



The Phillips Tale

Chapter XXXVII

concerning the year 2011

The Preface –

Historically challenged and imagination restricted reader. Welcome to the continuous tale of conquests and trials of the Familia Phillips as related by the humble but often venerated Sir Wynn. Describing this, the XXXVII Chapter, he said in a moment of self-introspection, "...I perceive everything I say as absolutely true, and deficient in nothing whatever, and paint it all in my mind exactly as I want it to be."¹ Thus with the brush stroke of his imagine and using the paint bucket of his photographic memory, you can read the words that flow through this chapter... words that will stretch your finite imagination and require you to think at least once in the last fore night.

Though thou art myopic and befuddled, I attempt to bring to your attention that the year 2011 was one without precedence. National Presidential elections were to be held in the next year with two Mormons, Romney and Huntsman, among four others aspiring for the GOP nomination. In the same year there were natural disasters such as the March Tsunami in Japan reeking havoc on the coast with thousands of deaths and destruction of nuclear reactors; the May death of the evil doer Osama bin Laden, mastermind of the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Centers, and Libyan leader Omar Gadhafi dying during his country's revolution. Both deaths decreased the threat to our fine country.



Iran continued its nuclear program, thumbing its nose at the World; and the Space Shuttle flew the 135th and last U.S. mission. Two unique political actions also occurred,

The Tea Party, leaning way right and the Occupy Wall Street leading way left held protests, but the differences was striking. There were no arrests or embarrassing events during the Tea Party protests. For the Occupy Wall Street events, many protesters were evicted from public property after they devastated the areas with trash and committed social disgraces such as rape, drug use, and shootings. An interesting comparison of the social responsibility among citizens, don't you think?

As those events were ongoing, the Evil Empire's "Obamacare" lurked in the background while the U.S. economy continued depressed and forlorn with 9.5% unemployment even after being force-fed the Empire's medicine of a \$1 trillion spending stimulus. Economists equated the deficit to about \$50,000 for every man, women, and child in the U.S. Is there no hope?²

Lady Karen and Sir Wynn



Lady Karen and Sir Wynn were blessed to circumvent some of the globe during this economic and political calamity. They visited España (their second homeland), and then wandered throughout the Mediterranean and Near East. Sir Michael of Polyester and Lady Deanne Phillips were faithful companions throughout. The foursome saw old country history, every Catholic Church ever built, and biblical sites of Paul the Apostle. A

² For information on helping our Empire return to being a free country, visit Sir Thair Phillips' website at <http://retiresafe.org/>. Sir Thair is President of the non-profit Retiresafe. Approval rating of the Empire's Congress was at a historically low of 20% as this chapter was being written.

Note: Don Quixote on his horse was designed by Lady Rebecca at age 14. It first appeared in Chapter XIV of 1988 while the family was in España.

¹ Don Quixote, Volume 1, Chapter 25, pg. 157

dark and sinister theft of Sir Wynn's iPhone happened while in Greece. The dishonest nave was so quick and light-fingered that even a Knight Errant could not defend the attack.

Changing to another topic, after some 30 years of ownership of the 1959 Mercedes Benz, Lady Buena prevailed in here logic, and Sir Wynn capitulated. With a "You have won, my lovely Buena Dueña, you have won. How could anyone deny such a weight of truth?"³ A Pedra gave the car to a willing owner, they retired the old Jeep, and then bought Acuras Maximus Deficient Xcaliber (MDX) that was even more horse than Rocinante of historical fame.

Lady Karen – La Buena Dueña⁴ - Since Chapter XXXV that devil Merlin the Magician continued his curse of pain upon the back of La Buena Dueña. In defense, La Buena applied varied salves, ointments, sparking bodice belts, sups of potions and elixirs, incantations and spells and aquatic therapy. She did find one constant relief, and I quote her "...and bless the man who invented sleep, a cloak to cover over all human thought, food that drives away hunger, water that banishes thirst, fire that heats up cold, chill that moderates passion and, finally universal currency with which all things can be bought, weight and balance that brings the shepherd and the king, the fool and the wise, to the same level."⁵

But fine and fair reader of truth, we speak of another balm for pain used by La Buena. That is, obsession and pursuit of the perfect quilt. Through the year she worked alone or with gaggles of other quilt fanatics, and even traveled some distance to admire those quilters who have earned honor throughout the land. If each quilt completed could equal one less pain, La Buena Dueña we would have a painless world.

Sir Wynn "A Pedra" - With all superlatives of past chapters still applicable and adding a few more such as timeless, Omni-Techo, politically astute and data-talented, we cover the always humble, always meek, but fully deserving Sir Wynn.

A Pedra continued to grow his proverbial niche market in the security world aka "Ebizllc"⁶ and consulted from

³ Don Quixote, Volume 1, Chapter 36, pg. 251

⁴ The names in English for the language-challenged reader: A Pedra- The Rock; La Buena Dueña- The Good Dona; O Patron- The Boss; A Distraída- The Distracted; O Martelo- The Hammer; A Mãezinha- The Little mother; O Martelito- The Little Hammer; O Doce- Sweet one; O Urso Bueno- The Good Bear; A Quieta- The Quiet One; El Guapo- Mr. Cool; A Graçiosa- The Gracious; O Odinha- The Little Curly One; A Estrela- The Star; A Blanca- Whitey.

⁵ Don Quixote, Volume 2, Chapter 68, pg. 717. I leave it to the discriminating reader which of these benefits of sleep that is least desired by Sir Wynn.

⁶ Find his web site at www.jpaspros.com and also www.ebizllc-utah.com/. Sir Wynn continued membership in the National Classification Management Society (NCMS). See www.classmgmt.com.

the castle in knight's armor or bed clothing, depending on time of day or mental temperament. He was required to travel to California, New Orleans, Seattle, Boston, and Atlanta, and La Buena Dueña was his companion. There was no complaining by Sir Wynn as he succinctly affirmed once again that he shall not be the first who has risen through marriage from a lowly to a lofty station. In recognition of that state, he continued to chant the mantra started in the Chapter XXVII (one must find past Chapters to read the exactness of the chant)⁷.

As an LDS Stake Executioner Secretary, A Pedra happily honored the continually required, ever-changing, sometimes not-understood requests of the most remarkable Knights-errant Sir K. Brent Keller, Sir Jay Ward and Sir Darcy Wride. The dawn to dark scheduling, calendaring, and coordinating, exacted time and talent, making Sir Wynn's brain so dry he almost lost his wit. However, observing the unselfish and inspired work of the fine Knights he serves, A Pedra recalled the saying "He preaches well who lives well" and these ecclesiastical leaders lived well!!

Sir Scot and Lady Amanda of Ethington⁸

We joyously announce that this chapter is different than past described misadventures for the Família Ethington. There

were no significant health issues, sprains, broken bones, or large cuts to recount. This was

even more remarkable because they spent many hours at water resorts, sports fields, and beaches and even visited the Grand Canyon.

Scot "O Patrón" resigned as Union Chairman⁹, after having served faithfully for a long time He accepted assignments in Colorado for a while to increase income and took advantage of the location by fishing. O Patrón lost a few perks because of the change, but made them up by self-improvement. He started bench-pressing weights and achieved some personal lifting goals while the pounds dropped off.

⁷ Oh historically challenged and ungrateful reader! Have you discarded or misplaced those past Phillips Tale Chapters? They may be reviewed in the Epistle located in the Castle in Boa Vista.

⁸ The Família Ethington comprised of Sir Scot "O Patrón"; Lady Amanda "A Distraída"; Sir Thomas "O Odinha"; Lady Josie "A Estrela"; and Ely "the Energetic".

⁹ Railroad Union Local BLET 374



Pressing forward (no pun intended) and with lots of sustained encouragement of A Distraída, he finished the castle's ten-year deck project. In a continued burst of energy not witnessed before, he also finished the laundry room, bringing tears to A Distraída's eyes. True "relief" (pun intended) will be when the basement bathroom is completed.

Amanda "A Distraída", ventured into a new realm of "work day" and had to focus her distracted attentions because she accepted a position of "Ayudante del Maestro" for Spanish Immersion and for the Gifted and Talented program at Sandy Springs Elementary. At times her "Español" would mix with her "Portugués" causing a "Callarse!"¹⁰ to be a "Ficar Quietol!" and nobody understood. As an after-school-hours distraction, A Distraída taught 13 students to play the piano.

Sir Thomas "O Odinha" turned 16 in this infamous year. He graduated from foot-only travel to taking the reigns of the Volks-Wagonus. Only, of course, after meeting the rules of the house and earning his Escoteiros Eagle rank.

O Odinha divided his time between Flogging¹¹ in the summer and board sliding in the winter. In flogging he and his Syracuse High School team jousted on the Nat'l High School Golf Invitational field in Arizona having earned that honor by winning 1st in Region. Individually, Sir Thomas was invited to be on the All Region Team. To improve his social graces and to make him more presentable to the opposite sex, he plays the piano.

Lady Josie "A Estrela" pushing 16, remained remarkable healthy through the year. Her "check me out" persona reached to a new level of expectation as she qualified for a driver's permit. Overcoming her usual litany of bruises and sprains, her JHS Volleyball team took 2nd in Region Competition. If one cannot see her in person, she is always available digitally or on Facebook.

Ely "the Energetic" had a magical, year as he turned eight and was baptized by O Odinha on the same day as O Odinha earned his Eagle rank. The Energetic enrolled in Escoteiros Filhotes, and pursued other normal activities of such young naves. One interesting characteristic of The Energetic...he tended

O uncomprehending reader. May the truth of this chapter penetrate your inherited fogginess like rays of light before dawn and may you fly to the light like a moth to flame.

Nodding reader (and you know you are), quickly imbibe a mug of invigorating liquid of your choice and return refreshed to continue reading this saga.

¹⁰ Caller-se or "Be Quiet". The more descriptive translation is "Shut-up".

¹¹ Flogging – A sport wherein with sticks and balls, contestants drive into small holes, counting strokes only when the opponent is looking. The original name was later changed to "Golfing" because of bad press.

to fall, roll, slide, trip, or crash wherever he might be. This phenomenon was to such an extent that remaining upright was abnormal. Whenever he was in an upright position for an extended period, those with him would check to see if he had been injured.

Sir Tab and Lady Becky Jorgensen¹²

The Família Jorgensen started the year in the dungeon of Castelo de Boa Vista while adjusting to potholes in the road of life. In June a new castle was purchased in Kaysville that also had a duplex-cottage and so the Família departed. Grandkids were sad to go because of the special treatment they received by Sir Wynn and Lady Karen.

For those "aficionados" of past chapters, you will recall that home schooling was an integral part of the Família Jorgensen. Since different philosophies existed among families, while at the Castelo de Boa Vista all followed the admonition, "... if the rice is already boiling, don't stir it up, even if it's getting sticky."¹³ Upon moving to the Hamlet of Kaysville and with public school starting, a transition was made where the lads and lasses started attending some public school classes.

It happened in this XXXVII Chapter that Mother Nature brought a 100-year phenomenon by way of a 100 plus mile-per-hour storm that struck Kaysville. During the blow with roofs flapping, trees falling, and shingles

disappearing, Sir Tab and Lady Becky ran into the backyard to secure Lady Becky's Sewing Shack (see below). While holding the roof, the 10'x12' tool shed roof flew into the air and landed on top of the two, miraculously causing only bumps and bruises to Tab and Becky.

Sir Tab "O Martelo" had his crusade cut out for him as he worked on all needed renovations of the Castelo de Kaysville. The way he juggled his general contracting business



¹² Família Jorgensen comprised of Sir Tab "O Martelo"; Lady Rebecca, "A Mãezinha"; Jerika "O Doce"; Jarom "O Martelito"; Ammon "the Amiable"; and Eliza "the Eloquent".

¹³ Don Quixote, Volume 2, Chapter 37, pg. 558

of remodeling and roofing castles and cabinet building he could be the Round Table's court jester. On occasion he drafted up new plans for other Castelos. As chief over his hamlet's 40 Escoteiros Filhotes¹⁴ he prays he is never left alone with the pack of naves.

Lady Rebecca, "A Mãezinha" approached the renovation of the Castelo de Kaysville, but from a different doorway. As O Martelo worked on bedrooms, A Mãezinha transformed an outside cold storage shed into the "Sewing Shack" for quilting. Besides quilting for others, she did her own quilting, maintained her re-launched website, and hosted quilting and sewing workshops. If that wasn't enough, she designed and sold patterns for quilts and dolls. All this on-line creativity got a request to attend the Creative Connection and Blogger convention at St. Paul, MN. She served as a panelist at a session about growing your blogging community online. She was in her element on this one. Staying connected around home, A Mãezinha attends two local quilt groups and one friend's sewing group while serving as Girl Scout Troop Leader for Brownies (troop of Eliza "the Eloquent").

Jerika "O Doce" continued as a quiet but determined lass who distinguished herself by earning her Girl Scout Bronze Award and advanced to the rank of Senior Girl Scout. To merit the award, she and her troop made and served dinner, played games and organized crafts for homeless lads and lassies. Playing on a Wasatch competitive soccer team, she has moved to a more defensive position that she really enjoys. Her swift running and tactical skills are of great service to her team whether in that position or at times at mid-field.

Jarom "O Martelito" with hammer and tong continued designing and building skateboarding ramps and rails. As an 11-year-old he entered Escoteiros, joining up with his great neighborhood friends. His persuasive skills were evident when he convinced Ammon the Amiable to help in purchasing an Xbox 360. With the Castelo in Kaysville renovation at full tilt, both naves earned money digging out new window wells. Christmas morning found their wish come true with a new Xbox, so they spent their hard dug money on games. For fun, O Martelito jogs from Castelo to Castelo as he trains to run one mile as a personal goal.

Ammon "the Amiable" joined the Escoteiros Filhotes with gusto and was achieving all awards in sight. Although the Amiable is younger, he exceeded the height of O Martelito but does not hold that as an advantage. He does, however, insist that he will finish his thought and sentence in any discussion.

Eliza "the Eloquent" greatly enjoyed being at Castelo de Boa Vista and was sad to leave. However, after starting public school part time, she enjoyed it so much,

¹⁴ Escoteiros Filotes – Cub Scouts.

she talked Lady Becky into letting her go full time. To make a good year great, she was baptized by Sir Tab in November and loved being older with the privileges associated thereto (such as having her ears pierced). She has never met a stranger, is a Brownie Girl Scout, and loves the bling-bling of rings, necklaces, painted fingernails, and high heels.

Sir Aaron and Lady Wendy Phillips¹⁵

A Família Phillips renovated their Castelo de Syracuse by adding new windows, a roof (due to the same wind storm recounted in the Família Jorgensen section) and built an office for O Urso Bueno out of a storage room.

Sir Aaron "O Urso Bueno" continued to work for the Duke of Utah in matters of money. He added to his list of knightly badges, the title of "CISA" and was able to officially audit confusadors. To steel himself for life's battles, O Urso Bueno



acquired a squire to assist him in physical exercise. The subsequent lamentations that flowed from Sir Aaron's mouth were exactly portrayed in the following verse.

The lion's roar, the fierce wolf's savage howl,
 The horrid hissing of the scaly snake,
 The awesome cries of monsters yet unnamed,
 The crow's ill-boding croak,
 The hollow moan of wild winds wrestling with the
 restless sea,
 The wrathful bellow of the vanquished bull,
 The plaintive sobbing of the widowed dove,
 The envied owl's sad note, the wail of woe
 That rises from the dreary choir of Hell,
 Commingled in one sound, confusing sense,
 Let all these come to aid my body's complaint,
 For pain like mine demands new modes of song.¹⁶

Lady Wendy "A Quieta" continued swift of foot in marathons while slowly guiding her children down the right path. In support of the increase of passengers, a

¹⁵ The Família Phillips comprised of Sir Aaron, "O Urso Bueno" (did one note that the word Urso is in Portuguese and the word Bueno is in Spanish?); Lady Wendy "A Quieta"; Kailey "the Busy"; Alec Wynn "The Namesake"; Chloe "The Clinger", and now Ellie "The Teaser"

¹⁶ Don Quixote, Chapter XIV, poem, "The Lay of Chryostom", 2nd Verse.

new wagon with automatic side doors, luxury seats, and a loud radio system to offset internal noise was purchased. She used the wagon to transport all of the children hither and yon.

Kailey “the Busy”, the most accident prone child in this family (even giving the Família Ethington a run for their money) dislocated a finger at school but was not dissuaded from continuing her soccer career. She ran the field like a pro. For a little more reserved activity, she sang in the school choir, attended by Sir Wynn & Lady Karen.

Alec “The Namesake” continued to excel in speech and studies, being noted by his professor as the most improved student in her class. His ability to recount stories was amazing. He played soccer as a way to burn off excess energy after a good day at school.

Chloe “The Clinger” slowly readjusted her hold on others and started pre-school. Although she continued to cling at home, she flit about at school like a butterfly, and daily scheduled her own times and places for a “play date” with friends.

Ellie “The Teaser” moved into that period of life known in the Kingdom as the “terrible twos”. Using your own imagination you may divine the acts she perpetrated upon adult and child alike. You may divine, but not match reality. Weathering the storm and watching for the silver lining was all the family could do.

Sir Ashley and Lady Megan¹⁷

The Família Phillips residing in Happy Valley continued enjoying the life only found in the Land of La La.

Sir Ashley “El Guapo” continued saving life and limb in the Ogden Department of Conflagration. On two occasions El Guapo and a trusty sidekick succored those in need. On one occasion, El Guapo and his fellow



Knight of the Conflagration discovered and removed an unconscious lady from a wagon stalled on a railroad track. On a later date, again El Guapo and his fellow

assistant saw a burning 4-floor Castle in the dead of night in Lago Salgado and roused many a family prior to the arrival of additional assistance. He and partner

received high honors from the Lago Salgado Department of Conflagration for this act of humanity.

Megan, “A Graçiosa”, continued *Little Learners Pre-School* in Happy Valley. She, like other extended family members, was involved with Escoteiros Filhotes, training those naves to be Knights. A Graçiosa has been awarded her Master Waggoner License for the hours spent escorting children from soccer practices to dancing school to church to Castle. She planted and prizes a fair vegetable garden at the back of the Castle from which she harvested delicacies that were rendered into banquets idolized by O Guapo.

Logan “The Cheeser” still with a gentle smile on his face from the last chapter turned eight and was baptized into the church by his father. He also entered the 2nd grade and absorbs knowledge like a sponge. His acumen with math insures no overcharging at the local market.

Mckell “A Blanca” continued to claim the Castle and its furnishings as her own, directing orders here and there with the expectation of immediate obedience. Verbal lashings were common to those who dared to resist. To better direct A Blanca’s talents, A Graçiosa enrolled her in a dance studio, hoping that she would pirouette instead of order. Drawing was another implemented diversion, which works well other than providing one more cleanup that she can direct.

Our Progenitors

Lady Margaret of Jones celebrated her 90th year on this spinning globe by an Open House for family and friends.

More than 150 attended to say thanks for her many years of service to family, friends, church, and community. She remains in her residence of over 73



years, still venturing forth for the occasional short trip to the market and church. She stays alert and active with an ever-watching eye on her posterity. Lady Margaret continues as the oldest active member in the “Daughters of the Utah Pioneers” in her camp.

The End

Forbearing and bewildered reader, you have once again finished this annual pilgrimage through the always entertaining and ever enlightening events of the Phillips

¹⁷ The Família Phillips composed of Sir Ashley “El Guapo”; Lady Megan “A Graçiosa”; Logan “The Cheeser”; and McKell “A Blanca”

Tale. The writer waits in expectation of criticism, knowing "that wherever virtue exists in an eminent degree it is persecuted."

Lady Karen and Sir Wynn wish you "good crops" in the coming year and hope that this story has helped. As succinctly described by Sancho Panza, "For land that's



dry and unfruitful will give you good crops, if you put on enough manure..."¹⁸

And finally, we give you our testimonies of the Gospel on earth and of a Prophet

who reflects God's will to man. We thank God for our faith, family, and freedom.

Sir Wynn & Lady Karen

¹⁸ Don Quixote, Volume 2, Chapter 12, pg. 418 – the full quote: "For land that's dry and unfruitful will give you good crops, if you put on enough manure...I mean, your grace's words have been like manure spread on the barren ground of my dry and uncultivated mind."

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Icicles to Tears

He looked as if his icicle heart
Had frozen both spirit and limb.
His countenance was so hard and cold
His face was dark and grim.

But then, a small warm ray of love
Started from within.
T'was melting both his soul and mind
Because he let the Christ child in.

The redeeming warmth began the thaw
Dissolving cold and fears.
Warmth melting through his icicle heart
And behold...the flowing tears!

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