

As The Sword Turns



The Official Castle Wall Productions Newsletter

Current Clack

The New Year is here and it is off with a bang. We have three new members, Charles Harrod, Jordan Rogell, and returning Laramie Williams. Welcome and Huzzah!

We have had our first props team meeting (more on that later), and we have been able to practice every week in January. For the most part our swing shifters are able to show up more often than not so we are able to get more out of our practices this way.

Our show schedule is forming up and we have at least the Red Rocks FAMR, Season Opener, OPUS, and CMF shows are all solid and booked. There are a few more in the works to be announced as our show season gets closer. We will be announcing the actual schedules as we get closer to our show dates in this space so look here for further info.

OPUS is looking to be big this year and Castle Wall's participation (as well as FAMR) is a major part of it. CMF is shaping up to be outstanding this year and of course Castle Wall will be a large part of it. Street fights will be a part of the show and we will be working on them in the upcoming months. Remember we are characters and we will need to portray them as such during the course of the shows. Even when not on the field

-----Eric Medved

Practice Makes Perfect

Our practices have been productive... well let me clarify; our practices have been productive for most. Let me explain, if you are not using the practice to its fullest it is not a productive practice. I'll not harp on this too much but if you want your fight(s) in the show... practices...practice...practice. As has been stated sitting around for 50% of the time we are out there in practice is not acceptable and not helping you or your partner. If your partner is not present or injured take a page from the book of Ken D. or Jim B. and run through the fight without them, a ghost fight so to speak, then run through it about 15 more times, and so on. PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

We will be using our swing shift practices to work on the melee since that is when everyone will be there, so it is imperative that you be there the third practice of every month. Also in addition we will be using time for street fights, which will be integral to our upcoming big shows. The street fights are skits of a few moves or dialogue that build to our tournament show.

Practices have been shorter than normal lately (usually by an hour) do not expect this to continue as the weather gets warmer we will move to the full four hours (and then maybe more if needed).

-----Eric Medved

From The Heralds Horn

Not much new on this front other than we are still struggling with web site issue. We are starting production on a new promotional video as you read this.

-----Eric Medved

Tales Of The Anvil

We will be holding a weapons team meeting on the FEB. 18 2006 12:00 PM at Eric's house. We will be working on staffs primarily and re-handling some swords. All those that are on the weapons team are required to be there.

-----Luke Carr

The Tailors Bench

Yes, there is life beyond Castle Wall; believe it or not I too have a life outside the organization. The costume meeting set up for January 21 required rescheduling for every person on the team, in addition two individuals never called at all. If you have an event (birthday, church, etc.) do not sign up for the meeting. Don't give someone a message to deliver, call me yourself, and if I am not there leave a message I will get it.

All that having been said we will have our meeting again FEB. 11 at 10:00AM, located at my house, We will be cataloging all of Castle Walls costumes and fabric for our new season.

-----Gerry Daubert

Ring Time

Not much new here we are still marching along producing armor and will be working this month with leather thanks to Loren Shultz of the Fjelborg Viking group. I have spoken with our helmet and shield provider about purchases for this season, more on how much and what in this space later.

-----Eric Medved

Merchants Booth

OK... Its crunch time for selling products at CMF, we have four months but I need to know now how many vendors we will have, what the product is(visual if possible so we can figure out if we have enough items to have our selling booth/tent. We need to know ASAP because of the cost issues.

New contracts will be signed this year before the season begins. As last year we will probably need volunteers for the merchandise booths(s). So volunteer or we will be assigning individuals, on this note we may have some outside help here but don't count on it yet.

-----Judy Boren

Castle Custodian's Closet

The first prop's party was a great success, I would like to thank everyone who showed up, and thank Eric for allowing us to use his house till my garage is cleaned out. I would like to especially thank Gerry and Ken for donating wood. We got a lot done on our first party; we inventory what we have, made a list of what needs to be repaired or replaced, and a list of what we still need. We will start building some crates, unfortunately the size of the crates are not big enough to hold some peoples egos, but will look great with fake apples and other fake eatables anyway.

Prince of Props

-----Darrell Harrod

Wagons Wheel

The days move along and we have as of yet to set up dates to work on the van. Get with me and let me know which Saturday will work for the motor pool team in the month of March and we will set a firm date. We will start working on the body repairing any holes or dents. Eric at some point will be taking it to get the muffler and tail pipe fixed.

-----Patrick Kelly

Castle Wall By The Numbers Head count

10,000 Estimated number of people Castle Wall has performed for in Colorado since 2000

130 People that have been in CWP since 2000 (actually in a show)

42 Max number of people in CWP at one time (2004 Season)

7 Number of year CWP has existed in Colorado

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Calendar for FEB 2006

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
				OPUS		props team
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
practice	CMF				armor party	cos. team
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
practice				FAMR		wep. team
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
s.s. practice					armor party	
26	27	28				
practice						

The Fighting Screen

This month's film is **Kingdom Of Heaven**, which follows Orlando Bloom's character, Balian to the holy land after a meeting with his estranged father. This movie takes place over several years and ends several years before our tournament. A good plot and a good acting, the film shines in armor, weapons, and costumes (some of the best I have seen for this period). The mercenary group that follows Balian's father (Liam Neeson) home is very unique. Battle scenes are spectacular, in particular the assault of Jerusalem, defiantly a movie for anyone in Castle Wall. **A**

CMF Notice

CMF sponsorship or adds are can be sold by groups. 10% of the total will be given to the group that sells the add or sponsorship. So Castle Wall needs to get out there and sell, sell, sell!

-----Eric Medved

I know the price of success: dedication, hard work, and an unremitting devotion to the things you want to see happen.

Frank Lloyd Wright