

# The Phillips Tale

## Chapter XXXIX

concerning the year 2013

### The Preface –

O ye of little faith and less patience. Arriving for the enjoyment of your sporadically coherent intellect is this, the XXXIX of the never-ending tale of the trials and tribulations of the Familia Phillips. Its arrival is timed so you are rid of the holiday stupor and able to apply your diminished intellect to understanding these high and lofty adventures. Once again certain annotations and quotations have been inserted to embellish but not distort the truth of each life venture. One eternal truth is, *“Never engage in a dispute about families, at least in the way of comparing them one with another; for necessarily one of those compared will be better than the other, and thou wilt be hated by the one thou hast disparaged, and get nothing in any shape from the one thou hast exalted.”*<sup>1</sup> With that thought well in mind, and having each word being “La Bueña Dueña” approved, we continue.

### All-Family Events – A New Section

While creating this masterful chapter and working towards the lofty goal of decreasing the page count, the writer realized that as a complete family we often gathered together since all lived close to Camelot. So, in fear of expanding rather than contracting this epistle this section will touch on those all-attending events with hopefully minimal verbiage.

#### To the Cabins

For some 23 years, all families have traveled to various cabins for a week of fun, cabins either offered by good and faithful friends in mountains or by lakes or rented by good and faithful A Pedra. These memorable times allowed cousins to play with cousins and siblings with siblings and grand parents with grandchildren. During this memorable year the occasion was at Bear Lake where magic happens and grandchildren grudgingly depart the week’s events with dreams of the next year’s trip.

#### The Uintah Trip

El Guapo, based on his grand memories of a years-ago family hike, resurrected the idea to go into the wilderness again. Not wanting to dissuade him from his delusions, eight

followed him.<sup>2</sup> All were outfitted with the best electronics known to a knight-errant, the most advanced materials one could wear, dehydrated food, and other items including kitchen sinks strapped on backs. The claimed “1½ mile stroll” through sun-brightened flowered meadows and around sparkling ponds as described by El Guapo ended up to be a 7 mile circle back to the starting point. This “misjudgment” came about because of a number of errors including accepting the word of an unknown person at the starting point, using a new but untested GPS tool (obviously cursed by Merlin the Magician), and reviewing on-line maps that were last used by the Spanish Conquistadores. Departing again from the start, they finally staggered into the planned site with whimpering children, moaning adults and broken



backs. The hikers were additionally offended by catching only 3 fish in the three-day trip. All voice a desire to do it again in the next chapter.

#### The Christmas Party

As an annual tradition, La Gran Familia Phillips holds a night of games followed with a sleep over at O Castelo in Camelot at Christmas time. Some of the traditional activities are games at the local church house, watching classic movies such as Nacho Libre and Napoleon Dynamite and eating. Although the true saying is, *“Dine sparingly and sup more sparingly still; for the health of the whole body is forged in the workshop of the stomach”*<sup>3</sup> most of the family dined, supped, gorged, and guzzled to where a forging-fire was roaring in the workshop and health was actually driven from the body.

#### Being Real Salt Lake Soccer Fans

Resulting from the initial purchase of season tickets by El Guapo, the evolution of attendance to RSL games by various members of the Familia Phillips resulted in four season tickets shared among A Pedra, O Urso, and El Guapo and families. Ultimately El Guapo and family became fanatic, attending all RSL extra curricular events and even designing their own

<sup>1</sup> Chapter XX, Don Quixote, The Ingenious Gentleman of La Mancha

<sup>2</sup> Those on the hike were Wynn, Aaron, Kailey, Alec, Ashley, Logan, Scot, Thomas, Ely, and Odin the dog.

<sup>3</sup> Chapter XLIII, Don Quixote, The Ingenious Gentleman of La Mancha

soccer jersey with hopes of marketing it to the RSL association.

## Lady Karen and Sir Wynn

Lady Karen and Sir Wynn, never relinquishing their desire to return to the Azores where the Phillips Tale originated 39 years ago, did so in this chapter.<sup>4</sup> The homecoming was as wondrous as could be. Between golfing, bulls running in the streets, parades, eating, and re-visiting their once-upon-a-time castle, they both fulfilled a lifetime goal. The local LDS Branch made them so welcome that tears fell as they departed with their dream completed. With a continuing trip to the Land of Portugal, golfing and eating and castles were about all they can remember.



### Lady Karen – La Bueña Dueña-

The curse of the bad back continued in La Bueña Dueña's life, having started in Chapter XXXV, some four years ago. Sudden pain is soon over, but this long-term pain kept her uneasy and a few times ill disposed. At times, she was not able to entertain charitable thoughts causing Sir Wynn to ask, "Am I to mark this day with a white stone or a black?" However, most often her ability to overcome the pain made her overly charitable to her fifteen grandchildren. The term "overly charitable" allows us to segue to Sir Wynn who had to work hard to support La Bueña Dueña's overly charitable spirit.

### Sir Wynn "A Pedra"

A Pedra continued in his entrepreneurial efforts, at times thinking a dash on Rocinante to the kingdom of Idaho in search of the winning lottery ticket might be a better investment. He continued as LDS Stake Executioner Secretary having mastered the scheduling routine of call, cancel, call, cancel, cancel the call, and then remake the cancelled call. He at times was able to also overcome Merlin's blocked-call curse. His love for modern technology was demonstrated by his inventory of electronics that included a MacAir, iPhone5s, iPadAir, Pebble watch, Blue Ant wireless, noise-cancelling headphones, Apple Time Capsule, Dropbox, hearing aids, house-alarm system, and multiple websites. Other knights-errant just sat on their steeds, lance and shield in hand, and marveled.

## Família Ethington

They say, that "*a stout heart breaks bad luck and the hare jumps up where it's not looked for.*"<sup>5</sup> This describes the Família Ethington in this chapter.

### Scot "O Patrón"

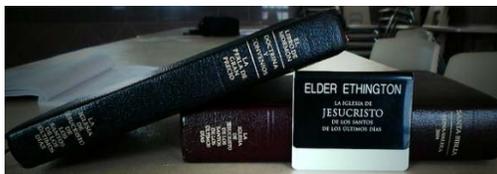
"O Patrón continued with his always on-call responsibilities with the Union Pacific running here and there on the fast-track but always returning when needed. His penchant for exercise provided the stout heart noted above which at times broke bad luck but also strained backs or knees.

### Amanda "A Distraída",

While continuing instruction of SEM (Seeking Easy Money) students at a local elementary she still taught piano in the Castle, while serving as the designated wagon driver for volleyball, basketball, swimming, and Parkour. Her exuberance in assisting in the new entrepreneurial enterprise with siblings showed a talent for the theater that others never saw.

### Sir Thomas "O Odinha"

O Odinha continued the lesson of the last chapter that is "Attach thyself to the good, and thou wilt be one of them"<sup>6</sup>. He graduated from high school "Always Com Late" and immediately complete preparations to serve an ecclesiastical mission. Opening his long awaited envelope from the Prophet he announced a call to the Chile Viña del Mar Mission.



Having learned some passable Spanish in the MTC, he still shocked instructors repeating Spanish words taught him by his rail-roading father. Right off Elder

Odinha performed praiseworthy labors in Chili and in a short time helped a family to better their life.

### Lady Josie "A Estrela"

A Estrela continued her precarious adventurers with hares jumping up where they were not looked for causing havoc. That she lived to be a junior at Syracuse High School is in itself wonderment. Just in the period of this chapter she injured a wrist, twisted a knee and was in a wagon accident that strained neck and body. Due to such damage, she gave up volleyball and now works in the Madbrooks doughnut factory after school hours. And we must speak of love, for she looked through spectacles that made copper seem gold, poverty wealth, and plain rocks, pearls, but the mono-vision spectacles ended up broke.

<sup>4</sup> For those with masochistic tendencies, all prior 38 chapters of the Phillips Tale are available for your review, should you care to peruse them

<sup>5</sup> Chapter X, Don Quixote, The Ingenious Gentleman of La Mancha

<sup>6</sup> Part II, Chapter XXXII, page 501. Don Quixote, The Ingenious Gentleman of La Mancha

### **Ely “The Energetic”**

The Energetic continued to be quiet but intense in the things he did. He was of such outstanding flexibility that body damage, as affecting A Estrela, never happened. Having practiced bouncing off walls and pirouetting over tables and chairs, at home and anywhere, he won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the local Parkour competition. As a typical 5<sup>th</sup> grader, he lives for Xbox, Minecraft, and fun with friends

### **Família Jorgensen**

La Família Jorgensen continued on their crusade of remodeling their Castle in Kaysville that was started in Chapter XXXVII. They had completed the most important area, the outside cold storage shed that became the “Quilting Cottage”. It has made the front picture on a number of web sites. Then slowly other, lessor priority work was done such as: the master bedroom moved from floor mattress to four-poster bed; four to a bed room moved to two in two bend rooms; and the kitchen returned to be a place to cook. Finally the basement family room could also hold a family. Ah, home sweet Castle.

### **Sir Tab “O Martelo”**

With the heartedly won license of “General Contractor”, O Martelo pounded away on various jobs and drafted homes to where he almost got out of “honey do” lists (other than remodeling). Wallyball and other sporting events started to creep into his time, however, keeping O Martelo running but happy and A Mãezinha restarting his lists.

### **Lady Rebecca, “A Mãezinha”**

A Mãezinha with her creative mind continued her on-line blogs and received some national attention in various publications and websites. She traveled to far off Houston for a Quilt Show and “networking” (earlier in history known as gossiping). One only has to ask to see examples and copies of her publications and blogs and the hour is soon gone.

### **Jerika “O Doce”**

O Doce continued in her soccer sports skill but dedicated more time to golfing. A semi-pro lady golfer who saw skills and a teachable spirit in “O Doce” voluntarily tutored her through the year. O Doce is excited to be playing on her high school golf team next year. Meanwhile, finding the freedom of driving O Doce scampered unhindered about the kingdom. Local naves often invited her to the royal balls hosted at the school, invitations she never declined.

### **Jarom “O Martelito”**

O Martelito, although still skilled in all tools known to man, changed his present interests to that sport long loved by the tallest in the kingdom... basketball. Although still small in stature (expectations are that he will increase in height any day now) his skill at hitting the 3-pointer and other long-range shots amazed all and kept him in the line-up. To update

you on a goal he set last year, running a mile in seven minutes was achieved!

### **Ammon “the Amiable”**

The Amiable was coming becoming a double-threat in basketball. On his school team, in one game he had 4 assists and 2 baskets. Assists at this age are not common. The Amiable is looking forward to his 12<sup>th</sup> birthday in the near future. He is taking a theater class at school and now is able to show different feelings like “the tantrum”. Some remember that he used to do the tantrum really well.

### **Eliza “The Eloquente”**

The Eloquente still loved her bling-bling but added interest in sewing and quilting to her skills. The chair pillow used by “A Pedra” while typing masterpieces such as this one, was one of her better creations. Her enjoyment in school and socializing kept her happy. She also kept practicing the piano, serenading in the home, neighborhood, family and friends.

### **Família Phillips de Aaron**

O Castelo belonging to a Família Phillips de Aaron rocked on its foundation at any given time. What with five children and two dogs there was either a race being run, a fight being fought, a nip from a dog or a meal to be eaten.

### **Sir Aaron “O Urso Bueno”**

O Urso Bueno was always in search of a resting place due to work requirements in Auditing and in handling his own business, Saige LLC. Resting places included hunting, serving in the Elder's Quorum presidency, indoor coed-soccer, traveling for work, and coaching multiple youth soccer teams.

### **Lady Wendy “A Quieta”**

A Quieta is a person who quietly overachieves. In June she ran the famous Ragnar Overnight Relay in Utah. The thrill of a long night run in the mountains inspired her to sign up for the Ogden Marathon. O Urso believes she runs to get away from him and the children, but when the question is put to her, she just smiles and jogs on knowing she has found her “resting place”.

### **Kailey “the Busy”,**

“The Busy” amazed all by not breaking one bone during this years events. However, the achievement was tarnished somewhat by sustaining a concussion from a bike fall, slowing her down and removing her as goalie for her soccer team. To be busy at something is a virtuous damsel's holiday so she is trying her hand at playing the violin while attending 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **Alec “The Namesake”**

The Namesake continues into the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade with the exuberance of youth. He follows his father in love of playing soccer and exalts when he gets new soccer shoes. As the only nave with four sisters he enjoys teasing though he can be vanquished when all gang up on him.

### **Chloe “The Clinger”**

The Clinger, somewhat straying away from that tendency, has found 1<sup>st</sup> grade reading as a great pastime. Consistent with her ways, she makes sure her homework is done and reading completed each night. After studies, she loves playing soccer since her father is the coach.

### **Ellie “The Teaser”**

The Teaser, not quite school age, remains at home while the older siblings run off to learn. But she doesn't just sit around. She helps A Quieta with some of the chores, spends time on the iPad or visits homes of friends.

### **Sadie “The Lady”**

Sadie “The Lady” might also be called “house mother” for where she is, she rules. Though having few words at present, squealing, pointing, and whining gets all to obey. Her unfettered curiosity drives all crazy; as she tries things no other child has done, such as biting the garbage can.

### **Família Phillips de Ashley**

The Família Phillips de Ashley continued residing in Happy Valley<sup>7</sup> across the mountains and in the valley. With a flagpole in front to represent country and patriotism, and three chickens running around it back, it was a refuge to all.

### **Sir Ashley “El Guapo”**

El Guapo continued for his second year as the Chair for the Association of Conflagrators. This, of course, was in addition to saving lives and limbs as a Paramedic. After arm wrestling lawyers, CPAs, and fellow members, El Guapo brought forth new Organizational Bylaws that allowed his organization to move into the twenty-first century. The three chickens mentioned earlier moved on after their lives were threatened. For off-duty enjoyment he continued playing indoor soccer resulting in a broken foot. With the self-diagnosis of broken foot, he thought of calling himself on 911.

### **Megan, “A Graçiosa”**

A Graçiosa, though a mother first, ventured into foot zoning with her company called Sole Energy. With learned skills she works on reflex points in the foot that corrects and renews the body at cellular level. She adds her extensive knowledge of oils and natural remedies, and corrects most problems (all attempts have been unsuccessful with El Guapo, however). Doing business outside her normal responsibilities as a mother, gives her about 15 minutes every week for zoning. Feel free to call for an appointment.

### **Logan “The Cheeser”**

The Cheeser is excelling in school. His swift ability to calculate the cost of soccer equipment showed his math skills. Playing community competitive soccer, he is sometimes goalie but also is able to use either foot to shoot when on the pitch.

He also swings a mean golf club. In a hotly contested game he gave both El Guapo and A Pedra a run for their money. As an Escoteiros Filhotes he went to Camp Keisel, starting a career towards Eagle.

### **Mckell “A Blanca”**

A Blanca is the star of the show and a princess in her and here mother's mind. At the drop of a word, she will burst into dance and song, especially if a camera is present. With her thoughts that preschool is a prep school for the stage and stardom, she joyfully anticipates each class. Her excellent drawing skills were starting to build a reputation, with creations appearing on family refrigerator doors.

### **Cohen “El Guapiño”**

El Guapiño seems to be the happiest lad in the castle, although he is taking his time in walking. This, however, has not restricted his ability to go places nor his capability to scout out remote control devices or smart phones. Though provided with his own “iPad” he immediately recognized the inoperable difference and will not play with it but searches out the real devices on which he can order things on-line, turn devices on and off, and in general cause mayhem for those trying to watch a movie.

### **Our Progenitors**

#### **Lady Margaret of Jones**

Lady Margaret continues happily residing in the basement apartment of the home of Sir Gary and Lady Marilyn of Thornley. She is in her 92<sup>nd</sup> year of life and continues to be a resource of knowledge and wisdom and a great example to children, grandchildren and great-grand children.

### **The End**

If you, fine reader, have arrived at this point in our Tale you have either imbibed of stimulating drink or your brain stayed alert trying to decipher words you do not understand. May you look more to that future glory that is everlasting in the ethereal regions of heaven than to the vanity of the fame that is to be acquired in this present transitory life.

We thank you for your diligence in completing the reading of Chapter XXXIX of the Phillips Family Tale.

*Sir Wynn & Lady Karen*

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<sup>7</sup> Morgan, Utah



**At Bear Lake 2013**



**The Boys at NCMS – Chicago, 2013**



**Wynn & Karen in Lisbon, Portugal 2013**



**Michael, Wynn, Diane, Thair, Kim, Leesa**



**Wynn at Founder's Day Parade, 2013**

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