Murray
The Sound of the Baskervilles
Seattle area
since March 31, 1980

originally by Janet Bailey

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An explanation (from an email dated December 19, 2020):

Since March 31, 1980 the Seattle area Sherlock Holmes society, The Sound of the Baskervilles, has been opening our meetings with the following toast "To Murray, without whom!" I believe that the creator of the toast was Janet Bailey, our founder. We say this because without Murray Watson would never have survived the Battle of Maiwand; and without Watson, who would have written of Holmes' adventures.

Yours in Sherlock,

David Haugen President, The Sound of the Baskervilles