

Since when do you exist as a Tolkien Society? How was the beginning of it? Was it specially tough or pretty easy?

It was pretty difficult in the beginning! We struggled to get members because people simply hadn't heard of us, but after a couple years, everything evened out.

How many members do you have right now?

We have about 20 consistent members

In Spain we are divided in „Smials“, groups of members who live in the same town or surroundings, and they meet to get to know each other and to discuss Tolkien's works, do you have a similar model?

We have smials but they're not really nearby--the United States is quite large, so the nearest smial to us is over four hours away!

Do you have, like us, a “Rangers” group? (Members who don't belong to the “Smial” of any town)

We have some folks who live outside of the Metro area, but we don't call them Rangers. Perhaps we should start!

Do you organize any activities? If you do, are they usually just for members or for anyone interested in attending?

Yes, each year we organize a Tolkien Studies conference called MiddleMoot, and we take turns alternating the event with our brothers up in Iowa at the Smial of Avallone. We also give lectures on Tolkien at the local libraries, and host other events such as park clean-ups and hobbit parties. We are open to everyone and don't have member fees.

Do you have an annual meeting where people from all over the country meet?

Yes, MiddleMoot.

To which aspects of Tolkien's work do you dedicate a greater effort of research and divulgation?

We are very dedicated to Tolkien's love of nature and his hope of eucatastrophe!

Do you have any songs or dances of your own? And publications such as books or magazines?

We have our own monthly newsletter and we usually publish our own short articles in that. We don't have any songs or dances (yet)!

Are you satisfied with the translations of Tolkien's works into your language?

Yes, the English version is, of course, the cornerstone! :-)

Has the responsible publisher ever taken your comments or suggestions into account for new editions?

No comment to add.

Any curiosity regarding the translations you want to share?

No comment.

Do you have a star issue that you always end up arguing about? (Like for example, do Balrogs have wings?)

We often debate if Feanor is a good guy or a bad guy, if the Valar were really competent, and I have a personal problem with Thingol in that I think he was a bad step-father to Turin!

Do you have any email contact in case a Spanish Tolkiendili traveler wants to meet you in person?

Yes, our e-mail is tolkiensocietykc@gmail.com

Finally, tell us anything you want to share with us, whether they are curious Tolkien stories related to your country (if there's any), anecdotes that you remember with special affection, etc.

Our smial has been around for over five years now and the members have all become close friends of mine. I am so happy to be part of this group and I hope we keep going! I have had the privilege to also meet the Smial of Tol Eressea over in Taiwan, and they are lovely people too! I love Tolkien fans!