

THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY

**20th ANNUAL MEETING OF GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP**

12 SEPTEMBER 2021

1:00 p.m. PDT /

4:00 p.m. EDT



Tllden

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Meet The Heinlein Society Board, Officers, Committee Members, Board of Advisors
- Timely Notice of Mailing
- Initial Business Items: Roll Call, Quorum, Parliamentarian
- 2020 Minutes Acceptance
- Reports of Treasurer, Vice President- Secretary, President
- Committee Reports
- New Business: Bylaws Cleanup Motion
- Election Results
- Good of the Society/Q&A Open Mic
- Mother Thing Raffle
- Virgin Galactic Raffle
- Virginia Edition Raffle
- Adjourn



Board of Directors

John Tilden
President



Herb Gilliland
VP-Secretary



Beatrice Kondo
Treasurer



Ken Walters



Joel S. Davis



Betsey Wilcox



Walt Boyes
(Board of Advisors Liaison)



John Seltzer



Mike Sheffield

THS Committees



Heinlein For Heroes
John Seltzer



Business Continuity
Deb Houdek Rule



Membership/PR
Ken Walters



***Balticon RAH Award
Academic/THJ***
Dr. Herb Gilliland



Blood Drives
Carlin Black



Webmaster/Operations
Rob Hays



Scholarships
Mike Sheffield



Newsletter
Caroline Lynch



Education
Geo Rule



Social/Worldcon
Keith Kato



***Electoral/
Ensign's Prize***
Betsey Wilcox
Will Hamilton



Social Media
Teresa Robinson



Timely Notice of Meeting

Official Notice of Annual Meeting sent via newsletter notice on 08 July 2021, to comply with 30 days notice required by Bylaws (Article IV, Section 4)

Subsequent Reminder Notices sent via email, website postings

Business Items

- Roll Call (Tilden)
- Certification of Quorum (Gilliland & Walters)
- Walt Boyes is acting as the
Sergeant-at- Arms and Parliamentarian
- 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes Ratified
- Bylaws Vote Results Announced

Treasurer's Report

Useful Statistics:

End of FY Balances (08/31/2021):

- Checking: \$51,292.27
- PayPal: \$20,475.01
- Savings: \$38,486.34 ("Lifetime Reserved" Account)

Unreserved Capital Balance: \$71,767.28

<u>2020 Capital Balance:</u>	\$44,882.63
<u>2019 Capital Balance:</u>	\$31,908.38
<u>2018 Capital Balance:</u>	\$30,549.61
<u>2017 Capital Balance:</u>	\$20,435.89
<u>2016 Capital Balance:</u>	\$20,596.95
<u>2015 Capital Balance:</u>	\$7,571.74

Selected 2021 Income and Expense Lines

Total Membership Dues	\$33,493.18
Total Donations	\$11,302.43
Total Heinlein For Heroes Program	\$8691.52
Scholarship	\$9,000



Kondo

Treasurer's Report (cont.)

This past year, around *most of our outlay* related to our two “big three” programs—*Scholarships* and *Heinlein for Heroes*, with *Blood Drive* support curtailed due to Covid-19. Most of our income comes from *Membership Dues* and *Donations*.

We spend your money where it counts!

By most non-profit measurements we remain a very efficient organization. We have several key members that donate operating expenses each year which don't show up on charts because of accounting rules.

More detailed transaction reporting or the complete "budget vs. actual report" available by emailing treasurer@heinleinsociety.org



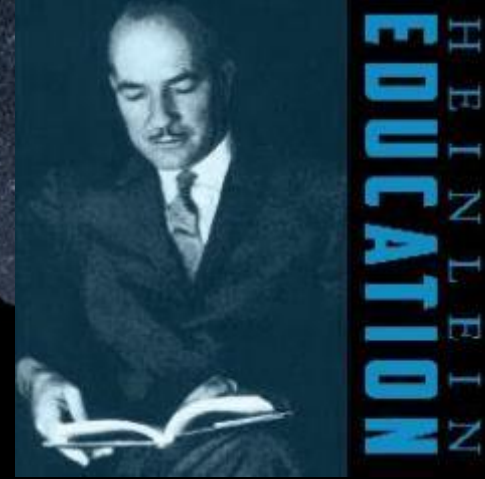
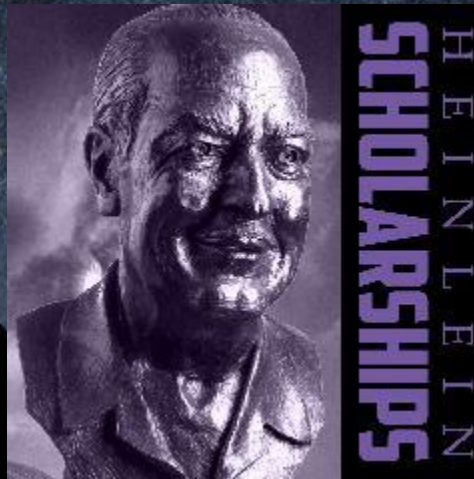
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Vice President/Secretary

- Transcribed Board Meeting minutes monthly and 2020 Annual Meeting minutes.
- Boxed and Shipped donations from the Baltimore SF Society intended for the Heinlein for Heroes program.
- Member of selection committee for Heinlein Award given annually at Balticon.

President

- Moved our website to work with a company that supports WordPress explicitly for us
- Merged *The Heinlein Journal* site into our main website
- Moved Bill Patterson content into our main website—thanks to Mark Bult for the bulk of the work.
- Good relations with Heinlein Prize Trust/VE/Archives
- Getting better at the “business” of doing good works thanks to our wonderfully supportive membership!
- We can always use those with Project Management skills—you don’t need to be on the board or running a committee!



Tilden

THE HEINLEIN JOURNAL

and Academic

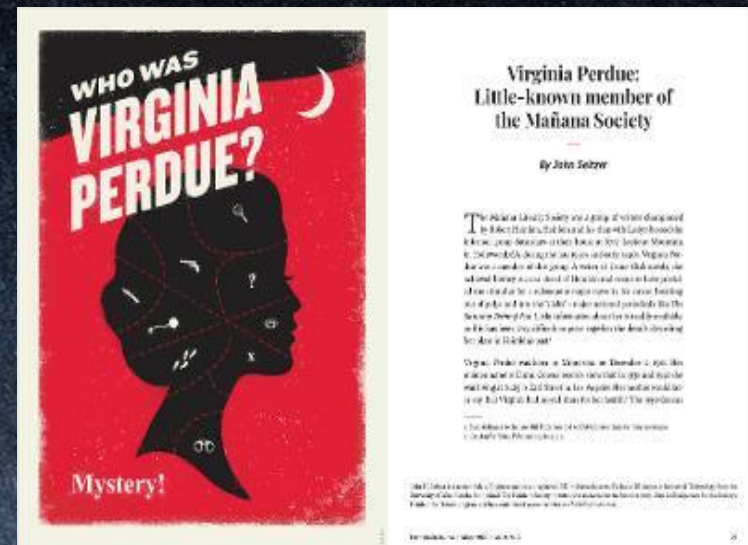
- Volume 2, Issue 4 now available!
- Downloads of all issues in PDF available
- Dr. Gilliland and Mark Bult produced two issues in the last twelve months.
- Advised on Gale Publishing's *Short Story Criticism Vol. 305*, with a 140 page section on Heinlein (published August 2021).
- Answered various queries about Heinlein scholarship.

THJ, (cont.)

A PRIZE-WINNING JOURNAL!



One of 6 winners in the Editorial category of *Communication Arts'* 62nd annual design competition, the most exclusive major design competition in the world.



www.heinleinjournal.com

Gilliland

Archives

- Assembling inventories of physical and digital assets
- Files uploaded to Society Google Drive
- Lots of work on organizing the Bill Patterson files we inherited

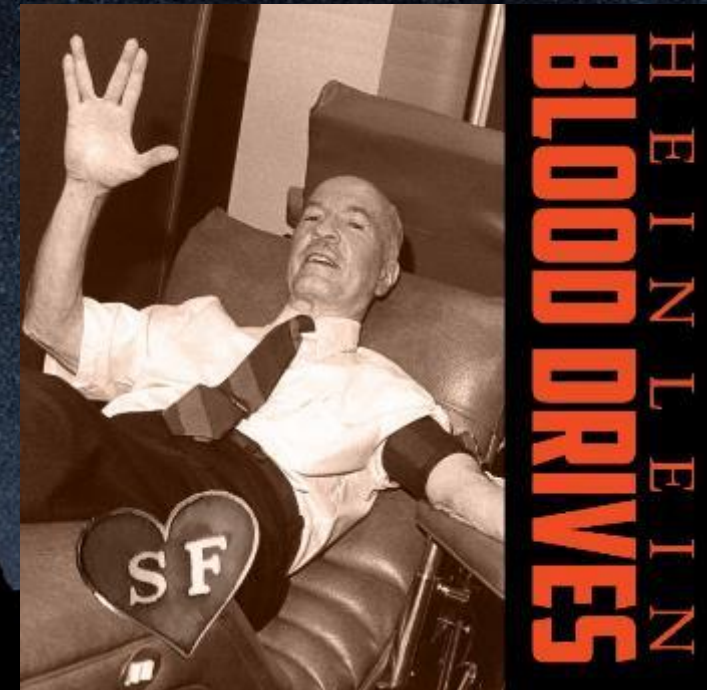


Operations

- Rob Hays; John Tilden, John Seltzer; Ken Walters; Deb Houdek Rule
- Lots of “backend work” with website merger
- Fraud controls put in place
- Expanded Operations will eventually include:
 - Seeking grants for paid help or more skilled volunteers to support Operations
 - Coordinating physical asset needs (such as tradeshow banners and ribbons, H4H needs)

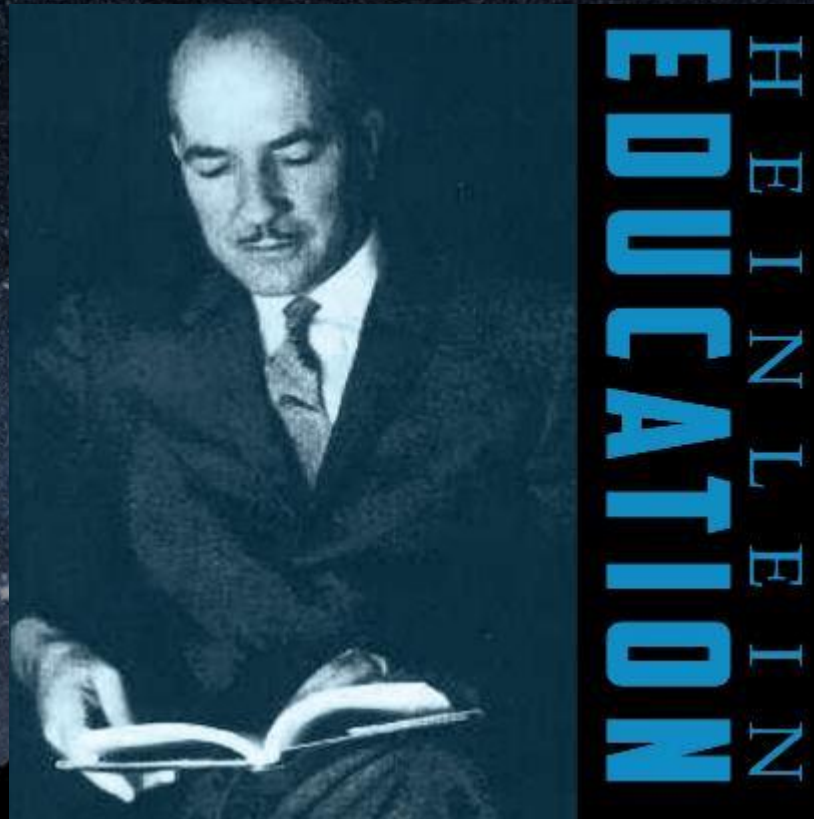
Blood Drives

- Carlin Black, Chair
- Core mission of THS—Started by RAH
 - FY 2021—**206** donors
 - End of FY 2021—**43,431** donors coordinated by THS since the first THS drive at PhilCon 11/2000
 - **Double Reds count as 2 Units = 44,163 units donated!**
- Covid-19 safety regulations kept most drives cancelled including Dragon Con in 2020.
- THS still has a Donor Wall page online (<https://www.heinleinsociety.org/pay-it-forward/donor-wall/>)
- Send a selfie when you donate to **BloodDriveChair@heinleinsociety.org** !



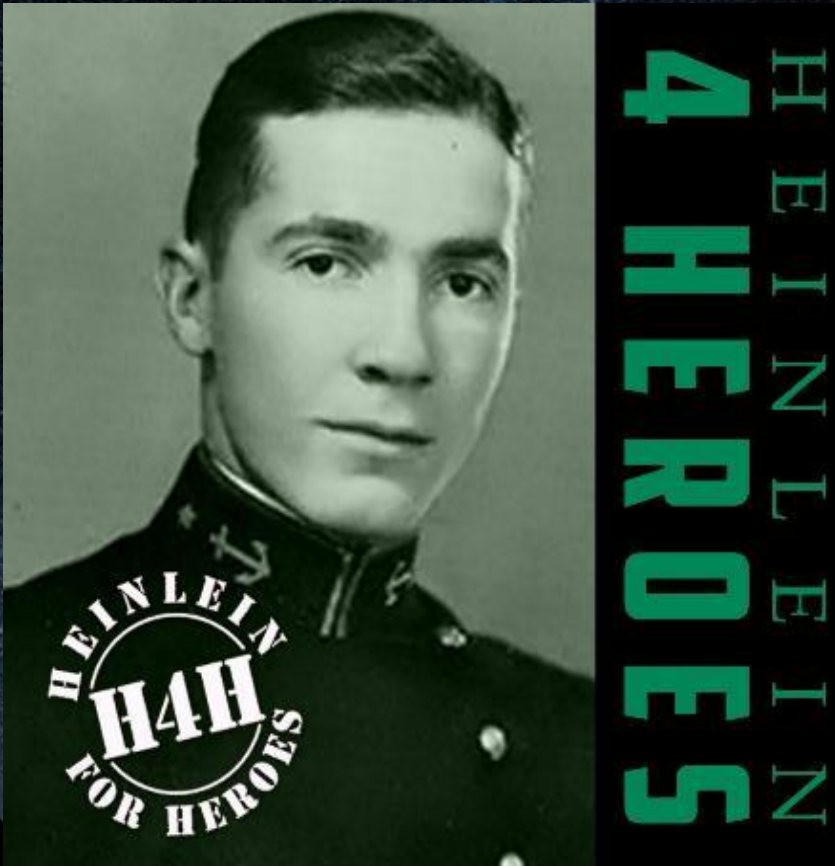
Education

- Geo Rule, Chair
- Maintained Digital Online Distribution of education “download” materials
- Downloaded 27 times in the past year



Heinlein For Heroes

- John Seltzer, Chair
- FY 2020-21: H4H shipped **4,879 books** in **326** shipments
 - Total since beginning shipping (Nov. 2013): about **33,709 books**

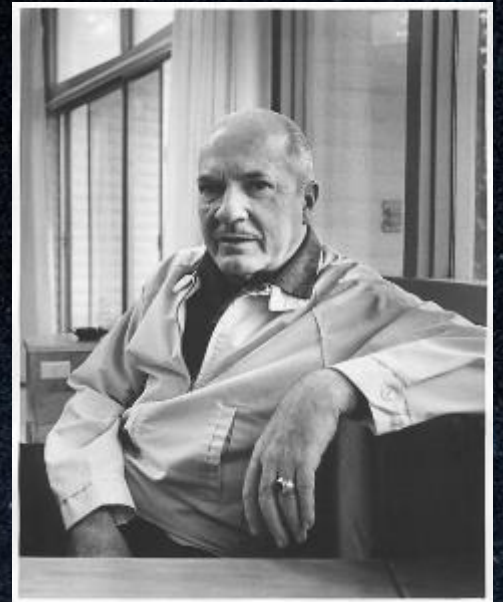


- Future: Expect to maintain at least 3,000 books per year with THS providing books and HPT granting for shipping expenses
- Books (especially Heinlein) mostly cash purchases; donations of cash help!

Seltzer/Tilden

Membership Services

- Ken Walters, Chair
- End FY 2020/21 **835** Active Members
 - 62% increase over previous FY (+318)
 - Highest membership in Society history
- End FY 2020/21 **63** Lifetime Members
 - 34% increase over previous FY (+16)
- Engaged in successful Social Media outreach through Facebook and Instagram



Newsletter

- Caroline Lynch, Editor; Walt Boyes, Publication Assistant
- Attempting to maintain every other month publication schedule—we're back to shooting for the "odd" months

 The Heinlein Society Newsletter 



Keep email addresses updated and add us to your safe-sender list!

Lynch/Boyes

Scholarships

- Mike Sheffield, Chair
- 383 Applicants – Another new record
 - 22 international applicants - most ever
 - From Barbados, Brazil, Canada, Dominican Republic, Germany, India, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Mexico, Mongolia, Nigeria
 - Gender
 - Female – 262
 - Male – 40
 - Other – 2
 - Declined to state – 1
 - No selection made – 78
- Selection Committee
 - Dr. Jason Aukerman, Mr. Carlin Black, Mr. Walt Boyes, Ms. Rebecca Roberts, Mr. Geo Rule, Mrs. Susan Seltzer, Mr. Mike Sheffield, Rev. Sharon Sheffield



Scholarships (cont.)

Scholarships criteria

- **Virginia Heinlein Scholarship** (The “Ginny”)
 - Female undergraduate students majoring in STEM fields
- **Dr. Jerry Pournelle and Dr. Yoji Kondo Scholarships**
 - Undergraduate students of any gender majoring in STEM fields or Science Fiction as Literature
- **All Scholarships**
 - Must be attending 4-year college
 - No age limit
 - International
 - Not needs based
 - Evaluated on 500 – 1,000 word essay
 - Community service



Scholarships

- 2021 Recipients (\$3,000 each)

- **Mandisa Keswa – Virginia Heinlein Scholarship**

Pomona College; Senior; Neuroscience Major; Her family is from South Africa; Keen interest in health policy and better access for underserved communities; Participated in genetic engineering and hippocampal research projects

- **Alexandra Ouimet – Dr. Jerry Pournelle Scholarship**

University of Maine; Junior; Marine Biology major; Took a couple of years off between high school and college to do volunteer work with Americorps NCCC and Utah Conservation Corps; Became a certified scuba diver as part of a volunteer stint in Hawaii

- **LeAnn Rhodes – Dr. Yoji Kondo Scholarship**

Virginia Tech; Junior; Industrial and Systems Engineering major; Changed her career path from Political Science to Engineering after 10 years in business because it suits her better but plans to apply her knowledge and experience in the law to her new vocation



Scholarships (cont.)

Our other top ten finalists in alphabetical order

- Casey Barbier
- Carver Freeburg
- Jane Hancock
- Alexis Kaiser
- Audrey Lacey
- Josephine Maier
- Nadège Oger



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Scholarships (cont.)

- Certificates sent to winners and finalists



New Business Motion

Article I needed to define Lifetime Members equal to Regular members for the rest of the Bylaws. I propose the addition:

Section 4: Structure. The Society shall consist of its regular members, from whom a Board of Directors (hereinafter, "Board") shall be elected. The Board, in turn, shall elect from its empaneled Directors the Society's principal officers: President, Vice President-Secretary, and Treasurer. The Board may, at its discretion, appoint other officers and agents as it deems necessary to conduct the Society's business and affairs. The Board may, at its discretion, create classes of members with limited voting rights and lesser dues. **Any "Lifetime" member class shall be considered as a regular member (with full voting rights).**

Article IX is written and formatted in a way that is inconsistent with the rest of the Society bylaws. I propose the following revision (replaced text):

Article IX: Membership And Dues

Section 1: Regular Membership. Any person may acquire membership in the Society by uniform application; however, an application for membership may be declined upon a showing of cause, by a majority vote of the Board at any regular business meeting.

Section 2. Appeal of Declined Application. Any decision to decline an application by the Board, if made, may be appealed to members present at any Annual or special meeting.

Article XI, Section 2, as currently written, can be construed as limiting the H4H program to ONLY distribute Heinlein's works, which is neither factual nor desirable. I propose the following revision (bold text):

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Section 2: Specific Objectives And Purposes. This corporation is a non-profit organization established with objectives to encourage formation of character and provoke critical and intelligent thinking among young individuals. For these purposes, we produce and distribute free educational materials based on the works and ideas of the Grand Master Science Fiction author, Robert Anson Heinlein; **provide support for blood drives across the world; donate copies of science fiction and fantasy works by respected authors to various military / veterans' organizations in the program known as Heinlein for Heroes (H4H).**

Section 3: Limitations to Objectives and Purposes. Nothing in this Article of the Bylaws shall be construed as a limitation on current or future charitable programs. The Board may, at its discretion, revise and expand any current or future charitable / educational endeavor.

Online Electoral Processes

- **Betsey Wilcox, Chair**
- **Administrator: Will Hamilton (“Elections Commissioner” —heavy lifting)**
- **4 Nominees—Jim Dutton; Incumbents Herbert Gilliland, Mike Sheffield, Betsey Wilcox**
- **692** eligible voters
- **293** members voted (**42.3%**)
- **Largest numerical vote in Society history (again)**



DIRECTORS 2021-24 CLASS ARE....

Wilcox / Hamilton

Election Results

- Re-elected Dr. C. Herbert Gilliland, Mike Sheffield, Elizabeth “Betsey” Wilcox
- Special thanks to: Jim Dutton



Ahead in 2021, 2022, 2023...

- 2021: Washington, DC, USA, DisCon III (79th Worldcon) Dec. 15-19, 2021 (<https://discon3.org/>)
- 2022: Chicago, IL, USA, Chicon 8 (80th Worldcon) Sept. 1-5, 2022 (<https://registration.chicon.org/>)
- 2023: Chengdu, China & Memphis TN Worldcon bids
- 2024: Glasgow, Scotland Worldcon bid
- 2025: Seattle WA & Brisbane, Australia Worldcon bids

Good of the Society

- Work to diversify our membership
- Fundraising—always:
 - Direct donations
 - Estates
 - Grant proposals
- We always need Volunteers to work on committees, at conventions and LEAD by example
- “Ensign’s Prize” Still Available via website
- The “Heinlein Forum” on Facebook (a ‘private’ group) is announced today as an affiliated discussion area for THS Members. We also have a Discord server for members only—contact chairman@heinleinsociety.org for an invite
- Open Q&A— Wave, or announce yourself, or ask in the Chat Window. Wait to be recognized by the Chair; you will need to make sure you’re unmuted, then you can make any statements or ask any questions!



Raffles

- All Regular and Lifetime Members who joined up by 08/31/2021 eligible except
 - Board of Directors and spouses
 - Members who removed themselves
- Those 1st joined 1 Sept 2020-31 Aug 2021 assigned **TWO** drawing tickets
- PDF sheet of eligible names held by 3 Proctors
- Certified random number generator site <https://random.org> to be set for min, max numbers (= EXCEL line numbers) and run live, real time

Mother Thing Raffle

Mother Thing
plushie from the
*Have Space Suit –
Will Travel*
graphic novel



AND THE WINNING NUMBER IS....



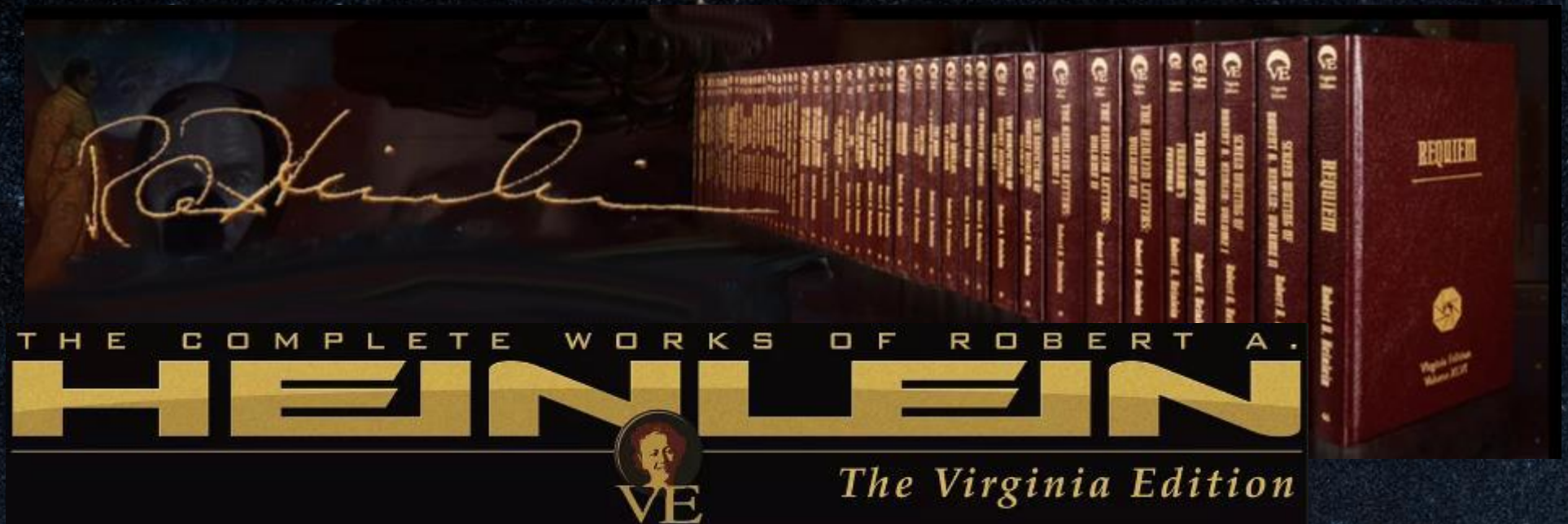
Virgin Galactic Raffle

- The lucky winner will get 500 chances entered to win a suborbital flight on Virgin Galactic
- The sweepstakes is administered by Omaze
- Winner of actual sweepstakes announced around 29 September 2021
- The raffle was donated by Deb and Geo Rule



AND THE WINNING NUMBER IS....

Virginia Edition Raffle



AND THE WINNING NUMBER IS....

Tilden