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Message from the King

It Takes A Village...or A Clown Car

"The time has come," the walrus said, "to talk of many things: Of shoes and ships - and sealing wax - of cabbages and kings."

A new king has been chosen, and I have hosted the last Fools Party of my reign as King Bard O'Later. I hope I have provided opportunities for fun, social engagement, and spontaneous silliness. I have enjoyed the challenge of creating interesting events to entertain and give respite during the past year of often difficult times. I am most grateful for the kindness, support, and advice I have received from The Fool Community.

No one masters the job of King of Fools on their own. We all depend on a gaggle of others to get the job done. A successful reign is not simply made by the windy decrees of a single Bozo. An active monarch requires the help, the genetic memory, and the collective drool cupsful of wisdom from decade's worth of sentient FOOLS. I have stood on the red noses and fools caps of ALL the Kings and Mother's Folly that slapped pig's bladders before me.

THANK YOU ALL! I am grateful to everyone who has celebrated, honked horns, greeted guests, negotiated access, carried banners, cooked food, plugged-in extension cords, iced drinks, stacked chairs, wrangled performers, hauled tables, programmed music, put up & tore down deco, dressed funny, brought friends, gathered up trash, shared your talents, and promoted events! (Otherwise, it would have just been me wearing a sandwich sign and carrying a seltzer bottle trying to entertain the troops.)

There are many people that I must thank for their generous and tireless efforts. I have tried to do so in real time to make my appreciation known. I dare not try to enumerate by name for fear of missing someone who's essential contribution I may have missed. Sufficeth that it be known that you ALL have added your own contributions to the festivities by your energy and presence this past year.

That said, there are those I must acknowledge for volunteering their homes or managing venues to provide a Location! Location! Location! for our gatherings to occur: Catherine, Chris & J. Craig, Andy, Ken, Justeen & John, Christina & John, and Rover & Cal. THANK YOU for your generosity!

So, finally, like Shakespeare's Prospero & his staff, Bilbo Baggins & the ring, and Mickey Mouse & the sorcerer's hat, I must surrender the crown to the next balloon fluffer in line to be King. I hope to see many of you at The Renaissance Pleasure Faire on May 4th to fill the air with cries of, "The King is Dead! Long live the King!"

With love & appreciation,

Bard O'Later



"I do desire that we may be better strangers."

~ As You Like It, Act 3, Scene 2

Mother MomCat's Corner

My Darling Dears!

On Sunday the 4th of May, our New King will be found, crowned, feted and celebrated!

To add to this Joyful Foolishness, I will be handing over my Crown to our New Mother Folly!

It is time...

In 2017, when I was given this great honour, no one expected what lay in store for us over the next few years, so I have held on to my crown and title with a true desire to assist our Guild to grow and flourish by adding to our annual events and introducing new Foolish Souls to our Family.

It was Sioux Ashe (Not Yo Mama) who started the event that is now our annual "Goddess Swap", (my personal favourite), and nine years ago, before I became MF, I threw our 1st Valentine's Making Tea & Cocktail Party (1st Saturday in February).

Paradise Cove Brunch & Beach Rove (1st Sunday in August). Three years ago we started our annual Birthday Splash BBQ (1st Saturday in June), Shakespeare in the Park (Late Summer) etc.

I hope that you have been pleased with my efforts, I know for a fact that you have been well fed!

Much Love and Many Thanks to you all,

~ Mother MomCat the Mercurial

"I see, lady, the gentleman is not in your books.
No, and he were, I would burn my study."
~ *Much Ado About Nothing*, Act 1, Scene 1



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We nibbled from tables heaped high with delicious
and chatted and laughed as we crafted kind wishes
from paper and pencils and glitter and glue
making our missives to convey "I love you!"
~ Jim Kelly

CAN YOU MATCH ANY OF THESE KINGS WITH THEIR PARTY THEMES OR LOCATIONS?



Anonymous I
April Prime
Archivus, Circler of Confusion
Atlata King, The Chosen One
Bard O'Later
Billiam the Stiff 9th King of the Jackanapes
Billy Scudder
Bodacious Spoonfool
Carpe Cockus
Cock Doodle the Null
Cock n' Bells
Delecta Eubetta Genudelecta
Diga Diga Doo, Justeenie Wahine&Huki Pookie
Dingaling
Dome the Cranky
Doodah I of the Maximus Bottomus
Easy Off
Feniculee of Farts, Esq.
Flautus Proboscis the Reluctant
Frivolous Wrex II
Good and Plenty
Huggable the Useless X-2
Ignoramus I
Interuptus Reeks
Jack II
James Charming the 007th & Lily Lamé, 34D
Jolly the first
KinKi Korazon & Klimax Konundrum
Lickity Split
Ludicrous I
Mackey the VIII
Magnanimous I
Mighty Flighty
Neezaparte the Puppet King
Obscene Juggler
Qumber The Oracle
Quing Bijou Precieux
Rex Marks the Spot
Rover "the Ruf" Canine Rex I
Stymie the Flatulent
Supercilius I
The Mother King
Venus Creamus
YaHuha, The Snack King



GUILD HALL
OLYMPIA FALLS
FEASTER A RESURRECTION OF FOOLS
BIRTHDAY PARTY
THEME PARK MASH UP
PAN PACIFIC PARK
1ST FORMAL FEAST OF FOOLS
OLYMPIA FALLS
KING OF HEARTS
FESTIVAL OF FOOLS
RETURN TO NEVERLAND
UNDER THE SEA
GILLIGANS ISLAND
HORSIN' AROUND
COME AS WHAT YOU'RE NOT
ARABIAN NIGHTS BEDOUIN
GUILD HALL
ITALIAN AF FAIRE
FAIRY FOREST FANTASY
FOOLS PARADISE LUAU
BACHANAL
MYSTERY MANSION
MIDNIGHT AT THE OASIS
50'S HIGH SCHOOL REUNION
BOYS CAMP
MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY
NEVERLAND
PHYSICADELIC 60'S
DR SEUSS
BIG TOWN
SECOND COMING
BEDOUIN BASH
EASTER EGG
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ALL FOOLS NIGHT
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VARIETY ARTS CENTER
WHITE TRASH WEDDING
NIGHT AT THE GALACTIC ZOO
CHEESE
GUILD HALL
RITUAL OF THE FOOL
ARTSY FARTS



"I have purchased many diseases under her roof."
~ *Melancholy for Melancholy*, Act 1, Scene 2

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PARTY REVIEW: THEME PARK MASH-UP FEAST OF FOOLS



Our beloved Green Man Lodge miraculously survived the Eaton Fire of January 2025—thanks to our hero King Huggable—so what better way to celebrate than to gather there for the annual Feast of Fools on March 30, 2025.

King Bard O'Later (Kevin McGrath), a self-declared theme park aficionado and Disneyland annual passholder, mashed together his favorite amusement park themes and presented us with a party complete with Pirate Land, Nightmare Land, Shakespeare Land, Outer Space Land, Sea World, Hookah Land, and Movie Land. Fools could visit the Midway Games hosted by the lovely Laura Gregory, snack on hot popcorn and fresh cotton candy by carry Terry Hill, feast on delectable foods by Mother Folly Catherine St. Claire, enjoy rowdy tavern songs by QuarterMaster, and generally hobnob with decked-out fools in a gorgeous garden on a glorious spring day. A particularly enjoyable soundtrack by DJ Archivus had us all singing along with the Tiki Tiki Tiki Room. I wanted to secure the services of one of those charming tour guides to show me around, but alas, they always seemed to be on break. Best part: No Long Lines!!



Not only did Mickey and Minnie show up but so did the new Audio-Animatronic figure of Walt Disney, giving a speech with startlingly lifelike movements! Kudos to all the revelers and volunteers who came together to add another swell notch in our long history of foolish holiday merriment.

~Rover

"You rise to play, and go to bed to work."
~ Othello, Act 2, Scene 1



Fools Gold Pot Lucky

MARCH 9, 2025

'Twas a bright, clear, Sunday afternoon, crisp with the sparkle of a recent rain. An Irish drenching. Only it wasn't the Emerald Isle, but the Valley of the Rabbits (Conejo Valley) in Southern California, after a rainy week in March.

Ex-rex Christina Linhardt (c'est moi) and husband John DiBona opened the doors of their Suburban home, named Schloss Santos, after John's father, for King Bard O'Later's St Patrick's themed Fool's Gold Pot-lucky.

An assemblage of Fools, decked out in their finest green, joined in the festivities.

Ex-rex Andy Davis worked the grill in the backyard, feeding hungry Fools with burgers aplenty.

The indoor buffet table in the crimson colored dining room overflowed with potluck dishes, former Mother Folly Terry Hill provided numerous delectable dishes, and the bar flowed over.

As a highlight, ex-rex Paula Foster Chambers sponsored the whiskey tasting, performed by Sommelier ex-rex Rocky McMurray, in a clandestine bureau. A fine list of exquisite spirits, Rocky informed and entertained guests with samples and explanations. A classier event would be rare to find! The gold gilded living room functioned as a space for dance, music, and revelry with an impromptu performance of Irish ballads sung by yours truly.

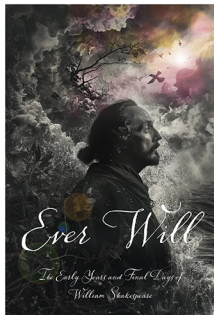
The jam session continued with Daniel Rassp on the upright piano, while scientific and philosophical discussions continued throughout. King Bard O' Later reigned graciously on his throne, whilst leaping leprechauns frolicked about, feasting, jiggling and imbibing in the land at the end of the rainbow.

~ Christina Linhardt



"You have such a February face, so full of frost,
of storm, and cloudiness."

~*Much Ado About Nothing*, Act 5, Scene 4

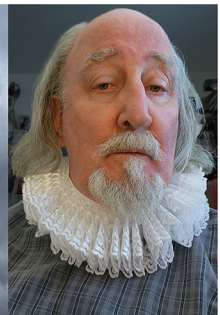


See His Majesty
King Bard O'Later
Kevin McGrath
as the elder William Shakespeare in

Ever Will

The Early Years & Final Days of William Shakespeare
by Pamela Gilbreath Kelly

The Long Beach Shakespeare Company,
Helen Borgers Theatre, May 16-18, 2025



Annual FOOLS PARADE and CORONATION of the new KING Sunday May 4, 2025

Gather at Maypole 2pm ~ Parade begins at 2:30pm

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Renaissance Pleasure Faire, Irwindale CA

Details in The Foolander



Words That Shakespeare Invented

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PERUSAL
AERIAL
CRITIC
FITFUL
FRUGAL
GLOOMY
HURRY
LAPSE
BUMP

"I am sorry for thy much misgovernment."
~*Much Ado About Nothing*, Act 4, Scene 1

KING MATCH UP ANSWER KEY



THERE ARE NO ANSWERS!
IT'S AN ALPHABETICAL
LIST OF KINGS AND
THEIR PARTIES



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Past Kings and Parties
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