

# Nashville Scholars of the Three Pipe Problem

## Investiture

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Among families cited in the Sherlockian Canon, none is more prominent than the Baskervilles. Their place in literary history is entrenched alongside that of the foot prints of a gigantic hound.

Henry Baskerville, nephew to the late Sir Charles Baskerville and his closest living relative as far as anyone knows, is seen as "a small, alert, dark-eyed man about thirty years of age, very sturdily built."

But like his earlier male relatives, he is soon caught up in the mystery and mayhem of the colossal beast which roams the Grimpen Mire hunting to end this family line forever with its powerful jaws and enormous strength.

According to others, Sir Henry, who has lived most of his life in Canada, "At first he approaches the legend of the Baskerville hound with the lightheartedness of youth, yet the mysterious events at Baskerville Hall wear him down. Smitten with Beryl Stapleton, he is upset that neither she nor her brother appreciates his advances. While he is not immoral or belligerent, he shares a sense of entitlement with his lecherous and violent ancestor Sir Hugo, whose wicked behavior brought on the Baskerville curse."

In Nashville, we also have a transplant that has become engrained in our society. But unlike his character's name, he is steadfast and brave throughout his days. His joyous disposition brings light to our presence and his steadfast loyalty to the Nashville Fresh Rasher Roundtable is appreciated by all.

This new Scholar has built a career around words and has worked much of his life to educate and support learning for others. His career at Lifeway as well as his efforts to educate New Nashvillians through teaching English as a second language is admirable and brings great pride to our midst. Supported by his wife, Polly, and their two sons and three grandchildren, we recognize he will be supported and flourish as a Scholar.

So today, we happily invite Sam House to enter our society as Sir Henry Baskerville knowing he will always focus his attention on Keeping Green the memory of the master.