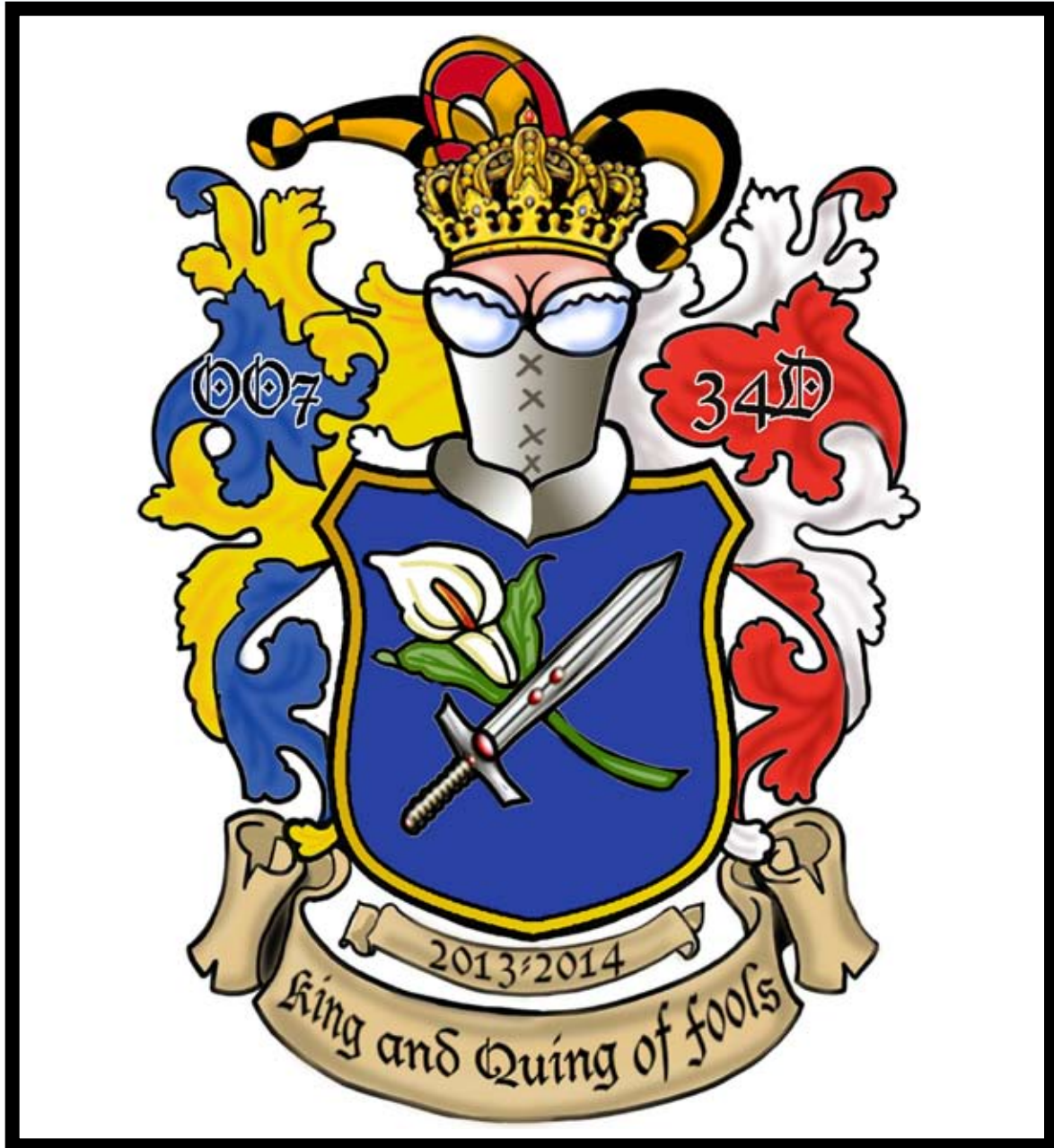


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King James Charming, the 007th
Quing Lily Lamé, 34D

👑 Hello Fool!

If you're reading this, then you're a Fool.

Quod erat demonstratum.

You could look it up, you're online.

The Joker has made the leap - from analog to virtual, from printed to online, from paper to plastic, from sublime to ridiculous, and from soup to nuts - for numerous reasons, the most salient being money - moolah, cash, coin, cabbage, lucre, legal tender, scootie, simoleons, bread, bucks, dough, dinero - you know, the stuff from which, by tradition, we Fools are soon parted.

It costs an arm and a leg to deliver this precious pamphlet to profuse portals and even with Kneezaparte and Elbozen, we've finally run out of limbs. We also believe in embracing new technology by moving into the 21st Century, but for those Old Farts among us, you may also print this merry missive to pore over and peruse in solitary splendor while passing stools and emitting gas perched upon your personal porcelain pondering pedestal.

We'd also mail it to you if you so command, but you must contact us to let us know that is your wish, and it wouldn't hurt to cross our palm with silver.

\$19 per year will do nicely.

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Of course, you'd have to be a Fool to pay for what you can get for free, but we proved that in the first paragraph.

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Fools Spring Forward 2013

By Roving Reporter Rover



Every King's final Fling is our annual holiday the Feast of Fools – an event uniquely our own. This year, on Saturday March 30 2013 King Kneezaparte gathered the foolish clan for a foolish feast with a traditional theme of – you guessed it! – foolery. The gardens of Green Man Lodge in Altadena were festooned with ropes of festive scarves; a rambling table arrangement for 60 that would make the mad March Hare envious; towering flower arrangements, like floral fireworks, created by Richard Beard & crew; and mountains of yummy pot-luck realness. A rousing vaudeville show featured Wim's always-uproarious marionettes, our own Briton Ensemble singing "Pastime With Good Company" complete with one-nostril nose-crumhorn dance-break; plus the usual ukuleles, fire-eaters, juggling and bad jokes. We are SO GOOD at entertaining ourselves!

Despite the loss of our Glendale Clubhouse (which shall not be named), and without the elaborate themes & long work-parties of years past, we still can throw a massive, delightful Feast of Fools with a minimum of effort.

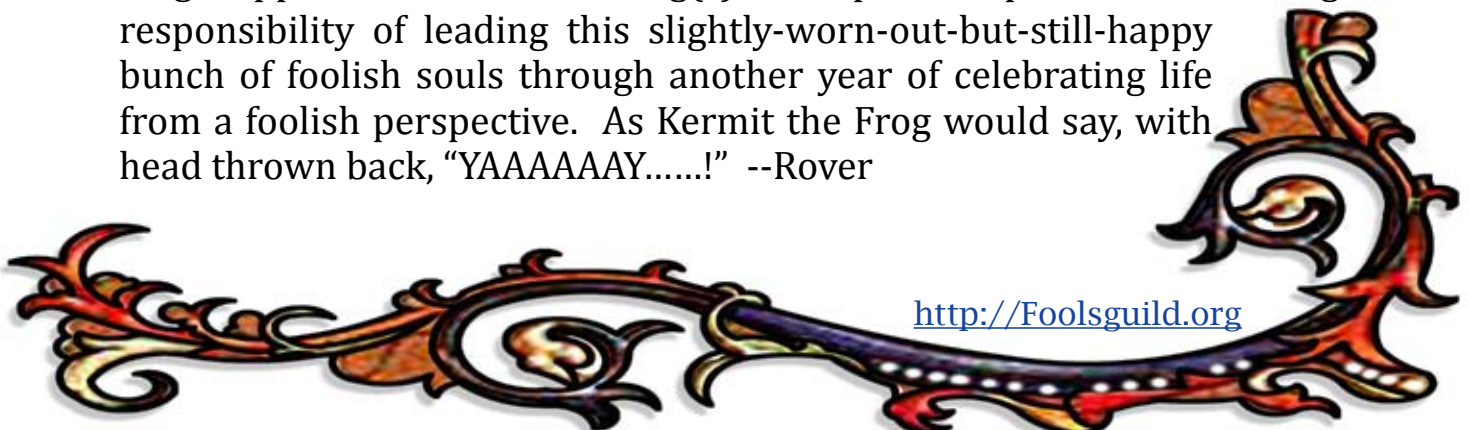
With that, King Kneezaparte enjoyed a month of lame-duckiness before handing the Crown off to the 2013-14 King Team of Charming 007 & Lame' 34D at the Renaissance Faire. We paraded along the dusty lanes, silly banners held high, and witnessed with awe (aw!) as old king stepped down and new king(s) rose up to accept the bone-chilling responsibility of leading this slightly-worn-out-but-still-happy bunch of foolish souls through another year of celebrating life from a foolish perspective. As Kermit the Frog would say, with head thrown back, "YAAAAAY.....!" --Rover

Natalie Wouldn't

Gypsy Rose Lee

Gina LolalAsagne

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Mae West



Sophie Tucker

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Inviting Folly

Now here is the thing... you might want to be King
Like Kneesapart, whom I'm addressing,
Who said he was ready, but Paula and Freddy
Fooled him and kept him from guessing

The scepter he'd win,
When, with Elbowzen
He would lead us a merry procession
Then discover new tools for our family of Fools
To enhance all its joyful expression;
He brought us new tools -
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And this family of Fools,
Is doing just fine,
As we witness this joyful expression.

His puppetry's part of this potentate's art,
It informs and instills his perspective;
He attaches his strings to sticks and to rings
And wherewith he enables directive
Of Sybil and Eleanor, Shokti and many more,
Characters teeming with laughter:
A satyr; a fairy - Wonderful! Merry! -
Who happily live everafter,
Through wit and with skill
In tales that he tells
Which make the heart fill
When it all turns out well
And they happily live everafter.

Now let us go forth, to south and to north,
Let's frolic with foolish abandon!
Let's caper and shout, and let it hang out,
Let's drink 'til we're no longer standin'
We'll continue to thrive; we're glad we're alive,

Though Fools we have loved are now gone
Their capers all ended, while new Fools
befriended
Will help us to yet carry on.
Our tradition, you see
Is happy and gay,
Which I hope you'll all be
Each one, every day
And Folly shall reign from now on.

For a Fool's not afraid to fall on his face,
To tell a bad joke in dubious taste,
To dress up in motley
when out on the town
Or perhaps all in leopard
while wearing a crown.

JPK 3/29/2013



Tom & Jim

Silhouettes by Jordan Monsell
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Lily Von Schtupp

Mata Hari

Venus Creamus



Oath Of Office

Delivered by Hanna as QE1
(at the Coronation of this year's King and Quing)

By Royal Decree

Delivered by Me



Right here on this very fine Day.

Are two foolish names.

This first fool is James

And the other is Lily Lame.

We find it disarming

That he's her Prince Charming

For he's double-naught Seven to me.

She's really quite frilly

And we all call her Lily

Now aka: Thirty-four-D.



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Cher Madonna Divine

Ann-Margret Sophia Brigitte



All's News That's Madness, or How We Got Here



On April 27th, under blue skies and with a cool breeze at our backs, this year's Fools Guild parade started at the ribbon-bound Maypole in the midst of the 51st Annual Southern California Renaissance Faire. As the parade got underway, the 200-strong host of Fools at the Maypole erupted with brightly colored foolish banners and Fools in jester costumes of all colors, shapes and sizes.

The parade began with the Cart of Shame in tow bearing outgoing King Kneezaparte the Puppet King and Queen Elbows-in, followed by (also outgoing, and yes we mean both: personality and end-of-her-reign) Mother Folly Judy Kory. As they left the Maypole, the crazy paraders sought out the new King-and-Quing-in-Waiting. They were found along the path to the Faire's Rose Stage, where the reigns/reins would be exchanged.

The parade wound its way through the merchant streets of Faire, generating excitement from every booth and customer, who turned out to enjoy the colorful and loud Fools Guild parade that passed by on the way to the coronation. Waves of love from the onlookers washed over the paraders.

At the end of that path, those fools in attendance thought it wise to crown two fools as their new King and Quing. (Side note here: check the last sentence again and test your irony meter.)

Foolishness abounded and the coronation ceremony featured David Springhorn introducing everyone that didn't matter. We had stage performances by Official Court Jesters Gary and Bonnie Morgan and others. Through a miracle, Queen Elizabeth administered the wonderful "Oath of Office" poem - written by Official Court Poet Jim Kelly (see page 5) - and crowned your new King of Fools, King James Charming the 007th and Quing Lily Lamé, 34D, aka J. Craig Williams and Chris Bartley Williams.

King Kneezaparte, with the help of Kueen Elbowzen, passed along the Royal Sceptre and a host of other accoutrements of office to your new King and Quing. The items passed along included the King Manual (you mean somebody actually wrote down how not to run this organization?), and most importantly, the King of Fools crown, proudly worn now by your Quing Lily Lamé, 34D.

Mother Folly, MamaMia, Judy Kory anointed a new Mother Folly, KissYo Mama, Shannon Wade. Our new Mother Folly has several frolics planned: (1) July 28 for a brunch just before a showing of fellow Fool Daniel Rover Singer's new play, A Perfect Likeness; (2) August 25 at the San Antonio Winery in LA for a wine tasting from 12-3; and finally, (3) January 26, 2014 at the Oyster House Saloon in Studio City.

After the coronation ceremony, the Fools enjoyed fyne food and drink hosted by Merlin and the Guild of St. Helenas, who also offered a command performance of Pyramus & Thisbee, enjoyed by your new King and Quing and a bevy (flock?) of fellow Fools.

Sassy Ali Cat
Lickity Split
Lily Lamé

Babarella
Maderella
Vampyra
Raquel

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Where We Are Going, or The Three-party Circus

Just about a month before this year’s parade, the Ex Kings had assembled and chosen their next victims to run the Fools Guild for a year. Craig and Chris accepted, and what a year we have planned. There are many new Fools who have migrated from Faire to join our group, and we’ll all get to meet and enjoy each other for three parties this year:

- Halloween, October 31 (a Thursday), with the costume and decor theme “Cowboys and Aliens.” If you’re not sure, rent “Rango” for costume ideas. Otherwise, do what all Fools do: pull something from the back of your closet. Location will likely be a Western-themed establishment that we hope to alienate. Stay tuned. We hope to pull off a Gingham-style dance number for this party.
- New Year’s, December 31 (a Tuesday), with the costume and decor theme “The Bond Party.” Come as your favorite character or future character from any James Bond movie. Location sounds like the Mayflower in Burbank, but stay tuned.
- Feast of Fools, April 1, 2014 (a Tuesday) with the theme of “Once Upon a Time.” Think any fairy tale character. Any. All. We’re thinking about taking over a miniature golf course, but who knows. Stay tuned to Facebook, the Joker, Foolander and website!

If you attend all three parties separately, the cost will be \$90.00, but for those who are budget-minded (or just want the highly fashionable and future collectable Fellowship Foundry King/Quing Pin) 2013-2014 King/Quing Pins will be available from Michael Kember for the highly discounted price \$69.00, which entitles you to attend all three parties and at the same time. Available at the next Privy Council Meeting, August 11 -- see calendar page 9. Save \$21.00 off the list price. What a bargain hunter you are!

We’ve had two Privy Council meetings (aka party planning sessions) so far, and all Fools are welcome to attend to help plan the parties and assist with the set-up and tear-down for each of the parties. We always need volunteers, so please contact Quing Lily Lamé, 34D at chrisbartley@hotmail.com or 951-533-5395.

NEXT Privy Council Meeting: August 11 Chez Neezaparte & Elbowzen... details on Pgs 8 & 9 and on website ... Come help plan the Halloween Party = Cowboys vs. Aliens!

Finally, we’re considering a Rove to the Northern California Renaissance Faire at Casa de Fruta on October 5-7, where the female Fools can enjoy GiggleFest and the male Fools can enjoy the Bohemian Groove. chrisbartley@hotmail.com or 951-533-5395 for Gate List, reservations deadline for camping at the Faire site: September 15.

For updates:
FOOLANDER, Fools Guild Facebook Page and <http://foolsguild.org>

Yours in foolishness,
King James Charming the 007th and Quing Lily Lamé, 34D

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King & Quing's Royal Party Pin



For a mere \$69, you can acquire this Beautiful hand cast Pewter Pin/Pendant from our King/Quing, depicting the Personal 007th/34D Crest... But that's not all... You will also receive admission to October 31, 2013 "Cowboys vs. Aliens", December 31, 2013, "The Bond Party" AND The Feast of Fools Party, April 1st, 2014 Available now - **WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!!** a \$90 VALUE! Save \$21!

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Privy Council meeting:

Sunday, August 11, 6pm

Chez Neezaparte & Elbozen

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bring snacks



Faye Dunaway

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Also at the Privy Council meeting, August 11!



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OUR Lady of Perpetual Storage:



**Pretty as a Picture,
Clever as the Fools,
Poet with a Dirty Mind...**

Joan Hotchkis RULES!



Rita Hayworth

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Foolish 2013/14 Calendar

Northern California Renaissance Faire

Casa de Fruta September 14 - October 13, 2013

<http://norcalrenfaire.com>

FOOLS' INVASION: October 5/6, 2013, Casa de Fruta

Weekend Passes and Camping available For Fools

Must Reserve by September 15, 2013: chrisbartley@hotmail.com or 951-533-5395

**Privy Council meeting: Sunday, August 11, 6pm @ Chez Neezaparte & Elbozen:
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Look for the NEXT Cyber Joker in September

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Sign up on the website for the FOOLANDER!

Cowboys vs. Aliens October 31, 2013

NYE "The Bond Party" December 31, 2013

Feast of Fools April 1st, 2014

KissYo Mama Frolics:

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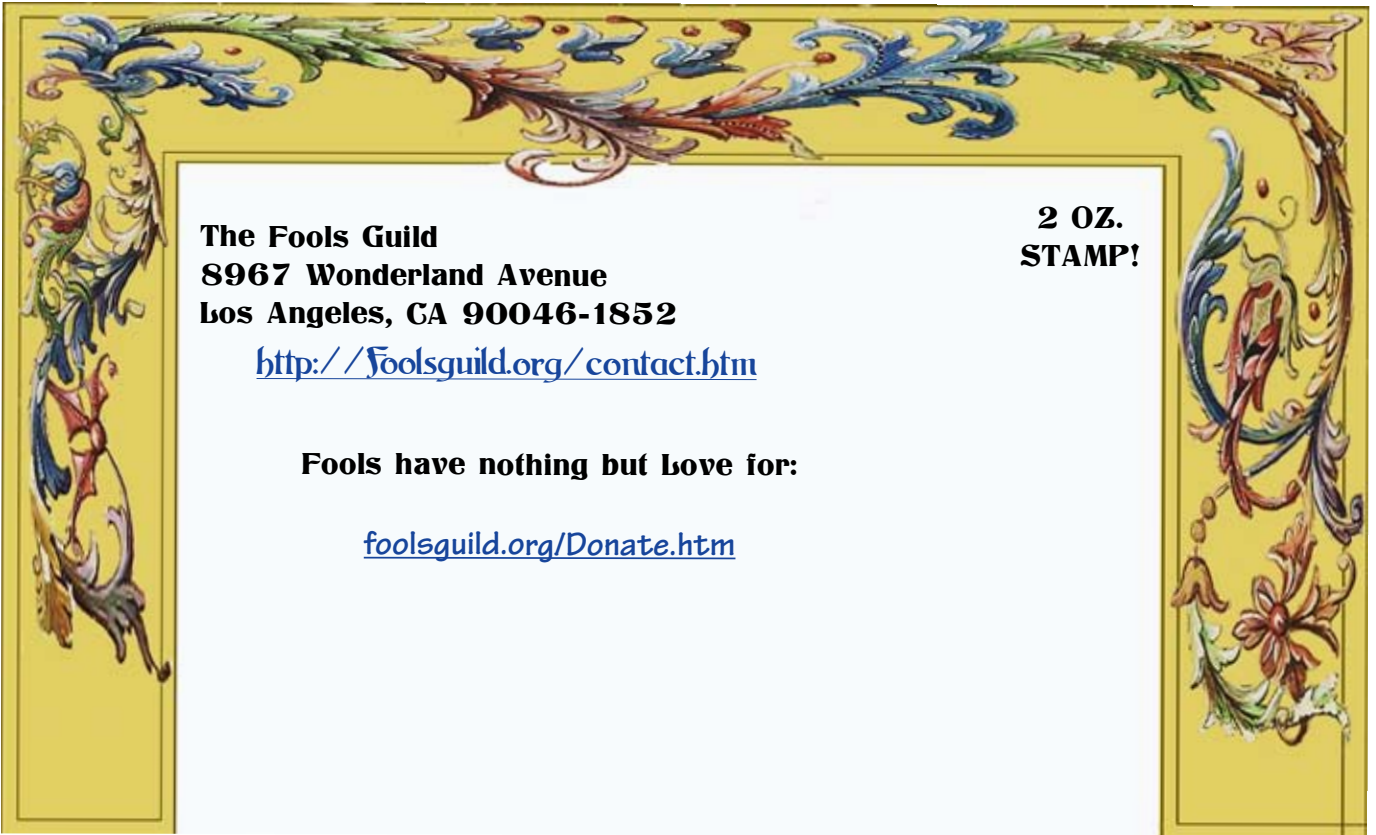
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