuse the delay in printing & mailing this communication. The switch-over of Recorders has caught me a bit off-guard. All shall be set aright in the future. - Dr. Wood
2. Leslie Marshall shall continue as Librarian. Send requests to him at P.O.Box 386, St.Petersburg, 33731. He has about everything in print. Please include postage.
3. Tentative plans are now being made to have a gathering of the Irregulars next April at HOLMES Beach. Adequate notice shall be given so that your calendars may be properly notated.
4. The Seven-Per-Cent Solution, with an all-star cast, has recently opened in New York. It is rated PG. In the course of things, it should wend its way to our local cinema.