



The Complete Poe Toaster Timeline

1950

First mention of Poe Toaster. Baltimore Evening Sun, page 31, September 22, 1950, under article

“Westminster Presbyterian Church Marks Two Milestones This Year”:

“The anonymous citizen who creeps in annually to place an empty bottle (of excellent label) against the tomb of Poe, on the anniversary of his death, is a jokester, Mr. McDonald figures.”

Bruce H. Macdonald was a minister at the church at the time.

- No mention of roses
- Only a mention of “a bottle”
- “(of excellent label)” may be referring to Remy Martin “Excellent Cognac” (unsure and unlikely)
- Bottle referred to as “empty”, rather than “half empty” in future years.
- “Annually” implies at least 1 year, meaning 1949 is the latest the original PT could have started.
- Not named “Poe Toaster”

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1956

Charles Angoff, “H.L. Mencken, A Portrait from Memory”, pages 231-232: ““Every now and then,” he said, “some members of the Saturday Night Club and I taxi over here and we pay our respects to Poe. Way back, we used to pour a bottle of whiskey on top of his grave. But when liquor became expensive, and hard to get, at that, except from the best bootleggers, I suggested another park of respect.” He laughed again. “I suggested that we all piss on his grave!””

- Probably joke, plus he just said “pour on grave”, nothing about placing the bottle
- “Every now and then”, not annually

1972

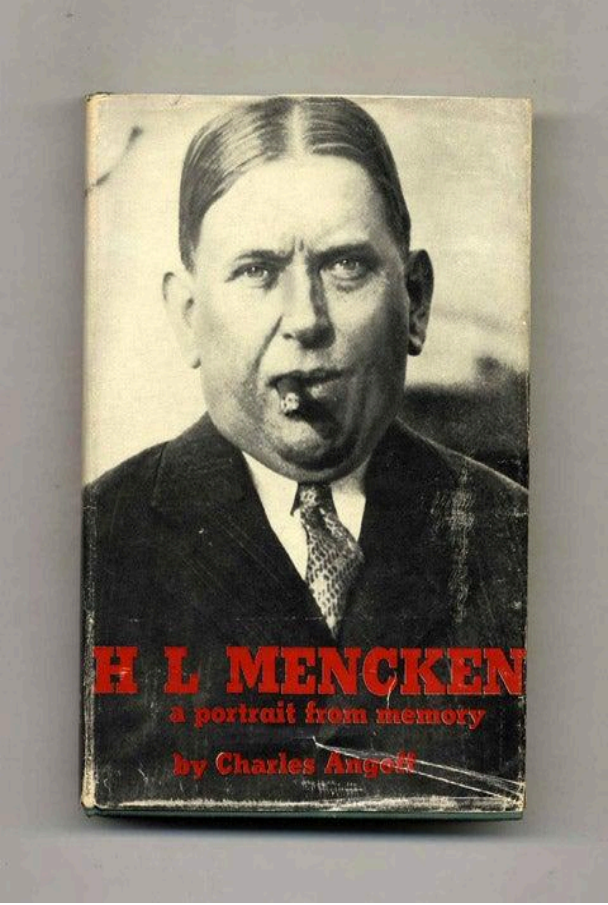
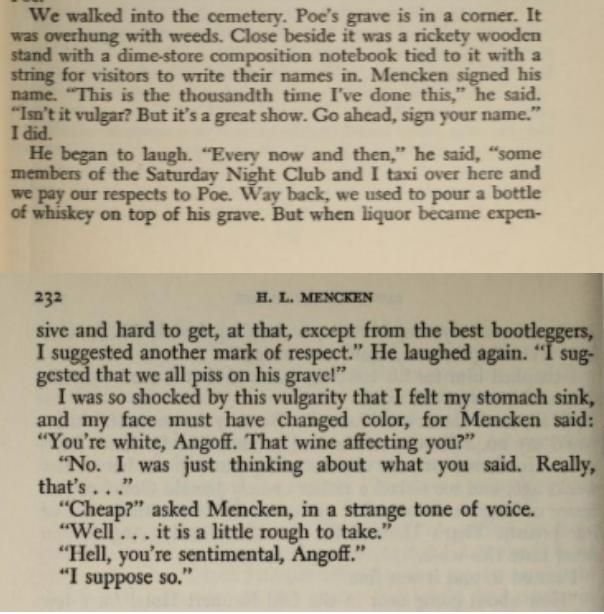
Reverend Bruce H. McDonald dies, aged 83

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1973

Newsday (Nassau Edition) page 93, January 21, 1973, under article “POE’S CORNER A Pilgrimage To Baltimore”: “Two intoxicated men were lying against the base of the tomb. A wine bottle was propped up among some fresh flowers and a wreath that had been placed by the Edgar Allan Poe Society.” “I went back to the gravesite the next morning. A solitary hobo was sleeping behind the grave. Some empty wine bottles were resting against the fence. The ground was covered with chirping birds.”

- Wine



yearly and leaves a bottle of “very fine scotch” whiskey on the Poe memorial. Church historian and Poe scholar Sam Porpora says this visitor is anonymous, but devoted.”

- Still whiskey, not brandy
- Changed from “used to come” to “comes”, as in, actively

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Westminster Catacombs tour and the church congregation were closing at the time, due to lack of support. Baltimore Evening Sun page 41, November 21, 1977, under article “Poe Grave Tours May End”: “The last service will be held at Westminster Church Dec. 4. The church’s congregation, which dwindled to a dozen members, has voted to dissolve. It has turned administration of the church and grounds to the Baltimore Presbytery, which notified Porpora that his famous catacomb tours must cease.”

- Those working at the church may have been desperate, trying to bring publicity towards the grounds in order to avoid dissolving
- Porpora specifically mentioned as being involved

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1979

Tri-City Herald page 35, April 1, 1979, under article “Gifts to Poe”: “He or she places a half empty bottle of liquor at the grave and leaves unseen. “This tradition of someone putting a half empty bottle of sherry or brandy at Poe’s grave on his birthday (Jan. 19) has been going on for more than 20 or 30 years, according to newspaper records,” said Jeff Jerome”

- “Sherry or brandy”, meaning that it is not always the same. Directly quoted from Jeff Jerome
- No roses or even flowers mentioned at all
- First time “half empty” is used to describe the bottle

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Paducah Sun page 34, April 13, 1979, under article “Poe’s grave draws annual mystery visitor”: “This year, Jerome said, the visitor left a bottle of Harvey’s Amontillado”

- Jerome says specifically that the PT left Amontillado, which in later years is asked about why it isn’t left

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1980

Baltimore Evening Sun page 5, July 26, 1980, under article “Life, death of writer as eerie as his tales”: “Every Jan. 19, the date of Poe’s birth in 1809, a bottle of brandy is placed at the monument commemorating his final resting place, according to Mr. Jerome.”

- Only one year after claiming the PT left amontillado, now Jerome claims it is always brandy. Note, still not cognac

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1981

Baltimore Evening Sun page 41, January 19, 1981, under article “Cognac, roses at Poe grave—his birthday”:

“Two mysterious characters—could they be cloaked in swirling black capes?—perch comfortably on two headstones, an expensive bottle of cognac between them.”

“the weather was right, the moon was full, and this morning, just before dawn, Mr. Jerome found a half empty bottle of Martel cognac and three red roses lying on the grave of the famed writer of the macabre”.

“The morning of every Jan. 19 except one, for as long as he’s been curator at the Poe House”

“The roses are new.”

- First time three roses are directly mentioned to be placed
- First time cognac specifically is mentioned to be placed
- Implies there were 2 PTs, not 1. However, more likely this is unseen activity, given that Jerome says that only “might” be true
- Again, Jerome at the center, finding the bottle & roses
- First article on the day since 1977
- Some year that Jerome worked as curator there was no PT
- According to the article, roses began being placed this year

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Minneapolis Star page 23, January 20, 1981, under article “Why not a Cask of Amontillado?”: “Every year since 1978, someone has placed a bottle of expensive liquor on Poe’s grave to mark his birthday, Jeff Jerome, curator of the Poe House in Baltimore, said Monday.”

- New start year, 1978, apparently said by Jerome. Inclined to think this is a mistranscription on the Writer’s part or a misspeak on Jeromes’. There is traceable proof that Jerome has been reporting on liquor placed at least since 1977.

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Oakland Tribune page 25, January 20, 1981, under article “Cognac and roses honor Poe at grave”: “The cognac is a Baltimore tradition, placed on the grave every year since 1970.”

Jeff Jerome is cited one line below.

- Again a changed start year, this time 1970
- Apparently cognac is “a Baltimore tradition”

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1982

Austin American-Statesman page 3, January 20, 1982, under article “Rose decoration of Poe’s grave remains mystery”: “The identity of the person or people who decorate Edgar Allan Poe’s grave every year with roses and liquor remained a mystery Tuesday after ritual was repeated for the 33rd time.”

“Jerome theorized that one rose was for Poe, who died here on October 7, 1849, one for his wife Virginia and the third for his mother-in-law Marie.”

- First time 1949 start date is ever referenced in post-76 PT articles
- First time the 3 roses have been associated with the 3 people buried there

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1983

The Daily News page 1-2, January 20, 1983, under article "Poe Toaster evades observation": "The cognac is always a bottle of the same Martel brand and the three roses are always arranged the same way."

"I saw the top of his hair, it was blonde or brown," said Ann Byerly, a 21-year-old student."

"They agreed that the Poe-Toaster, as they call him, was well-dressed, and had a cane as Poe had when he was found dying nearby, in a doorway on Lombard Street."

- First time he was called "Poe-Toaster" (although there is a hyphen)
- It says it is always the same brand, but we know even from 1977 that is not true, where they had De Kuyper cherry brandy
- First time they are mentioned as being arranged in a special way
- First time the PT has actually been seen, along with physical descriptions

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1984

Baltimore Evening Sun page 19, January 19, 1984, under article "200 toast Poe at snowy grave": "The crowd then quietly dispersed, but a few hung around hoping to catch a glimpse of the mysterious person who has left a bottle of cognac and a bouquet of roses on Poe's tombstone every Jan. 19 since 1949."

Jerome is quoted earlier in this article.

- "Bouquet" of roses, not specifically three. Not contradictory, just different

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The Star-Democrat page 20, January 20, 1984, under article "Mystery toaster leaves his mark 35th year in row": "I think it's a copycat toaster," said Jerome"

"The "real" Poe toaster's bottle of cognac was half full last year, but this year only about a drink was missing, Jerome said."

- First mention of a copycat
- First mention of "Poe toaster" without a hyphen, which is how it has been written since
- "Only about a drink missing" most likely unimportant information
- The "signal" has not started yet, given that Jerome only "thinks" it is a copycat

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1985

Boston Globe page 128, January 6, 1984, under article "Man in cape adds mystery to Poe's grave": "The mysterious cognac bottles line a shelf at the Poe House"

- First time it is mentioned that Jerome collects the bottles

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Battle Creek Enquirer page 2, January 18, 1985, under "People in the News": "Jeff Jerome, curator of the Poe house and museum in Baltimore, hopes no one bothers the visitor to interfere with the tradition. "This is a nice mystery," says Jerome. "There aren't a lot of mysteries left anymore."

- Jerome does not want people to enquire into the nature of PT (not accusatory)

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Buffalo News page 26, January 20, 1985, under "Mysterious Stranger Makes Pilgrimage to Poe's Grave": "'This is the first year I can say I saw the guy. I saw his tribute," said Jeff Jerome, curator of Baltimore's Poe House."

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1986

Buffalo News page 3, January 20, 1986, under article "Ritual of Cognac, Roses Continues at Poe's Grave": "No one knows who the visitor in black is, and Jeff Jerome, curator of the Poe House, doesn't want anyone to try to find out."

"It just appears to be an elderly man in black clothes and a white scarf, carrying a cane," he said."

- "Elderly"

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1987

Tyler Courier-Times page 21, January 19, 1987, under article "'Mysterious Stranger' Again at Poe's Grave": "Jeff Jerome, curator of the Poe House, said although the 38-year tradition remains intact, this year's visitor apparently is not the same person who left the birthday offering to the author in the past. "It appears to be a different person. This guy was big," said Jerome"

- Other PT?

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1988

Noblesville Ledger page 5, January 19, 1988, under article "Visitor returns to Poe grave": "Jerome said he and five other people watching from a window of Westminster Church did not see the stranger's face but it appeared to be a different—and younger—person than in past years."

"Maybe the father died and the son is continuing the tradition," Jerome said."

- Another different PT? 'Different and younger face'
- Why is Jerome commenting on this like he does not know a different PT also appeared in '87?

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1989

Tyrone Daily Herald page 11, January 19, 1989, under article "Stranger Haunts Poe's Grave For 40th Year": "Jerome said the 1989 visitor is likely not the same person who began the tradition in 1949 but the scenario has changed little."

- Jerome acknowledging multiple PT's

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The Province page 31, January 20, 1989, under article "EERIE GRAVE SIGHT THRILLS POE FANS": "Just before dawn, a black-clad stranger creeps through a cemetery to place a bottle of cognac and a red rose on a grave—Poe's grave."

- "A rose", not three. Likely transcription error

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1990

Baltimore Sun page 56, January 19, 1990, under article "Poe celebration: never more popular": "Press accounts of the mysterious stranger who has been placing roses and a bottle of cognac on Poe's grave on the eve of his birthday every year since 1949"

Jerome is mentioned.

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LIFE magazine publishes first legitimate photo of the PT, July edition 1990 under heading "Once upon a midnight dreary"

Unfortunately I have not been able to find the original LIFE magazine issue, but I have found the photo and a photo of the table of contents that includes the PT story.

<https://i.imgur.com/yDq32Wv.gif> <- Original photo

<https://i.imgur.com/z8LW6pv.jpg> <- Table of contents (found from Ebay listing)

1991

No articles on PT's visit this year.

Richmond Times-Dispatch page 62, December 8, 1991, under article "Expert on Poe seeks change in author's public image": "The dark intrigue that surrounds Poe's life is... ..reinvigorated each year by a shadowy figure that visits Poe's grave on his birthday."

The article is about Jeff Jerome's opinions on how Poe is portrayed in modern society.

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1992

The News Journal page 4, January 20, 1992, under article "Poe's grave tradition continues": "A mysterious man dressed in black left a half bottle of cognac and three roses on Edgar Allan Poe's grave early Sunday"

"For many years, it appeared to be an elderly person, who walked slightly hunched and for some years carried a walking stick. But this guy moved with confidence," Jerome said. "Someone suggested a father and son tradition, because of illness and even death the younger man has taken over the tribute."

- Suggesting the old PT has retired, replaced with younger "son"

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1993

The Star-Democrat page 5, January 20, 1993, under article "Roses left at Poe's grave": "Jeff Jerome, curator of the city's Edgar Allan Poe House and Museum, said the annual Jan. 19 tribute always comes before 6 a.m."

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1994

Journal Gazette page 19, January 20, 1994, under article "Tell-tale heart: Stranger leaves roses, cognac on Poe's grave": "Russians believe vodka is left at Poe's grave; Japanese say it is saki, Jerome said. Last year, the visitor left his first message, a typewritten note addressed to Jerome that seemed to indicate the ritual will continue. "I'm content that some traditions must pass while others take their place. The torch will be passed," the note said. It was signed "A Friend in Poe."

- Note was never mentioned in previous year's articles
- "Russians believe it is vodka and the Japanese believe it is saki" just sounds made up, but I have no proof
- Article says "his first message", but in 1977 it said that there was a note that read "Edgar, I haven't forgotten you" signed "W." Direct contradiction

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Daily Press page 2, January 20, 1994, under article "Tales from the crypt: Stranger leaves gifts for Poe": "White roses left on Edgar Allan Poe's grave"

- White roses, not red this year

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C-SPAN, July 12, 1994, under "Edgar Allan Poe House", (5:02-5:21): "Well it seems like, since 1949, someone has been visiting the grave of Edgar Allan Poe on his birthdate which is January 19th, and since 1949 this person has been putting 3 red roses and a very expensive bottle of French cognac on the Poe grave."

- Jerome directly says that the PT has always left cognac and 3 red roses, despite the fact that on this very year the roses that were left were white
- Direct confirmation that Jerome is lying about PT, given that he specifically says it is always cognac and roses, since 1949

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?58666-1/edgar-allan-poe-house>

1995

Anniston Star page 2, January 19, 1995, under article "Mysterious visitor leaves tribute on Poe's grave": "the stranger deposited a half-empty bottle of French cognac and three white roses on Poe's headstone."

- White roses again
- Jerome quoted

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Baltimore Sun page 27, July 21, 1995, under Alexander Rose III obituary: "Ms. Pierce said Mr. Rose knew the identity of the person who on Poe's birthday in January visits his grave at Westminster Hall on Fayette Street to leave three red roses and a half-bottle of cognac."

- In obituary, colleague says Rose knew PT's identity

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1996

Hartford Courant page 257, January 21, 1996, under article "Poe Knows January thaw but a cruel hoax": "In customary style, a half-bottle of cognac and yellow roses were left at the grave site."

- Yellow roses this time, not red or white
- First article that does not quote or mention Jerome once
- For some reason this article was written in the weather section

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Richmond Times-Dispatch page 26, February 4, 1996, under article "Mystery shrouds watch at Poe's grave": "But while the roses had been red before, since 1994 they have been yellow."

- This is not true, they were yellow in 1996 but in '94 and '95 they were white
- Jerome mentioned

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1997

Sacramento Bee page 3, January 20, 1997, under article "Dark visitor to Poe's grave leaves hearts pounding": "Instead, he strode up to the monument, which is located at the front of the church" "three red roses"

- Back to red roses
- Visits the monument, not the original grave
- Jerome quoted
- Apparently this was the "original" PT, not one of the younger ones

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1998

Kerrville Times page 8, January 19, 1998, under article "Anonymous visitor leaves gifts at Poe grave": "It was a different guy this year, which surprised us," Jerome said of the 3:05 a.m. appearance "If anyone ever tried to imitate him, I would know immediately," Jerome said. "He does something that no one else notices."

- Jerome says the PT does something unique that only he notices
- Different guy here
- No note mentioned

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1999

Florida Today page 2, January 20, 1999, under article "Man who left gifts at Poe's grave dies": "A mystery man who for nearly 50 years left roses and cognac at the grave of Edgar Allan Poe died in December, according to a computer-written note found early Tuesday at Poe's grave." "In the letter, the original visitor requested that the tradition he'd started be continued, Jerome says. He also thanked Jerome for safeguarding his privacy all these years."

- PT died allegedly at some point during December 1998
- Note specifically mentions Jerome

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2000

Chicago Tribune page 72, January 19, 2000, under article "Mysterious stranger brings roses, cognac to Poe tribute": "The man approached Poe's grave, leaned over it and put the bottle of cognac at the base."

- Jerome quoted

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2001

South Florida Sun Sentinel page 62, January 20, 2001, under article "Quoth the Raven: Let's go Giants?": "the note read: "The New York Giants. Darkness and decay and the big blue hold dominion over all."

- Jerome was vocally opposed to this break from tradition, calling it no longer a mystery

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2002

Naples Daily News page 2, January 20, 2002, under article "Annual tribute of cognac, roses laid at Poe's grave": "The man, wearing the traditional black hat and coat, with a white scarf concealing his face, appeared to be different from last year's so-called Poe Toaster."

- Multiple people replaced "original" toaster
- Jerome quoted

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2003

Bismarck Tribune page 18, January 19, 2003, under article "No one disturbs 'graceful' mystery of Poe visitor": "Like a character from one of Poe's dark tales, the man then vanishes, leaving behind a half-empty bottle of cognac, three roses and an occasional note"

- Jerome quoted

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2004

Hays Daily News page 12, January 19, 2004, under article "Man leaves French cognac, dig at French at Poe's grave": "This year, however, the mystery visitor included a note with a possible reference to French opposition to the war in Iraq."

- Note, first one political in nature (unless you consider sports political)

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2005

Indiana Gazette page 12, January 19, 2005, under article "Mystery fan visits Poe's grave once again": "He was not wearing the traditional white scarf and black hat."

- Not wearing normal outfit
- Jerome quoted

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2006

Fort McMurray Today page 11, January 19, 2006, under article "Mystery man places roses, cognac on Poe's grave for 57th consecutive year": "Some of the 25 spectators drawn to a tiny, locked graveyard in downtown Baltimore for the ceremony climbed over the walls of the site"

- Jerome quoted

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2007

Fort McMurray Today page 11, January 19, 2007, under article "Still a mystery": "He said this year's crowd was large but well behaved, unlike last year when watchers tried to interfere with the tribute."

- Jerome quoted

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Baltimore Sun page C1, August 15, 2007, under article "Who knows who started Poe toast?": "Sam Porpora, 92, says he started leaving roses and cognac at Edgar Allan Poe's grave in the 1960s."

"He dreamed up the tradition in the late 1960s, as a publicity stunt to aid the cash-strapped church that owned Westminster cemetery"

"Porpora said he retired from the toasting business, and isn't sure who has kept up the famous midnight presentation for all these years."

"Jerome said he cannot substantiate Porpora's claim."

- Porpora, prominent in PT's history, claims to have been the PT in the past
- Claims to have began it in late '60's
- Says he stopped it and does not know who has continued the tradition
- Says church was doing poorly financially, which is true
- Jerome disagrees

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The Journal News (White Plains) page 16, August 16, 2007, under article "Identity of Poe grave site figure revealed?": "We did it, myself and my tour guides"

"Members of the Poe Society insist they recall members of the old congregation—all now dead—talking about the Poe toaster before Porpora says he made it up."

"Jerome found a 1950 newspaper clipping from The (Baltimore) Evening Sun that mentions "an anonymous citizen who creeps in annually to place an empty bottle (of excellent label)" against the gravestone."

"Porpora's account isn't consistent. He said he invented the stranger in an interview with a reporter in 1967, but the story to which he refers appeared in 1976."

- Maybe first time old congregation testimonies, unverifiable ("all now dead") and also unsure on my part
- First time the "of excellent label" quote is directly mentioned by Jerome, even though he had always used the 1949 start date
- References 1976 interview, where Porpora both says it was whiskey, not cognac, that was left, and that it only "used to" happen, implying it no longer happened

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2008

Arizona Daily Star page A7, January 20, 2008, under article "Mysterious annual visitor to grave of Poe goes undetected once again": "The visitor did not leave a note, Jerome said, electing not to respond to questions raised in the past year about the history and authenticity of the tribute."

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2009

The Star-Democrat page 5, January 20, 2009, under article "Mysterious Poe 'toaster' returns to writer's grave": "Jerome says the visitor did not leave any note"

- Final instance of "original" tradition
- No goodbye note

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2010

Omaha World-Herald page 24, January 19, 2010, under article "Nevermore? Mystery visitor misses Poe's birthday": "A mysterious visitor who left roses and cognac at the grave of Edgar Allan Poe each year on the writer's birthday failed to show early Tuesday, breaking with a ritual that began more than 60 years ago."

- First time since 1949 (officially) no PT
- Jerome not immediately declaring it done

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2011

The News Journal (Wilmington, Delaware) page 28, January 20, 2011, under article "Poe: 'Toaster' began visiting in 1940s": "none of the four gave the secret signal that only Jerome, knows, and none of the four arranged the roses in the unique pattern established by the Poe toaster over the decades."

"No, it's over with. And if it's over with, it's over with."

- The arrangement of the roses and the secret signal are completely different. Probably said in previous years but it is clear here
- Jerome says it is "officially" over with, making the decree

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Baltimore Sun page A17, January 27, 2011, under article "I was there — the Poe Toaster came": "It mattered nothing that the woman did not give the curator his precious "sign," that she did not utilize his secret entrance, or arrange the flowers according to Hoyle. What mattered was that, on that cold, rainy night, she delivered the passion, the respect, and the tribute that our beloved poet richly deserves."

- Jeff Jerome gets owned

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Florida Today page 10, February 5, 2011, under article "Author's museum loses funding": "The winning bidder will be hired as a consultant to implement the business plan, with the goal of turning the Poe House over to new operators by the time its funding runs out in June 2012."

- Baltimore takes control of Poe's house out of Jerome's hands, probably due to finance issues

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Baltimore Sun page A3, February 20, 2011, under article "Poe House and the tell-tale product placement":
"PETA officials pledged an unspecified amount of money to help keep the Poe House open"
"The catch, though, is that the house would have to display a PETA poster one that plays off a famous Poe short story: "The Tell-Tale Heart of a Meat-Eater,""

- No relevance, just thought it was funny

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2012

Whitehorse Daily Star page 13, January 19, 2012, under article "Poe fans call an end to tradition after mystery visitor fails to visit grave for third year": "It's over with," Poe House and Museum Curator Jeff Jerome said wearily this morning."

- Final year that Jerome attends

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2013

Oshkosh Northwestern page 4, January 19, 2013, under article "The 'Poe Toaster' come nevermore in Baltimore": "When Jerome became a tour guide for Westminster Hall in 1976, he found a 1950 clipping that made a passing reference to roses and cognac left every year at Poe's grave. Other members of the church backed up the story, and the caretaker who lived across the street claimed to take the cognac home and drink it every year."

"I promised myself that if they started leaving these goofy notes again, I wasn't going to go along with it," Jerome said."

- Jerome found the 1950 article before he found the bottle and roses (supposedly)
- No goofiness allowed

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2015

Star-Democrat (Easton) page 36, October 9, 2015, under article "Take a chance to become the next 'Poe toaster'": "In honor of the 166th anniversary of the death of Edgar Allan Poe, the Maryland Historical Society is revitalizing the tradition of the "Poe Toaster."

- Maryland Historical Society holds competition to become new PT

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Baltimore Sun page A3, November 9, 2015, under article "New, anonymous 'Poe Toaster' selected"

- Article title

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2016

Baltimore Sun page A2, January 17, 2016, under article "Back again, Edgar": "A newly selected "Poe Toaster" played the violin, drank a toast with cognac and left three roses at the gravesite of Edgar Allan Poe at Westminster Hall and Burying Ground at the close of an Edgar Allan Poe Birthday Observance."

- Daytime
- The guy shows his face
- Violin
- It wasn't even his birthday yet
- This is so lame

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