

<u>Year</u>	<u>Event</u>
1912	Melvin S Lord is born in Bethpage, Missouri on Oct 18, 1912
1923	Moves from Colorado to Salem by horseback, crossing the Rocky Mountains
1925	Works at a sawmill in Oregon to pay for schooling
1926	Adopted by Montague Lord, son of Governor of Oregon, William Paine Lord, brother of pioneering landscape architect of the West Coast, Elizabeth Lord.
1927	Travels by ship to the Philippines via Hawaii.
1928	To ensure his son never tries drugs, Montague Lord takes him to Hong Kong and makes him sick on Opium
1935	Attends school at La Salle College in the Philippines
1938	Graduates from Leigh University in Pennsylvania with a degree in engineering. During his college years, he competes for the college's Greco-American Wrestling Team and, at the weekend, volunteers with the military, going on maneuvers in the Washington DC area. On one occasion, to celebrate the summer, he and other Military cadets meet Louis Armstrong, who agrees to play on a steamboat on the Potomac in Washington DC. Several photos exist from this time of dapper Mel standing next to his convertible car, dressed to the nines ready for a date.
1939	In October 1939, Mel moves to Spain to work as an engineer to rebuild the cork industry after Civil War-torn at a U.S. cork manufacturing company in Palafrugell, Spain, called 'Manufacturas de Corcho Armstrong, Palamós'.
1939	Recruited to serve in the US government's Official Secret Service (OSS) as an agent in Spain's northwest province. Meets an agent in a hotel where, in silence, they walk to the top floor, open window, then climb onto roof before a word is exchanged.
1940	Mel marries Carmen Pagés Vilar in Monastery "Monistrol de Montserrat", just outside Barcelona, Spain, on March 6, 1941.
1942	Mel takes Carmen to Salem, Oregon (where she resided between Jan 1942 to Sept 3, 1943). They leave Spain by ship via Casablanca and Havana, Cuba, before arriving in the United States.
1944	First daughter Mary Elizabeth Lord, born on July 26, 1994, at 6.25 pm at Clinica del Dr S Dexeus Font, Avenue Tibidabo 17, Barcelona, Spain
1945	Mel is in Paris when the Allied Troops surround the German troops and eventually surrender after a bloody battle.
1946	Son Montague John Lord was born May 4, 1946, in Clinica Dr. Dexeus Font, Barcelona, Spain.
1947	Mel and his family travel to Pottstown, Pennsylvania, to set up a silver microenterprise with Royal Hickman's Three-Crown designs.
1950	After the silver enterprise becomes bankrupt, he travels to Tampa, Florida, to work with Tio Hick (Royal Hickman) at his pottery factory.
1953	After Tio Hick's factory burns down, Mel and his family move to Washington, DC, for training with the CIA.
1955-56	Mel and his family are in Madrid working under the cover of Klein and Saks as CIA agent to prepare Spain as last stronghold against European resistance were the USSR to break through German lines.
1955	Carmen Belen Lord is born in Madrid, Spain.
1956-57	Mel and his family are in Mexico City, again working for Klein and Saks.
1957-58	Mel and his family are in Caracas, Venezuela still working for Klein and Saks.
1959	Mel and his family move to Washington, DC to join the International Finance Corporation (IFC) of the World Bank. Mel leaves the CIA, at which point he tells his wife that he's been an undercover CIA agent.
1961	Mel buys Klinge Road for \$27,000 plus \$5,000 in renovation (putting in a picture window of the living room).
1994	First signs of Alzheimer's
2003	Mel dies in State College, Pennsylvania on Oct 10, 2003. His remains are cremated on Oct 15, 2003, and memorial services take place on Oct 20 2003 with full honors at Arlington Cemetery.