

As The Sword Turns

The Official Castle Wall Productions Newsletter



Current Clack

This newsletter is a little late...that is on purpose though, Castle Wall took a little break during the holiday. Now the holiday season is finally over and an eventful one it has been, our very own Darrell (Pr. John) and his wife Carissa had a bouncing baby boy named Collin who measured in at 19" 8lbs. 2oz...Congratulations! We have had several new people join Castle Wall, they are Sonny Robertson and Joshua Moore. The holidays hopefully have been fruitful for everyone, but let us not forget the victims of the tsunami.

It's a new year with plenty of opportunity for the members of Castle Wall Productions so polish your sword, tighten your belts, and be ready for 2005.

-----Eric Medved

Practice Makes Perfect

January 2005...18 practices to go before our first show! We will soon start our grand melee fight and teams have been set up for that (much thanks to Jim Boegman for his help in setting it up. By March we will be starting our full show run thorough practices. So fights need to at minimum be written and finalized by that time. In the meantime if you have any question about fight choreography feel free to ask any of the trainers during practice. It cannot be over stated that the next few months of practice are critical to our success and being present at our practices is a major element of that

success. Currently we have "black out" days from three people they are Jeff, Darrell, Becca and Seth so unless you have one foot in the grave and the other on a banana peel you should be at practice. While the above statement seems harsh it is a must for the Castle Wall show to be as good as possible. Remember the saying "practice makes perfect" so true, so true.

-----Eric Medved

From the Heralds Horn

The Castle Wall web site is still currently under construction and should be finished with its new look in late January. We NEED those bios (you know who you are) ASAP, that is one critical element missing for the site. Veronica should be taking head shots for the performers section soon, you will be notified when these pictures will be taken, they will be black and white pics. Eric, Jeff, Cyndee, and Melissa our hard at work on contacts for shows for later in the year and while the May-June timeframe looks to be very busy we are looking at doing shows one each month for July to September, stay tuned to this section for further updates.

-----Alan Shaklee

Tales Of The Anvil

Nothing new here other than we continue to make new weapons, repair old ones and are looking to purchase new staffs here shortly. Remember to wipe off the weapons if they are wet, rags will be supplied at practice.

-----Jeff Baker

"It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed. In this life we get nothing save the effort."

Theodore Roosevelt

The Tailors Bench

Those people that don't have costumes need to see me at practices for measurements. A few have already done this but there are still people that need portions of costuming. Also those people working on their own costumes need to be looking on a completion date around the middle of April, in case of any alterations that may need to be made to the costume.

-----Gerry Daubert

Ring Time

As promised last issue we now have two helmets and two shields in Castle Walls possession, all need some minor adjustments to make them fight worthy but they will be at our practices. Ivanhoe's armor will be getting finishing touches this month, along with Gilbert's armor, which should be wearable, in addition several other suits of armor will be appearing at practices in the coming weeks. The armor team is kicking major butt, so thank them for their nearly one thousand hours of labor they have put into these suits of armor. Take a guess of how many links are in Ivanhoe's armor.

-----Eric Medved
Answer on back

Castle Custodian's Closet

Unfortunately we have lost the access to the trailer that we were trying to obtain, so keep your eyes and ears peeled for a conveyance for all of Castle Walls many props weapons and costumes. Again any crates barrels and such are also wanted so let us know if you spot any. We are also looking for prop weapons if anyone knows of some, a location or wish to donate any let us know.

-----Eric Medved

Merchants Booth

Well unfortunately this will be my last entry for As The Sword Turns as I am stepping down as head of the Merchandising Team due to new job duties (lots of travel out of state). Because of this I' am also becoming a swing shifter as I will not be able to attend every practice. We are currently looking for a new head of the merchandising team, the duties will be to maintain the merchandise log, coordinate selling at the booth during and between shows, and handle the acquisition of new merchandise and a few other minor duties. If your are interested in this position contact Eric.

-----Rebecca Hill

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Answer:

There are approximately 25,000 links currently in Ivanhoe's armor, and that is without sleeves.



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This issue of As The Sword Turns includes contact info for Adams Costume Closet and Rose Creations, two linked businesses. Check out their web sites, e-mail them, buy their products or use their services, but support them, they support us.

Also check out our very own Cyndee Hildenbrandt's web site at <http://www.dashacayenne.com>

Calendar for January 2005

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The Fighting Screen

This article will appear as space allows and is to let you know about films, and DVDs that are of special interest to members of Castle Wall because of their content, subject or just because they are cool etc. There are two new DVD releases, King Arthur and Troy, both of which I originally viewed in the theater.

King Arthur: a pretty good film story wise, but it really shines in the costuming, fight choreography is pretty good (although it seems a bit staged at times). **B-**

Troy: a good film, well-written, great overall with an epic feel, the fight choreography is fantastic and is engrossing (particularly Achilles fighting style). A must see; the Trojan horse, a personal quirk; the elimination of the gods in the lives of the mortals. **A**

...In Closing

A new year on the horizon and a renewed commitment to excellence that's what Castle Walls New Years Resolution will be, to bring you, our audience the best possible medieval experience you have had.

-----Eric Medved