



British Officers Club Washington DC

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I wrote some lines once on a time
In wondrous merry mood,
And thought, as usual, men would say
They were exceeding good.

They were so queer, so very queer,
I laughed as I would die;
Albeit, in the general way,
A sober man am I.

I called my servant, and he came;
How kind it was of him
To mind a slender man like me,
He of the mighty limb.

“These to the printer,” I exclaimed,
And, in my humorous way,
I added, (as a trifling jest,)
“There’ll be the devil to pay.”

He too’ the paper, and I watch’d,

And saw him peep within;
At the first line he read, his face
Was all upon the grin.

He read the next; the grin grew broad,
And shot from ear to ear;
He read the third; a chuckling noise
I now began to hear.

The fourth; he broke into a roar;
The fifth; his waistband split;
The sixth; he burst five buttons off,
And tumbled in a fit.

Ten days and nights, with sleepless eye,
I watched that wretched man,
And since, I never dare to write
As funny as I can.

Oliver Wendell Holmes

1. Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner

The Naval Order of the United States has kindly invited us to join them at their dinner which will be held on Sunday December 7th at the Country Club of Fairfax. It is a black tie event and at present nearly 70 guests have indicated that they are attending. The ticket price is \$100.

However, the order for the event has to go into the Club on Tuesday so if you would like to go, then book now using the nouscap.org site to purchase the tickets.

2. Christmas Supper

The upstairs room at Vasos, in King Street, Alexandria has been booked for December 21st. A pay your own bill supper, smart casual, so an evening of chat and banter. Let me know if you are coming so that I can keep the restaurant informed. If you have not been to one of our pop-up suppers, now is the time to try one out.

3. Guys and Dolls

Finally, if you are going to see Guys and Dolls at the Shakespeare Company Theatre's production on December 19th, then look carefully at the ensemble. You might be surprised to see who is on the stage!

Peter Pennington

President BOCDC

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