



# The Phillips Tale

## Chapter XXXX

concerning the year 2014

### The Preface –

May I take a moment of your time, ye who are as inconsiderate as ye are hasty, to entreat you to fully read the wonderful truth that resides in this written work. I will try to come to wisdom in my words without beating about the bush or adding scraps and additions.

I tempt you with this first pearl of wisdom, children are portions of their parents' bowels, and therefore, be they good or bad, are to be loved as we love the souls that give us life; it is for the parents to guide them from infancy in the ways of virtue, propriety, and worthy Christian conduct, so that when grown up they may be the staff of their parents' old age, and the glory of their posterity.<sup>1</sup>

May ye of long tooth and weak eyesight perceive the truth extolled in the above phrase “*staff of their parents' old age*” and know that such support from their children is the goal of Sir Wynn and Lady Karen.

### All-Family Events

As an entire family we much grieved at loss of two Knights-errant who have blessed us with their good deeds, their great wisdom, their non-judgmental love, their unselfish service, and their friendship.

Michael Ray Phillips, oldest sibling of Sir Wynn and four other siblings suddenly passed away from a heart attack.<sup>2</sup> Sir Michael of Polyester<sup>3</sup> was the mortar of the Phillips family. He was a genealogical wizard, knowing all family stories and vignettes. He could rattle off dates and associations that even Sir Google did not grasp. He served in the Eastern States Mission. He was student body president at Weber State College his graduating year. Professionally he retired as a Utah Juvenile Court Deputy Administrator. He and his wife Lady Deanne are parents of five children. His tireless and unselfish service to friends and extended family were done both publicly and privately. We miss him.

Allen Franklin Price, uncle and hero to Sir Wynn and his extended family was one-of-a-kind. He joined the Navy while in high school and served in the Pacific Theater during all of

<sup>1</sup> CHAPTER XVI, Don Quixote, The Ingenious Gentleman of La Mancha

<sup>2</sup> Michael's obituary is found at <http://www.standard.net/Obituaries/2014/07/17/Michael-Ray-Phillips>

<sup>3</sup> Named in Chapter XII (1987) because of the distinctive leg coverings he refused to discard

WWII. On Dec 7, 1941 he was on the destroyer USS Selfridge at Pearl Harbor. His war experiences can be found on the Phillip's Website.<sup>4</sup> Sir Allen was unselfish to a fault, he was honorable in all that he did, he was truthful in what he said, and he was tenacious in living what he believed. He continuously sought knowledge. All enjoyed his suit, tie, and sandals for his Sunday best and his one-piece jump suit for any other occasion. His wit was never-ending; his ceaseless puns were “priceless”. We will also miss him.

### To the Cabin - XXIV

In this fine year we again vacationed in a cabin for the 24th year in a row. Our six-day celebration at Bear Lake was very restful, for cares have very little sway over us while we are eating and drinking. Pictures accompanying this epistle were taken during this event.

### The Uintah Trip III

El Guapo once again started his insistent whining about once more venturing to the Uintah Mountains for the third time. (Read the first venture titled “*The Henry Fork Ascent*” of these knights on the Phillip's Website.) We strove by all the means in our power to divert him from such an unlucky scheme; but it was all preaching in the desert and hammering cold iron. So we once more sallied into the mountains for the 1½-mile “stroll” through sun-brightened flowered meadows and around sparkling ponds to Wall Lake. After 3 days of frolicking over trails and meadows, fishing (only O Patrón claimed success) and eating and sleeping, the following safely returned: A Pedra, El Guapo, The Cheeser, O Patrón, The Energetic, O Martelíto, and The Amiable. Not inferring (oh questioning reader) that some did not safely return!

### Lady Karen and Sir Wynn

Lady Karen and Sir Wynn continued in their travels during this year, ventures not as exotic as prior years, but still invigorating. Not to burden you with particulars, they wandered to California for golf with family, went to Arizona to meet friends and golf, flew to Washington D.C. for business, and cruised the Caribbean with friends. In fear of eliciting envy and coveting which is a sin, the excellent times will not be described.

### Lady Karen – La Bueña Dueña-

La Bueña Dueña continued to deflect the painful jabs to her back caused by that witchcraft-working rabble, Merlin the

<sup>4</sup> Link is <http://phillips-family.ws/index.html>

Magician. She often applied all manner of ointments, incantations, and manipulations and even shots to render the pain ineffective. In attempting all possibilities, the ancient Chinese treatment of acupuncture appears to have helped.

Even through these trials, La Bueña Dueña, raised her spirits through quilt making, producing them in large quantities. For the fifth consecutive year she placed a quilt in the Utah HMQS Quilt Show.

### **Sir Wynn “A Pedra”**

Sir Wynn, wanting to help La Bueña Dueña, offered these words, "If your sorrows, afflicted lady, can indulge in any hope of relief from the velour or might of any knight-errant, here are mine, which, feeble and limited though they be, shall be entirely devoted to diminishing your pain. La Bueña Dueña, after hearing this drivel, requested A Pedra depart on an extended quest.

To remain out of La Bueña Dueña's reach, A Pedra continued his entrepreneurial efforts with some aspects of the business now involving their four children. Sir Wynn felt that if he had but two fingers' breadth of good fortune, the business will be successful. See the business web site here.<sup>5</sup>

A Pedra continued as LDS Stake Executioner Secretary only occasionally having members sustained before they were called, rarely organizing meetings with senior church officials that were not scheduled, and occasionally creating chaos out of order. In rectitude, he went so far as to forgive the insults that had been offered him, whether they were flung by high or low, rich or poor, noble or commoner.

O ye of slow eyes and heavy lids. I beseech you to extend yourself beyond your limited capabilities and for once complete something. Press forward reading about the lives of the children and judge for yourself if they have not been taught in ways of virtue, propriety, and worthy Christian conduct.

### **Família Ethington**

The Família Ethington was able to renovate the interior of their castle, making the main floor more spacious and open allowing for larger gatherings of knights and ladies, which gatherings they enjoyed hosting.

#### **Scot “O Patrón”**

O Patrón ventured forth in this year to gain strength to fight off the rascally affects by Merlin the Magician on knees and back. His constant monitoring of low carbohydrates and exercise has paid great dividends. In sweaty attire he has benched 500lbs, deadlifted 600lbs, squatted 600lbs and leg-pressed 1,500lbs. With all of that, he still struggles with the weight of honey-does around the house.

Professionally, by engineering for the Union Pacific Railroad he keeps the wolf from the door, the castle warm, low-carb food on the table, school costs paid, and Elder Odinha on his mission.

### **Amanda “A Distraída”,**

A Distraída, while continuing instruction of the “Gifted & Talented “students at a local elementary taught them with words of weight and substance while she also worked on her own weight and sustenance at the local gym.

Her exuberance in assisting in the new entrepreneurial enterprise with Sir Wynn and the siblings paid off as she created on-line training that showed a talent that others never perceived.

### **Sir Thomas “O Odinha”**

Elder “O Odinha” knights-errant in the land of Chile continued his unselfish service as missionary, trainer, then as a Zone leader. Though having only 3 companions in his 15 months of his ways and wanderings, he has seen fruits of his labors in baptizing families.

### **Lady Josie “A Estrela”**

A Estrela continued in her singular pursuit of life and graduated early from high school. Having succumbed to sports injuries, she was not able to continue in volleyball so with additional time on her hands, she earned her CNA certificate, being awarded a position at Fairfield Village. She also worked part-time at a Chinese restaurant as a mono-language waitress, using gestures to communicate with the cooks.

A Estrela did experience a frightful event when a larger wagon rear-ended her, causing total destruction of her wagon. Fortunately A Estrela herself was somewhat okay and she was able to continue with her plans now knowing that there is no road so smooth but it has some hole or hindrance in it.

### **Ely “The Energetic”**

The Energetic, now in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, changed his interests from Parkour to Karate, excelling to the present level of orange belt. He does yell loudly and can tie the belt knot correctly. He holds a black belt in another sport, Xbox and enjoys Minecraft.

### **Família Jorgensen**

La Família Jorgensen continued on their crusade of remodeling their Castle in Kaysville, such remodeling having commenced in Chapter XXXVII. With General Contractor O Martelo, the expectation was to complete the final portion soon and move on to building a new home.

The family enjoyed some outings away from the construction, traveling to Lake Shasta and floating on the water and basking in the sunshine with extended family.

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<sup>5</sup> The business web site can be found at <http://ebizllc.co/>

### **Sir Tab “O Martelo”**

O Martelo, after serving as Elders Quorum President, was promoted to Scout Master and his pay was doubled. His insistence that Scouts complete merit badges greatly helped many a young man advance in the ranks. While not scouting, O Martelo handled many jobs as a draftsman and doing finish work on other castles, including his own.

### **Lady Rebecca, “A Mãezinha”**

A Mãezinha, continued her excellent skills in blogging by just recently starting an on-line newsletter. Her 40,000 followers on Facebook attest to her popularity. To continue the illusion of grandeur, she traveled to the International Quilt Market in Houston and was a presenter.

### **Jerika “A Doce”**

A Doce excitedly continued through her senior year at Davis High School. She worked hard on her golf game, and was on the Davis Girl's Golf Team that took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the state. She extended her soccer skills by playing on a local competitive team.

Even though A Doce has loaves, she was looking for cakes and so she also completed her CNA certification and was hired to give aid and assistance at the Life Care Center. Sir Wynn thought this was excellent training for his future care.

### **Jarom “O Martelíto”**

O Martelíto, following after his father's love of construction, designed and built a skateboarding half-pipe in his back yard. To fund such an endeavor, he assisted O Martelo roof a part of the castle.

Basketball being his first love, O Martelíto continued practicing and playing in both school and competitive leagues. Though standing at just less than five feet, he perfected his dribble and shooting eye blowing by those who were bigger. Always pursuing good things, Martelíto earned his Star in scouting. Because of this quickness he was the first scout to earn his climbing merit badge at Camp Bartlett.

### **Ammon “the Amiable”**

The Amiable continued to grow and stay thin. Having exceeded Martelíto's height, Amiable still had to improve on his dribbling and shooting if he was going to win at basketball between the two brothers. He also pursued basketball as a main sport, and advanced in scouting with gusto. However, his one proud accomplishment is his mastery of Minecraft, competition with The Energetic.

### **Eliza “The Eloquent”**

The Eloquent continued in her bling-bling world of style but tempered it with sewing and quilting. One finished sewing project was a chair pillow for A Pedra who used it daily.

Eloquent's piano playing had improved to where tone and note matched and melodies were recognized as she played for

family events and for fun. A change of interests in Eloquent to riding horses in a family that never owned such an animal is causing some excitement.

### **Família Phillips de Aaron**

A Família Phillips de Aaron, what with five children and two dogs vying for food, one never wanted to be between the sideboard and the family. Eating events did slow down some to allow for refurbishing of the family room, bathroom and kitchen.

### **Sir Aaron “O Urso Bueno”**

O Urso Bueno determined that the grass was greener on the other side and quit his State of Utah job and started work with INS Consultants, Inc. His expectations were to work more at home and less on the road. For physical enjoyment, he ran both the Spartan and ToughMudder races, each having it's own unique trial and tribulation, including electrical shock and ice.

He continued his own business, Saige LLC, serving in the Elder's Quorum presidency, playing indoor coed-soccer, and coaching multiple youth soccer teams.

### **Lady Wendy “A Quieta”**

A Quieta, small but quiet was perceived as a giant as she continued as Ward Primary President while managing the household while O Urso Bueno was gone on crusades. With her continuous running after kids in the house and neighborhood she called it “training” which prepared her for running and completing the Ogden Marathon 26.2 in a very respectable time.

### **Kailey “the Busy”,**

Once again The Busy went a complete year without a medical event, for the second year in a row! She continued playing soccer in the community and this year turned twelve and is now in Young Women. Having turned that magic age, Kailey the Busy has a new name bestowed upon her of Lady Kailey “La Artista”.

### **Alec “The Namesake”**

The Namesake took to the field-sports of soccer and football like a knight on a crusade. In football, he played defensive lineman for the Syracuse Storm. On some tackles one only saw the soles of his shoes wiggling above the mass of bodies, but he loved it! Having reached eleven, he became a scout in Webelos.

### **Chloe “The Clinger”**

This was a big year for The Clinger as she turned eight and was baptized by her father. Following the family tradition, she played soccer in the local league. She is excelling at schoolwork and won a district-wide art contest for her age group. Her prize was a gift card to Wal-Mart.

### **Ellie “The Teaser”**

The Teaser started pre-school much to the relief of her parents. Not that she was a bother, but it was one less under foot during the day in the castle. She also continued the tradition of playing soccer in her age group.

### **Sadie “The Lady”**

Ah, The Lady entered the two year-old stage of life with a vengeance. Her hyper-active attitude kept her running hither and thither with curiosity ever driving her. It was all her parents could do to keep a mild and lenient eye on her activities.

### **Família Phillips de Ashley**

The Família Phillips de Ashley continued residing in Happy Valley<sup>6</sup> east of the mountain range.

### **Sir Ashley “El Guapo”**

El Guapo continued for his second year as the President of the Association of Conflagators in the Ogden Fire Department. He was promoted to Captain with the Morgan Volunteer Fire Department. He broadened his influence by becoming an Instructor at the Utah Fire and Rescue Academy. He achieved a lifelong dream by playing soccer in the Real Salt Lake Stadium. It was a game of the Guns (policemen) vs. Hoses (firemen). The Guns outshot the Hoses. In his spare time, he assisted in security consulting with A Pedra under his own company, La Roja Consulting.

### **Megan, “A Graçiosa”**

A Graçiosa took on the challenge of now caring for an athletic, an artist, a ball player and a fireman. Her extended support included learning to play ball while cooking, running a taxi service to appointments, trying to be more creative than A Blanca, and keeping the fireman out from under foot. In the meantime, she found time to continue with her foot-zoning company Sole Energy and pursued Zumba a dance-fitness exercise method wherein she is now an instructor.

### **Logan “The Cheeser”**

The Cheeser continued playing any sport found on earth, including soccer, baseball, skateboarding, and basketball. Maybe following his sister’s example, he recently decided to try his hand in the fifth grade school play. Entering the next stage of growth, his favorite pastime is hanging out with friends, building skateboard jumps and skateboarding at the skate park.

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<sup>6</sup> Morgan, Utah

### **McKell “A Blanca”**

A Blanca continues her star studded plan and sings through the house most days. Her dance and gymnastics classes are to die for. With her advanced creative skills, she builds fabulous artwork for every occasion and graciously shares with all. One example can be found on the photos page.

### **Cohen “El Guapiño”**

El Guapiño seems to favor his father. He can spot any train or fire truck within a five-mile radius. His eye/hand/foot coordination is a marvel. If the ball comes your way and you return it, he loves you forever. If you don’t return it, he will get it, throw it again, and then you have no choice. And that is all he asks to be happy.

### **Our Progenitors**

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

Lady Margaret, the last great dame of the parents of both Sir Wynn and Lady Karen continues happily residing in the basement apartment of the home of Sir Gary and Lady Marilyn of Thornley. She is in her 94th year of life and continues to enjoy visits from all her progeny.

### **The End**

Exhausted reader. Thank you for extending beyond your perceived capabilities and completing this tale. Whether you stimulated your brain with caffeine drinks or used toothpicks to prop your eyelids, the writer does not overlook your diligence. He will continue to contend with Merlin the Magician so that Merlin’s attention will not be diverted to you because in so doing Merlin would find an easy and moldable target for his mischievous and nefarious ill works.

## **Sir Wynn and Lady Karen**





**At Bear Lake 2014**



**Our Business Booth – D.C., 2014**



**The “Men” of the Family**



**The Ladies of the Family**



**Lady Margaret of Jones**



**Scot, Amanda and Family**



**Elder Tinney & Elder Ethington at Las Torres**



**Tab, Becky and Family**



**Aaron, Wendy and Family**



**Chloe on Baptism Day**



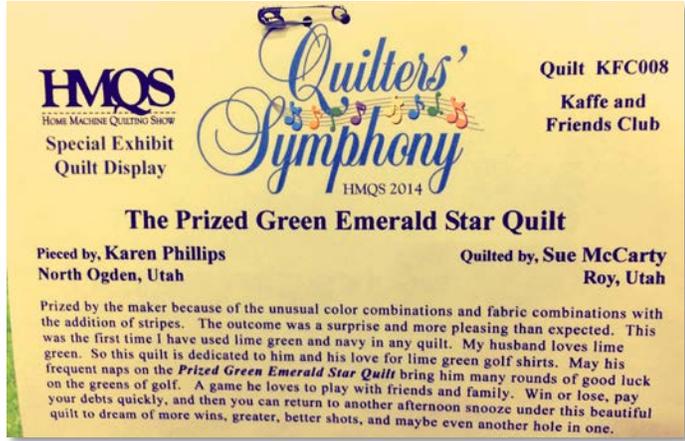
**Ashley, Megan and Family**



**A drawing by McKell**



Quilt made for Wynn – 2014



Quilters Symphony Placard



Michael, Wynn, Diane, Thair, Kim, Leesa



Uncle Allen Franklin Price

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