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The Official Castle Wall Productions Newsletter

For the
friends
and
family
of
CWP

Current Clack

Another month under our proverbial belt, another long-term member said goodbye Dawn Renner moved to sunny California...good luck and don't be a stranger, meanwhile we have gained yet another new member Joshua Moore... welcome.

Several events have been scheduled, by members decision we will be attending the first two days of the OPUS Fest in conjunction with our season opener. A hearty HUZDAH to all those members who have braved the temperatures and the snow to continue to hone their combat acting and performing skills...you guys kick butt!

November 11 was Veterans Day, with many of our group veterans, and one of our group out fighting (for real in Iraq now) it is a time to pay respect to all those who put their life on the line so we could do things like Castle Wall...Thanks guys! We also would like to thank all those past Castle Wall veterans who have worked in the past to make it happen.

On a totally unrelated note the seventh and final season of Buffy the Vampire Slayer came out on DVD, (it rocks!), and in December look forward to the Return Of The King deluxe edition on DVD, and on the Sci-Fi Channel the Earthsea mini series premiers.

Any comments on this newsletter please let us know ... well that is it for now ... see you next month.

-----Eric Medved

Practice Makes Perfect

As was stated last issue practice is a daunting task, averaging 200 hours a season. And while at times it maybe a chore it is such a must that it cannot be overlooked, and while we all are aware of the fact that we as individuals do not get a paycheck (at least not a monetary one) we are still paid in one form or another, be it the completion of a great fight, the pride of a good show, or the smile on the face of a child (of any age), all of this is the result of yes you guessed it, practice, practice, practice. Bottom-line we ALL need our practice, from the five year veteran to the one week newbie. Practice is also what you make of it; if you work hard the effort will show (which it evident in the caliber of fights we have seen so far).

Forms went well this month with the focus on melee, punches, kicks, and how to block, and more importantly how to react to them. For the time being forms are done and we will focus on show fights but don't be surprised if they occasionally reappear.

We are currently working on several indoor practice locations to buffer the cold weather, in addition we will use at least two of these cold days as a strictly character/acting practice.

-----Eric Medved

From the Heralds Horn

The Castle Wall web site is currently under construction and should reappear with its new look in late December or early January. Any one with photos let

us know, and lets get those bios in so we can post them all.

As was stated earlier we will be doing OPUS Fest. this year. Kiowa looks as if it's a go once again; we are looking at other Celtic fests as well. A schedule for The Colorado Medieval Fest shows are posted on their web site

@ www.ColoradoCastle.com. Melissa is blanketing the local colleges with flyers and working with Medieval World and their promotional art show. Cyndee is handling several newspaper angles, Eric is working with the Celtic community, Jeff is in talks with the Boy Scouts, and Judy and Eric are working on promotional packets and displays.

-----Alan Shaklee

Tales Of The Anvil

At this writing CWP weapon total has increased measurably 24 long swords, 12 short swords 10 daggers, and 10 staffs with more to come. A note on weapons maintenance and the weather, keep the weapons dry, with all the snow this is hard but it does save ware on the weapons

-----Jeff Baker

“No pain, no palm; no thorns, no throne; no gall, no glory; no cross, no crown.

William Penn

The Tailors Bench

If you don't know if you have a costume, questions about a costume or need measured see me ASAP. Time is running out.

-----Gerry Daubert

Ring Time

By the time you read this we will have one Huabruk on the field (Ivanhoe), and another about to go out (Gilbert). The Black Knights helmet is in and Randy should have his face clad in iron soon enough. Our shields should be here within the next two weeks, as should Ivanhoe's helmet.

The following are some terms commonly used when dealing with armor:

Arming cap- a padded or quilted cap worn under the mail coif.

Basinet- a small open-faced helm.

Braies- carrying straps inside a shield.

Buskins- leather boots.

Byrnie- a mail vest with no sleeves.

Cap-a'-pie- fully armed, literally head to foot.

Chausses- stockings of cloth or mail

Coif- a mail hood or cloth hood.

secured by ties see also *arming cap*.

Cuir-bouilli- hardened leather armor.

Guige- hanging strap inside the shield.

Hauberk- a mail coat with 1/3 to full sleeves.

Haubergeon- a mail coat with 1/2 to 1/3 sleeves.

Helm- a helmet enclosing the entire head.

Mail or **Maile**- armor made from interlinked metal rings.

Muffler- mail mittens.

Surcoat- a cloth garment worn over armor, usually sleeveless.

Tabard- a surcoat stitched or clasped together at the waist.

Ventail- flap of mail worn across the chin or mouth.

Wambaise- a padded coat worn underneath mail or alone by ordinary soldiers also called an aketon

-----Eric Medved

Castle Custodian's Closet

Props is very close to securing a trailer which is 12' x 6' x 6'. We have gotten steel stakes for the field barrier (Huzzah Tika & DJ. for obtaining them). The stretchers have been refurbished and are now all black. The queen mums chair (an ornate affair) is being handled by Tika.

-----Eric Medved

Merchants Booth

We as Castle Wall need to generate money; this is before we hit the high point of our season (which is May through September). We have a whole bunch of new product available mostly for Castle Wall members, embroidered spaghetti tees, hoodies, towels, and caps. Also Gerry is working on the "period" water bottle holders. Any interested in being on the merchandising team let Eric or Jeff know.

-----Rebecca Hill

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Calendar for December

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
practice		m.w. meet			armor party	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
practice						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
practice				armor party		Christmas
26	27	28	29	30	31	
NO practice						

Note: There is NO practice on Jan. 2

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...In Closing

Response to the first newsletter was astounding, thank you for your input. We are currently establishing a solid mailing list. This periodical is for you the extended family of Castle Wall, to let you know the comings and goings of the group. Many thanks to Jim Brown who has so graciously volunteered to print this newsletter.

-----Eric Medved

Note: There IS an armor party on 7 Jan.