



The Phillips Tale

Chapters XXXIII & XXXIV

concerning the years 2007 - 2008

The Preface –

Long suffering and completely disillusioned but expectant reader. Once again because of nefarious workings of the eternal fiend Merlin the Magician, the ever-righteous intention of the writer of the Phillips Tale was diverted to inconsequential happenings that ultimately delayed writing the XXXIII chapter. Therefore, your readership, you have the august opportunity of inhaling two years of Phillips Tales in one draught... Chapters XXXIII and XXXIV. May your imbibing bring about joy and mirth. Now, settle in by the fire and enjoy what heaven wills, fate ordains, reason requires, and, above all, my own inclination favorsⁱ. Let papers speak and beards be still, as they say. May Merlin curse you with a year of watching election reruns should you become drowsy beyond your resistance.

This Phillips Tale will speak of Chapter XXXIII (2007) in a somewhat succinct and minimal fashion throughout the epistle, insuring fair treatment of those happenings that merit recognition. For other erstwhile events that the writer might skim over or miss, he implores the excuse used in a past episode, “in last year’s nests there are no birds this year.”ⁱⁱ There are, however two significant events that will be expanded upon.

Leon Barrett Jones, father of Karen, Patriarch of the Jones family, King of his Domain, husband to Margaret, and example to many, passed away quietly at his home on August 6th 2007 at the age of 90 years. Not coincidentally, but almost by choice, he died a few days after his 90th birthday party where over 50 family members gathered to honor him. His white armor of example, steadfastness, love unfeigned and devotion to family was wondrous and



legendary. Although now departed, his legacy lives on in the lives he touched.

In the same sad passing but with different admiration, Andrea Phillips, 31 years old left us in 2008. Andrea is the daughter of Sir Michael of Polyester and Lady Deanne, (see Chapter XI for descriptions). Lady Andrea born with Down syndrome added immeasurably to our family, providing insight, recollection, and perspective. Her “Don’t do that!” and quick guidance when she felt it was needed was enjoyed by all. Here interaction with all family members and ability to remember all birthdays (especially her own) will never be forgotten. We all await the hereafter when we can talk to Andrea once again and discuss her perspective of her sojourn on earth. At that great reunion, we all aspire to be found in good favor with Andrea, for she was an angel in disguise.

One other family event that will be remembered by all within Sir Wynn’s and Lady Karen’s grandchildren (now numbering twelve) is the Christmas sleep-overs. With all grandchildren ecstatic about receiving pajamas emblazoned with various superhero logos and immediately donning them, they were outdone by the arrival of Bat Man whose pajamas, cape, mask, and utility belt won Best of Show and almost eclipsed Santa himself.

For a social view of 2007-08, the U.S. was continuing the fight for truth and right in Iraq and Afghanistan, which became somewhat prolonged not unlike the Vietnam era. Those issues and economic trouble signs gave renewed hope to the Democratic

ⁱ Don Quixote by Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra, New York, 1926; (page 382).

ⁱⁱ IBID (page 457).

Party who championed Senator Barack Hussein Obama for President. The year 2008 was replete with political activity and analysis. Senator John McCain of the Republican Party was the counterpoint to Obama. The meltdown of the U.S. economy initiated by subprime loans appeared to be the deciding factor as it was blamed on the present administration of George W. Bush, and Obama was elected President. He is the first black to hold this office in the history of the United States. As the year closed, the government continued to determine if 8.5 trillion dollars was enough to bail out large companies in dire straits as price per gallon of gas swung from \$4.75 to \$1.31.

Thus with that historical preface, we turn to our Tale, so read on, oh anticipating (and still awake) vociferous reader.

The Tale –

Lady Karen, “La Buena Dueña”ⁱⁱⁱ continued through Chapter XXXIII as a seasoned and wizened counselor at Fremont High School. With the Dueña’s release as Relief Society President in XXXIV, she returned to caring for her own needs and those of her husband, Sir Wynn and her mother. After recalculating her years as a counselor, to her great surprise La Buena Dueña found she could retire in 2008 rather than the before-planned 2009! With a giggly heart and joyous expectations, she completed that once-in-a-life time event of retirement (unlike Sir Wynn who retired once but didn’t get it right according to Lady Karen and so he will try it again).

With Lady Karen’s retirement she pursued her heart’s desires of grandchildren, quilting and... well, grandchildren and quilting. Her enjoyment was much with 12 grandchildren because “many littles make a much” and as visitors they were not lacking. La Buena Dueña knew that if the pigeon-hole does not lack food, it will not lack pigeons.^{iv}

Now, wide-awake and anticipating reader, we turn to Sir Wynn “A Pedra”, a person hardy of habit, generally an early riser, and an advocate of protecting his country’s freedom. Sir Wynn

continued to grow his proverbial niche market in the security world aka JPASpros^v. Lady Karen, noting Sir Wynn’s tendency to be non-notable in dress due to the change, encouraged him to “dress well, since a stick dressed up does not look like a stick.”

In serving his church A Pedra was the secretary of all Young Men in the Stake. Then, with the creation of the new Pleasant View Utah South Stake, he was called to serve (I just know that would be a great title if someone would write the song). As the Stake Executive Secretary he serves the most honorable and chivalrous Sir K. Brent Keller as Stake President of the High Council table, with fellow Knight-Errant Sir Jay Ward and Sir Darcy Wride. As you know, chivalry is a religion and these fellow Knights-Errant practice it well.

A Pedra, having devoted many days and meetings in behalf of “Scoutus Americas” and building and maintaining the district web site was presented the distinguished Silver Beaver Award. Family and friends joined in the celebration with A Pedra remaining as humble as ever. Alas, due to pressing requirements of his ecclesiastical calling, A Pedra had to resign from his District position but remains a mentor in the service of Scoutus Americas.

Sir Scot and Lady Amanda

This section treats the Ethington’s of Syracuse made up of Sir Scot “O Patrón”; Lady Amanda “A Distraída”; Thomas “the Putter”; Josie “the Grinner”; and young Ely “the Energetic”.

In Chapter XXXIII Thomas “the Putter” turned that age of a gentleman. He was ordained to the office of Deacon and assumed the duties associated therewith. With said ordination, he earns the rite of passage to change his Phillips Tale name. He will henceforth be known as Sir Thomas “O Odinha” (a

reference to his wavy locks and handsome visage. O Odinha continued in playing all sports, but was cursed periodically by Merlin. First he ventured to the ski slopes, returning to

the hospital. At a later date he ventured to the football field, returning to the hospital. On both occasions, he was willing to take the medicine for his shoulder and so O Odinha awaits his next adventure in good health.

Now moving to “The Grinner”, she moved socially



ⁱⁱⁱ The names in English for the language-challenged reader: A Pedra– The Rock; La Buena Dueña – The Good Dona; O Patrón– The Boss; A Distraída– The Distracted; O Martelo– The Hammer; A Mæzinha – The Little mother; O Martelito– The Little Hammer; O Urso Bueno– The Good Bear; A Quieta– The Quiet One; El Guapo– Mr. Cool; A Graçiosa– The Gracious; O Odinha– The Little Curl One; A Estrela- The Star; A Blanka– Whitey.

^{iv} Don Quixote, Part II, Chapter VII, page 385.

^v Find his web site at www.jpaspros.com.

from age 11 to 16, bypassing the between years. However, in bypassing 12, she merits the rite of passage as did O Odinha. Henceforth Josie shall be known as Lady Josie “A Estrela” since she shows the traits of performing for others, revels in the accolades and has the requisite finicky attitude. To date no performances have resulted in the throwing of cucumbers or other missiles. To feed her popularity, she is a member of the Student Council at her school.

O Patrón responding to calls at all hours and days was the wagon-master of many large wagon-trains for the Union Pacific. Because of his affable nature and persistent purposeful pursuit, he became the arbitrator for his local union, placing himself between the preverbal rock and the hard place in negotiations.

A Distraida continued as the designated driver, increasing her support in both distance and time while teaching local naves to play the piano while taking pictures.

Ely the Energetic continued with his Star Wars mania. In preparation for school he could recite numbers, a skill used in the market place, but he had difficulty with letters and words. With the incentive of a Star Wars game for improved performance, he overcame the obstacle... reminiscent of Hans Solo overcoming the “Dark Force”... and was ready when the pre-school bell rang. The Energetic also delved into the sport of wrestling, stepping forth at 3’6” weighing 35 pounds to battle on the jousting mat. His fighting spirit always won him a metal, even though they were a few marks out of first.

Sir Tab and Lady Becky

Now the Jorgensen family consisted of Sir Tab “O Martelo”; Lady Rebecca, “A Mæzinha”, Jerika “the Chooser”, Jarom “O Martelito” Ammon “the Amiable”, and lastly, Eliza “the Eloquent”.

The Familia Jorgensen settled into their castle in the Land Bountiful where hard work and planning resulted in the cottage becoming a castle. Not enjoying rest, O Martelo ventured forth and built another Castle on the hillside overlooking the land and speculated that Lords and Ladies would see the value of such an edifice. The Castle stands like a guard over the land with expectations that each visiting Knight-errant with booty in hand^{vi} will buy

^{vi} Fair reader: It is with great trepidation that I applied the term “booty”. Not knowing the level of sophistication of all who read this tale, I need to write a caveat that “Booty” used herein refers to items of value, such as gold, silver, and artifacts. It is not used in the more course usage of the word that your readership conjured in your mind... and shame on you for so doing.

the Castle since the hare jumps up where it’s not looked for. O Martelo, being skilled in the art of Draftsman (not the one associated with ale oh over-imbibing reader) ventured into the market place, as an entrepreneur. The marketing adventure continues while the economy struggles. A Mæzinha helps augment the income by sewing and selling her wares in the local and national marketplace^{vii}.

Jerika “the Chooser”, quietly continue in her pursuit of excellence in Girl Scouts, holding the rank of Junior but who will shortly receive her Bronze Award. Her skills in soccer are extolled by fans while playing forward. The Chooser makes an average of 2 goals a game and is hard to catch when dribbling for the goal.

As a lass around the Castle, she cared for two bunnies who often took a wandered into the neighbor’s yards causing fear in the Chooser’s heart until they returned for better a wandering rabbit than a stationary stew.

Jarom “O Martelito” was baptized in September having reached the age of eight. He immediately joined the local “Scoutus Americas”. As a Scout he is able to continue building things with his own tool box but with adult guidance. Examples of his construction skills are found all around the Castle yard, one being the Club House. O Martelito experienced life’s lesson when his beloved pet duck, Buzz, passed away suddenly from an unknown illness.

Ammon the Amiable has a quiet spirit about him until he loses a game and then things tend to



escalade.

The Amiable does have a very creative mind, and he can take

a thought and create whole worlds and universes of superheroes, space craft, and evil enemies right before one’s eyes. This tendency might come from his skills with computer games. He does have his chicken, Adam, who carries a name handed down name from an earlier chicken who met an early demise. Chickens tend to come and go in this Castle.

Eliza the Eloquent at age 5 continues in her mischievous ways as described in the last Tale. She is still quiet, but when things are quiet, household beware! For where there’s music there can’t be

^{vii} Find her wares at www.whosies.blogspot.com/

mischief.^{viii} She continues to cut her own hair, the results of which are sometimes worthy of being seen by society. Fortunately Sage, her cat, has not been the object of her hair cutting... yet. Mæzinha has a hard time being mad when the just-shorn Eloquent arrives in the kitchen with a gift of a little self-wrapped present which Eloquent presents with her elf-like smile. Mæzinha has learned that the more gifts presented, the more mischievousness has occurred.

A Mæzinha continued with home education, with the Chooser, O Martelito, the Amiable, and lastly Eloquent attending (or cutting her hair, whichever was of most interest to her).

Sir Aaron and Lady Wendy

The home of Sir Aaron, "O Urso Bueno" spouse, Lady Wendy "A Quieta", Kailey "the Busy", and Alec Wynn "The Namesake" changed in the earlier chapter. With the birth of Chloe just at the end of Chapter XXXII, she had not yet received a name for



the purposes of this Tale. So, we now bestow upon her the name Chloe "The Clinger" for A Quieta

could go nowhere without The Clinger attached to her leg.

A Familia had two events occur that changed their quiet solitude. O Urso Bueno changed jobs and they sold their home three times before they could leave. They moved to Syracuse, near Sir Scot and Lady Amanda, and a shorter distance to O Urso's place of employment in Lago Salgado.

O Urso Bueno as mentioned, changed employers and works for the State of Utah, Insurance Auditing. His spreadsheet skills and ability to work with others was praised. His continued geekness however kept drawing him close to those who maintained the computador, a place where he basks in the digital flow and hum.

"A Quieta" adjusted gracefully to the disruptions of new employment and a new castle. She quickly made the Castel a home. Her hard work was rewarded with a three week vacation in Europe with Aaron, visiting her parents, Burt and Sheri Bartholomew. While there, O Urso Bueno and A Quieta were able to return to the site of their Castle in Madrid, near

La Mancha, only to find their Castle transformed by Merlin to large multi-family cottages and carriage byways. Only the old market place was still identifiable. While they were visiting history, the children stayed home, visiting cousins, aunts, and Sir Wynn and Lady Karen. Once again, El Castelo in Boa Vista rang with cries, shouts, and ranting, and that was just from Lady Karen.

Kailey "the Busy" continued busily managing and directing the younger siblings, the house business and all other aspects of the household. She had opinion and perspective on all issues and with her ability to read and write, was ready to take charge. The Busy now plies here wares in First School, guiding the teacher whenever possible.

Alec "The Namesake" started pre-school where he worked on basics but added speech assistance to improve his pronunciation. Though somewhat subdued in manner, he is suspected of casting a large object that caused debilitating damage to the entertainment box kept in the Castle dungeon. Sir Aaron, upon learning of the event had to put a restraint upon his natural impetuosity and took Bo the hound for a long walk.

The Clinger also put on hold her natural impetuosity to cling while A Quieta was on the European trip. Lady Karen dictated that the chupeta^{ix} would not be used during the day and The Clinger abided by the rule. Upon the return of her parents, however, old habits were hard to break and she returned to clinging and making slurping noises.

Sir Ashley and Lady Megan

Sir Ashley "El Guapo", Lady Megan "A Graçiosa", and Logan "The Cheeser" continued to reside in Happy Valley, unaware of real life down the canyon.



Even in such a quiet place, there is always a little "action" and El Guapo and A

Graçiosa were suddenly expecting. Arriving on the scene after the appropriate time was McKell Rae Phillips. Upon her birth her Phillips Tale name was immediately apparent due to her extremely long and blond hair, hence she shall be known as McKell "A Blanca". With sunny disposition and cherub face, she became the center of attention at the chagrin of The Cheeser. A Blanca was entered and won the Morgan

^{viii} Don Quixote; Part II, Chapter XXXIV, page 517.

^{ix} Chupeta is "pacifier" in English; Chupete for those speaking the lesser language of Spanish.

County Fair Baby Queen of 2008 providing Lady Karen documented proof that her grandchildren are the cutest in the land. El Guapo continued saving life and limb in the Ogden City Department of Conflagration. He extended his service by performing with “Boots & Bunkers” he being “Bunker” the Clown. As Bunker he wanders the realm performing in minstrel shows for little naives and marching in the King’s Parade on July 24th. (See photographic proof of the Clown below)

Megan, “A Graçiosa”, continued *Little Learners Preschool* in Happy Valley even with the birth of A Blanca. El Guapo and Graçiosa finished off the dungeon of their Castle by taking out the torture chamber and all accessories and refurbishing it for school.

A Graçiosa hosted many a party in their castle to include the 35th Birthday of El Guapo. Peasants and family from all around brought gifts of respect. The most notable being a chicken with accompanying hen house. El Guapo immediately named the chicken “Nugget” in contemplation of a future event in the chicken’s life. Nugget showed her pleasure of receiving such a name by making a deposit, just missing El Guapo’s lap. It was a merry time for all.

Our Progenitors

We change topics now, oh single-minded reader, making the assumption that you are still awake and can understand this transition to discuss our progenitors. We start with the premise that no mothers ever think their own children ill-favored.

Lady Marian (Price) Phillips

Lady Marian, in her 90th year, continues with the penchant to see only good in all. She once again embraced change and moved from her home in Kaysville to an assisted living center in Clinton. With her departure, she was successful in selling her Castle. Lady Marian was hosted at an Open House in her honor and had many friends and family attend. The gifts, especially the picture of the Savior, will always be remembered. Still sharp as a lance’s tip, she continues to write her memoirs and “to do” lists on her “Confusador Applus”. Though Lady Marian was restricted in sight and locomotion, she continued to espouse guidance and counsel to family and friends alike.



The number of books she reads^x each year far exceeds the total of all books read by her six children.

Lady Margaret (Cragun) Jones

With the passing of Sir Leon (for death is deaf, and when it comes to knock at our life’s door, it is always urgent), Lady Margaret took over as master of the Castle in Boa Vista near Camelot. She continued as an active member of that historical organization, “Daughters of the Utah Pioneers”, Camp Ben Lomond. Her writings and records of her ancestors are voluminous. Though slower in stride, she continues to reside in her residence of over 70 years and has family visiting and assisting as needed.

The End

Awake oh reader, for the end cometh quickly... even in a few succinct phrases.

In closing, La Buena Dueña and A Pedra reflect that if the prophesied solitude exists in the “Tops of the Mountains” then we are thankful that we are here. And we have someone to turn to for counsel when in doubt, comfort when in sorrow, and relief when in distress, that is to God and his Son and so we celebrate the birth of the Son of God because without his atonement, there is nothing.

Love – Sir Wynn & Lady Karen

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^x In this epistle, “read” to Lady Marian means listen to books on tape due to her sight impairment.



Leon's Hideaway

(Completed for Leon's funeral, August 2007)

It sat outback in a shady spot, not where the
grandkids play.

Out past the shed a step or two, t'was
Grandpa's hideaway.

A peek inside was a real delight for grandkids
both young and old,

Most shied away and would just play but
some were sometimes bold.

They would take a chance and steal a glance
and see tools and boards on the bench,

They saw nails and screws and glue and
clamps and here and there a wrench.

Two inches of dust laid over all from sanding
Eagles and Crows,

And chips and slivers were everywhere from
sawing and drilling holes.

Now Leon, he loved to go to work when
Margaret was on the prowl

He'd run right out and start the lathe and
make another dowel.

Truth be known, Margaret liked the sounds
that echoed from the shop,

Cause then in the house she was free to
paint or bottle the garden crop.

But with Grandpa working in his shop for
whatever his stated reason,

Meant he was crafting things for you or me
or maybe for Christmas season.

He'd build a train or wooden car or even an
elastic gun.

A quilter's frame, a box for spice, or rocking
horse for fun.

His gifted hands and accurate eye insured a
masterpiece.

Whether duck or goose or wooden doll for
daughter or for niece.

Leon would build for any one, once Margaret
said okay.

She carefully tracked the time and costs. Of
course... she got the pay.

But over the years the real worth of
Grandpa's hideaway,

Are the memories that hang on our walls and
in our hall way.

Our thanks to him for building things like
wooden trains and stars,

And garden signs and plaques and shelves
and little toy cars.

Each handcrafted piece reflects the love and
care and tenderness,

Of Leon Jones the patriarch... a man of
gentleness.

Wynne C. Phillips

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