



Celebration of Power

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PASSING THE TORCH

BY TOM, PRESIDENT

As I'm writing this, Celebration of Power is preparing to have our Halloween/Fifth Anniversary Party. While this is a time to celebrate, it is also a time to pause and reflect, for the unthinkable has happened. John has officially resigned as President of CoP, and the board has elected me to take his place. For those of you who don't know me very well, or haven't even heard of me, the last part of this column will be my introduction to you. But I'd like to spend a minute paying tribute to our outgoing president.

I'm not sure if Celebration of Power would even exist today without John's involvement, and if it did, it might be very different from what it is now. I don't think anyone will argue with me when I say that for years now John has been the driving force and vision for Celebration of Power. He has worked tirelessly to shape a group that we can all be proud of. Granted, he has had help along the way, but he was still the one who led us.

In the two years or so that I've known him, I've found him to be one of those people who truly cares about the lifestyle and the people in it. He is also a man of honor and integrity, and is firm in his convictions. We are fortunate that he will be staying on the board and the Mentorship committee, so we really aren't losing him. He will still be serving CoP, just in different capacities. For my part, I can tell you this - he leaves pretty big shoes behind for someone to try to fill.

As for me, I'm originally from Wyoming. I moved to the Springs in 1996 simply because of the opportunities available. I hold a bachelor's degree in Music Education from the University of Wyoming, and have accumulated a sizable number of post graduate hours over the years as my interests changed. I taught privately and publicly while working as a performer until one day I realized I needed a "real job". Nowadays I work as a foreman for one of the larger electrical contractors in the Springs.

That's the vanilla stuff. Lifestyle wise, I've been around for quite a while, but I was a private player until about three years ago when I discovered "alt" on the internet. I decided to go public two years ago when I joined CoP. For most of the past year I have been serving as the vice president of our group and for the past several months have been the chairman of the Mentorship committee. I enjoy intense play but would not really classify myself as an "edge" player, although there are a lot of things in those categories I can do. I try to get up to Denver as often as I can, usually to play at the Harbour. If you would like to know more, or have any questions, please feel free to email me through the CoP Yahoo group.

Hopefully I'll be able to pick up where John left off and keep Celebration of Power growing and improving. With the Mentorship program, our play party demos, and the free exchange of information that we have I'm hoping that we will continue to be an outstanding educational tool for our members well into the future.

CALENDAR

Whether you're already a CoP member or are unaffiliated and just looking to meet like-minded people, these fun-filled events aren't to be missed. Please send an e-mail to Celebrationofpower@yahoo.com for more information.

First Friday at Colo Spgs
Corner Pocket Billiards
1330 N. Academy
Open to everyone.
11/04/05, 8:00 pm - ??

2nd Saturday Play Party and Demo. See **Page 2** for more information on the demonstration.
\$10 per person
11/12/05, 8:00 pm - ??

3rd Saturday Play Party
Cancelled due to Holiday.

4th Sunday Brunch Munch
Open to everyone.
11/27/05, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

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2ND SATURDAY DEMO - 11/12

FUNDAMENTALS OF FLOGGING
BY KEN

Ken has been in active in the public scene in Colorado over 10 years and learned of the lifestyle while stationed in England. Ken has been on the board of PEP, Director of Seminars for Thunder in the Mountains and the founder of the Dominants Only Meeting up in Denver.

What to Expect

Objectives

1. Flogging Goals
2. Ending, The Scene Outcome
3. Flogging for Emotional Release
4. Flogging for Sexual Release
5. Setting up the Desired "Head Space"

The Target

1. Back Only
2. Butt Only
3. Both
4. Nipples
5. Genitalia

Types of flogging strokes

1. Figure 8 / the Lazy Way / or Circular
2. Up and Down / Vertical Stroke
3. Side to Side/Or Horizontal Plane
4. The Paint Brush
5. Over Head
6. The Wet Towel
7. The Golf Swing
8. The Double Handed

Types of Whips/Floggers

1. Stingy
2. Thuddy
3. Density of Tails



What is needed to make vast improvements in technique

1. Pit Falls
2. Means to an End
3. Commitment to Craft
4. Open minded

The 4 techniques to use

1. Layering
2. Rhythm, Speed, or Pause
3. Precision, Repetition on Target
4. Impact

DEAR MISTRESS...

I think that I'm falling in love with my Master/Mistress. Is that a bad thing? - Bound by Love

Dear Bound,

Falling in love with ones' Master or Mistress can be a very tricky situation. Depending on what the beginning parameters of your relationship are, this can either be a good thing or a bad thing. If the guidelines of the situation dictate only a "play" relationship, and you are falling in love, then you need to put yourself in check of your emotions. Your Master/ Mistress may be keeping to the original plan, and have no idea of your developing feelings. If no emotional boundaries were set, then there is room for expansion of the play relationship in to something more.

The most important thing to remember is that you must maintain an open line of communication with your Master/ Mistress so these issues don't become huge problems. It is always better to be open with someone that you share such a deep attachment with in order to maintain healthy interaction. D/s can be, and is, a very deep form of expression that sometimes results in deep ties. Remember to always be open to change and growth in your relationship; however also know that it is a two-sided relationship and the other party might not share the same feelings.

~Mistress

WHO'S WHO

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COP HALLOWEEN/FIFTH BIRTHDAY BASH

BY STAFF WRITER

The wind was blowing. The leaves were swirling. The smell of excitement and anticipation lit up the night. Flames danced in the darkness casting shadows and hiding things best left unseen in the darkest of the corners. A witch was bound hand and foot to a tree in the yard. Spiders hung in the corners, their webs drifting softly in the breeze, catching the unwary in their silken strands. The scene was set for a night of moans, screams, and giggles. It was the night of CoP's fifth birthday...and their annual Halloween Party.

In the vanilla world, people dress up like Leathermen and Dominatrices on Halloween. What do Leather people dress up as on Halloween? We had the opportunity to find out at this year's CoP Halloween Party. There was a wide variety of costumes available to ooh and aah over this year, but medical personnel and winged folk seemed to be very popular. Ours included naughty nurses, demented doctors and an eerie undead Angel

Costume Contest Winner



with tattered gossamer wings (our costume contest winner, by the way). Also making an appearance was the Lord, or in this case Lady, of the Underworld - none other than Satan, herself. The local big roller pimp daddy stopped by complete with one of his stable. The main character from the movie scream made an appearance - or in this case, two. And, of course, what Halloween party would be complete without Dracula flying in for a bite to eat?



Pumpkin Carving Contest Winner

The party came complete with a screamingly delightful selection of edibles including the largest spider this writer has ever seen. The menu included eyeballs in a marvelous sweet and spicy sauce, witches brew, spider cake that bled green when cut, an organ quivering on a bed of lettuce and a host of other outstanding delicacies. We owe special thanks to Susan for organizing the food as well as preparing a great deal of it. She did a magnificent job, as always. Stacey created the cakes which showed a great deal of creativity and effort. Thanks Stacey!

We would also like to thank those who showed up early to help decorate and/or stayed late to help clean up. The decorations looked fabulous and you could tell a lot of effort went into them. There was a lot of amusement surrounding the X-rated stick figure art on one wall.

Overall, the party was outstanding. There was a lot of exemplary play, moans and screams - as was appropriate to the evening. Thanks to everyone who came out to help CoP celebrate their birthday and to make the holiday such an outstanding one.

A SAFE PLACE

BY ~SERENITY

I felt the pain from the very first tear
With the pain came an overwhelming fear
With the panic my thoughts became like glass
Clearly focused on the unfolding visions that passed

In the reflection I could see all that was happening to me
I walked beside and around and beneath the scene
And serenity was found in the silence I heard
Broken only by the sound of his soft spoken words

My mind's eye created a reflection for me
Of a secluded place where I could watch in peace
Where fear and pain were mercifully replaced
With comfort of being in my own safe place