



By Mark Favreau and José Manuel Ruiz Carvajal

# Castle

The HispaBrick Magazine staff takes a look at their Classic (and not so classic) Castle sets.

**W**e love vintage LEGO and can get quite nostalgic about it, so we had to do this review of the classic sets of one of the main LEGO themes, just like we did in issue 036 with Classic Space.

The year was 1978, the birth year of many of the team (or most of them, give or take a year or two) and LEGO decided to release a theme dedicated to the world of castles. The first thing that comes to mind is the yellow castle, yes, yellow. "Light Gray" and "Dark Gray" must have

already been expensive to get back then... some things never change.

Initially the sets focused on medieval life, with lots of castles and knights. Later on, fantasy and mythology elements began to be incorporated by adding dragons and wizards, elements that simply had to be present after growing up with films such as Willow, Monty Python and the Holy Grail, or Excalibur.

After the 90s and with the arrival of 2000, LEGO decided to release "something" called Knights

Kingdom... Bionicle did some serious damage, to some, of course.

After the obligatory "Dark Ages" in the Castle theme, we came back to our hobby thanks to the appearance of the "Fantasy Era" at the end of 2000... the prodigal son returns. 2017 came and we were orphaned again until 2021 when we got the big surprise of The Medieval Blacksmith 21325, which, although it does not belong to the Castle theme, has given us hope that the theme will return... knock, knock... LEGO?



## 1289 Weezil's Stone Bomber

2000 † 22 pieces

The set contains the Weezil minifig equipped with a crossbow, a spear, and a small catapult. . . I bet Weezil is helping Cedric the Bull stay hidden. Helping Cedric though doesn't mean that Weezil is unable to practice his chill and enjoy the sun. This was a promotional set for Kabaya in Japan.



## 4806 Axe Cart

2000 † 27 pieces

This time Weezil comes with a massively wheeled cart outfitted with two front projecting halberds and a pair of crossbows. If that's not enough weaponry, a banner flies from an attached spear. The set also features a kite shield with the Cedric the Bull logo imprinted on it. You don't want to be anywhere near this thing when Weezil comes around because he's too short to really see where he's going. Carnage both intentional and inadvertent is sure to ensue.



## 1463 Treasure Cart

1992 † 24 pieces

A Crusader soldier pulls a small cart carrying a chest of treasure. Not any massive amount of treasure, just a couple small bits of red and a couple small bits of yellow bling. But who is to say what bling is worth? The cart is adorned with weapons including a spear, a sword, and a shield. . . could this possibly be the chest that was stolen by the Forestmen and taken to the ruined castle? Could be. Forestmen have a serious, serious jones for bling, you know. This set was also later released as 1695 Treasure Cart (1992) and 2889 Treasure Cart (1998).

## 4816 Knights' Catapult

2000 + 50 pieces

This catapult is operated by two minifigures. Princess Storm and Richard the Strong are sure to be looking for Cedric to settle a score. Storm is carrying a special chrome plated sword... it's a magical sword because chrome plating wasn't invented until the 1920s.

## 1584 Knight's Challenge

1988 + 168 pieces

This set is identical to the 6060 Knight's Challenge which was released a year later (1989) and was not available in Europe. It is the only set that contains both Crusaders and Black Knights. It depicts a jousting tournament and features a grandstand for the audience, a weapons rack, a keg, two horses, and eight minifigures including two knights on horseback and a maiden. The Crusader Knights are ready to take on the Black Knights as the others prepare to watch the joust.





## 1596 Ghostly Hideout

1993 † 37 pieces

The set's focal point is a tree with a hidden sliding compartment that reveals a ghost. Makes total sense. If you were a ghost, your top priority would be to find an old tree with a secret compartment to hide out in, wouldn't you? I mean the medieval forest must have been rife with those. Hard to find nowadays, though, because all the trees died out from having secret compartments and birds and spears attached to them. Well, maybe not because of the birds. Is the ghost an ally or enemy of the bandit... and is it also the ghost of the Black Monarch? On another note, the ghost makes use of a 1x2 brick and a 1x2 plate in lieu of legs.



## 1877 Crusader's Cart

1990 † 59 pieces

Two Forestmen ride on a black and blue wagon, pulled by a white horse. The top of the wagon lifts up on a hinge to reveal a hiding place between the wagon wheels. The wagon is loaded with bales of hay and a saddle. Attached to the wagon is a pitchfork and a shield. Crusader's Cart is one of the smaller sets of the Forestmen series. It is similar to the 1680 Hay Cart with Smugglers set, but with one less minifig. Also, for purposes of variety and nothing else, we decided to call this cart a wagon.



## 1732 Crossbow Cart

1993 † 23 pieces

Guess what. It's another cart. We are not going to call this one a wagon. This set contains a cart—that's right, a cart—with two crossbows, kite shield, spear, and sword (yes, it's a heavily weaponed cart) being attended by a Dragon Master soldier. The boxed version of this set was not available in the US; the essentially identical 1712 Crossbow Cart was released in the US in polybag packaging.

## 1736 Wizard's Cart

1995 † 18 pieces

Majisto the Wizard comes equipped with his typical glow-in-the-dark wand, but without a cloak. The accompanying chest—on a cart—contains two transparent gems (round plates 1x1), one blue and one green. A gray bird is also included. 1736 is the boxed version. Other identical versions were released, one in polybag format in 1995—1746 Wiz the Wizard—and again in 1998 as a promotional set for the Japanese company Kabaya—2891 Wizard Trader.



## 1752 Boat with Armour

1996 † 21 pieces

The curiously named Boat with Armour doesn't appear to sport any armor, but it does include a Royal Knight minifigure with two crossbows, a shield, and two oars. 1752 is the boxed version. Other identical versions were released, one in polybag format with the more appropriate name 1804 Crossbow Boat, and as a promotional set for the Japanese company Kabaya, 2892 Thunder Arrow Boat. Really. Thunder Arrow Boat. What a great name. If I ever get a hamster I'm going to name it Thunder Arrow Boat.



## 1917 King's Catapult

1993 † 22 pieces

This set is comprised of a Black Knight minifigure and a small catapult. The set is identical to the 2890 King's Catapult that was released as a promotional set in Japan in 1998. This is one of only two catapults in the Black Knights theme, the other being on 1992's 1491 Dual Defender. This catapult design owes some design cues to set 1480, with the same name incidentally, from two years earlier.





## 6056 Dragon Wagon

1993 † 106 pieces

A dragon is caged in a wagon pulled by two horses and handled by two Dragon Master minifigures. In the UK the set is called Ogwen the Dragon, implying that the dragon's name is Ogwen. The dragon had no name in the United States. The dragon did, however, agree to lend his likeness to a banner for the wagon while he was on holiday in Fire Island. Also, for some reason (rhyming), LEGO decided not to call this a cart.



## 1971 Black Knight's Battering Ram

1993 † 36 pieces

The set was only available as part of the 1967 Bonus Pack set, and it contained a battering ram and a guard. The minifigure is equipped with an inverted teardrop shield, making it the only standard Black Knights guard to come equipped with one. This looks like a cart, but isn't one.

## 2539 Fright Knights Flying Machine

1998 † 20 pieces

This Shell promotional set features Basil the Bat Lord—not riding on his Black Dragon—oh, no! He flies on a small flying machine powered, no doubt, by fuel that can be purchased at a Shell station. The wings of the machine are large bat wings. Basil carries a magic chrome plated longsword and a staff with a bat on the end—which makes one pause to wonder how he steers the flying machine. For this outing he has forgone his bat cape. Undoubtedly he didn't want it to catch ablaze with the Shell-fuel fire emanating from the back of the flying machine.



## 2540 Fright Knights Catapult Cart

1998 † 28 pieces

Another Shell promotional set featuring Basil the Bat Lord. This time Basil is pushing a teeny tiny cook pot catapult on a . . . wait for it . . . cart. It seems he is short-staffed and has to do thankless tasks. Well, if you want something done right, do it yourself. The minifig is identical to the one in set 2539 Fright Knights Flying Machine.



## 2848 Fright Knights Flying Machine

1997 † 19 pieces

In this set we see Basil the Bat Lord (anybody got their fill of Basil the Bat Lord yet?) flying in a flying machine. A different flying machine. One without bat wings and not powered by Shell fuel. The set includes a bat and a crystal ball, brand new pieces in 1997. When Basil's black dragon isn't available and in the absence of the giant bat he's been pestering Willa the Witch to conjure up, it seems that Basil will settle for soaring about in flying machines. . . Does he have Leonardo da Vinci at his service?





## 2872 Witch and Fireplace

1997 † 18 pieces

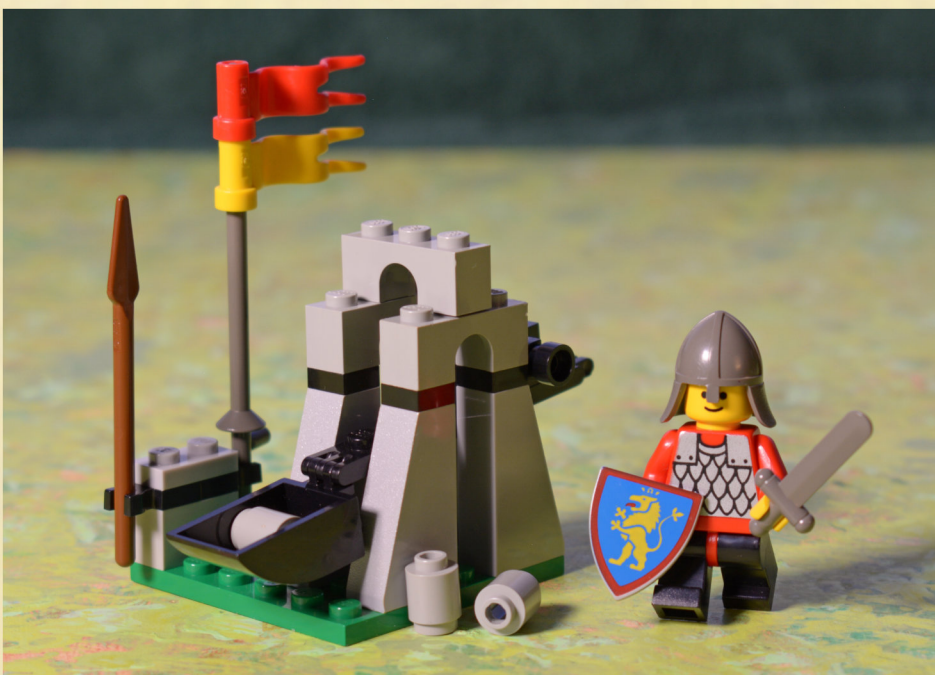
In an unprecedented, bold thematic move, LEGO in 1997 gives us a small castle set that isn't a cart or a catapult. Finally. The set includes Willa the Witch accompanied by a bat, a crystal ball, a crouching cat, a barrel, and a transparent red magic wand. Willa clearly purchased her magic accoutrements at a more upscale magic shop than 7955's Wizard. He has a stick.



## 1547 Black Knights Boat

1993 † 58 pieces

A small boat with two steering oars, a guard and a knight guarding a barrel. . . apart from the steering oars, shouldn't there be more oars to propel the boat? Eh. Maybe they're sculling. The set did not appear in any catalog and is the only Black Knights ship we will find besides the 6057 Sea Serpent. The dragon head in this set consists of a variety of pieces, unlike newer sets that come with a single piece.



## 1480 King's Catapult

1991 † 33 pieces

You know we can't have a castle spread here in the magazine without a catapult or a cart; just saying in case you were worried there weren't any more catapults. This catapult with a finger-operated mechanism is accompanied by a Crusader soldier. . . it will take many more catapults than this one to storm a castle. Probably bigger ones, too. But we aren't really at a loss for finding catapults. This is the only set in which this minifig can be found.



## 4819 Bulls' Attack Wagon

2000 † 50 pieces

Weezil is back! We haven't seen Weezil for pages! He is accompanied by Gilbert The Bad in a chariot pulled by a horse. The elephant-pulled chariots weren't available at the dealership, so they had to settle. They did get the white horn upgrade on the horse helmet, though, so it wasn't a total bummer. This set includes an exclusive chrome shield. Also note we called this cart a chariot and not a wagon because a horse is pulling it. So, technically, yeah.



## 5615 The Knight

2008 † 21 pieces

The set brings us a Crown Knight with various weapons and armor: a spear, a sword, a shield, two helmets and a breastplate. . . will the Crown Knight be able to stop the trolls' attack? Probably not. He was unable to requisition a troll-attack-repellent-worthy catapult because that requires paperwork (nor could he requisition the fancier catapult on a cart because that required *more* paperwork) and he needed a scribe, who he didn't have, to help him out with that. He got the spare helmet instead. It will just have to do.



## 5618 Troll Warrior

2008 † 19 pieces

A troll warrior, accompanied by his emotional support rat, Luis, is ready to attack the crown kingdom with—you guessed it—a cart! This cart features twin spears and a flick-fire missile. . . the epitome of medieval troll technology!





## 6037 Witch's Windship

1997 † 60 pieces

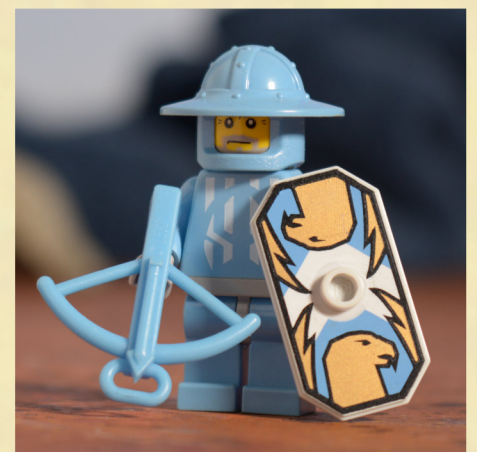
Willa the Witch appears in a flying machine consisting of a gondola powered by a green dragon. This is the only set with a green dragon with black wings, although the wings do not appear to be part of the dragon, but of the structure supporting the gondola. Advanced biomechanical witchery at work in this contraption, for sure. Witch don't need no stinkin' cart.



## 7950 Knight's Showdown

2010 † 61 pieces

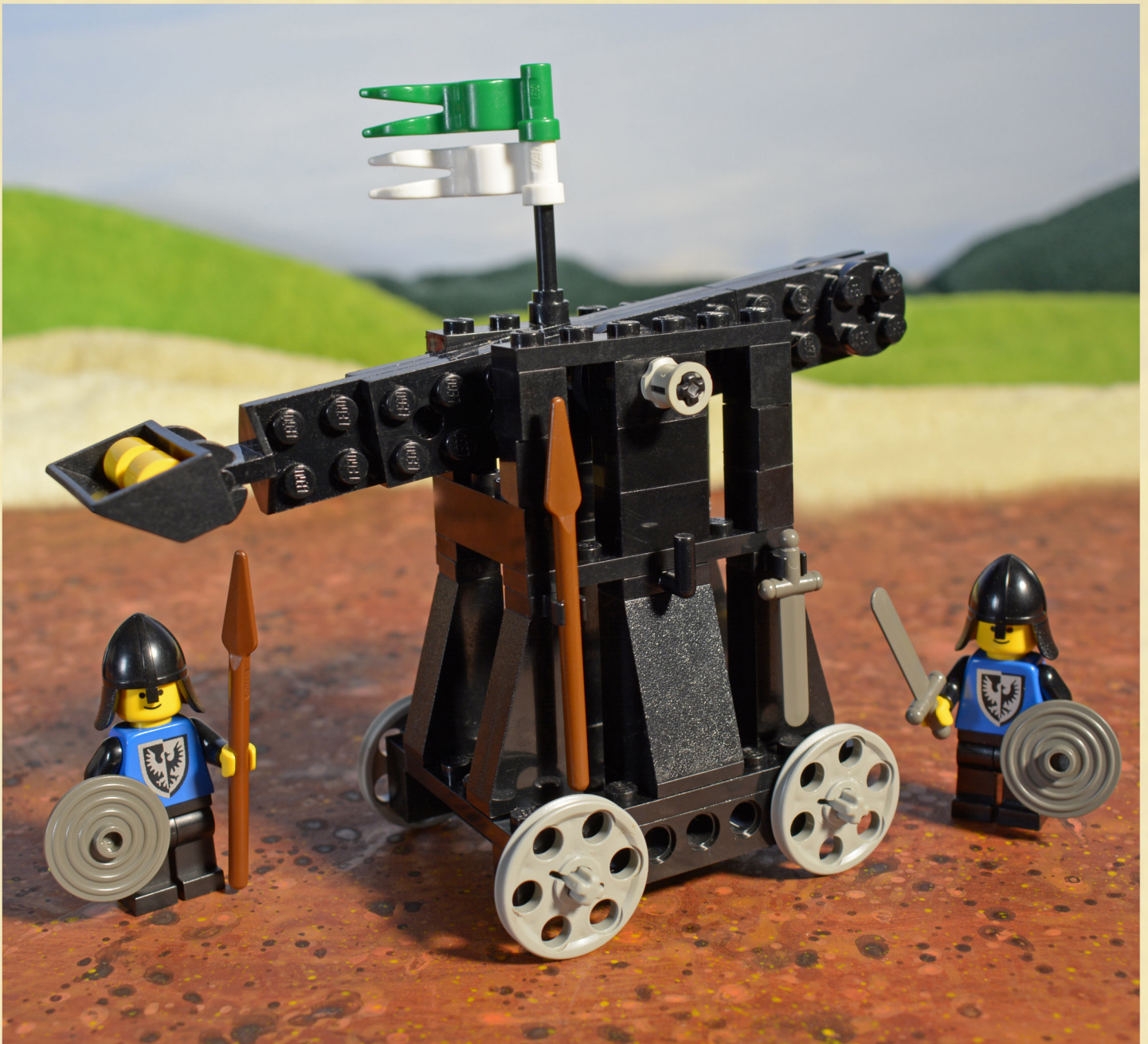
The main part of the set is the Lion Knight's mobile catapult (that's another way of saying it's a catapult on a cart). We also find the Dragon Knight weapon stand. A Lion Knight and a Dragon Knight are the minifigures in the set, equipped with a sword each, plus a battle axe for the Dragon Knight and a shield for the Lion Knight.



## 5999 Jayko

2005 † 6 pieces

The set contains the minifigure known as Jayko—a famous swordsman—although here he appears as an archer.



## 6030 Catapult

1984 † 83 pieces

This is the first catapult of two that appear with the Black Falcons, the other appearing in 6059 Knights Stronghold. It is manned by two Black Falcons, equipped with a spear and a sword respectively, who are ready for the assault on any castle that stands in front of them.

## 6032 Catapult Crusher

2000 † 54 pieces

The set contains Gilbert The Bad, a catapult, multiple weapons, and rocks to be launched by the catapult. It's like a cart, catapult, and battering ram all rolled into one!





## 7955 Wizard

2010 † 19 pieces

Dragon Wizard here settles for a mundane brown magic stick instead of a bling transparent wand with a star at the end. A small dark green dragon sits between two jars, and no, we're not going to guess what's in the yellow one. A stand holds a scroll with an illustration of a dark green dragon (who knew dark green dragons were a thing?) and the words: "You are far more powerfull [sic] than you would ever imagine. . . ." Hopefully that phrase is relative to the dragon and not whatever is in the yellow jar. The minifig is exclusive to this set.



## 6004 Crossbow Cart

1997 † 21 pieces

The small set consists of a Fright Knight accompanied by a cart with three, count 'em three, crossbows and two kite shields with bat decoration. The minifig has multiple fleurs-de-lis printed on the torso. Those delightfully decorative fleurs-de-lis must have distracted whoever was running quartermaster that day because Fright Knight here has a quiver and a spear, but no bow. Just gonna have to make do.



## 6007 Bat Lord

1997 † 16 pieces

This time Basil the Bat Lord appears with his favorite non-flying-machine mount, a black dragon. Should we presume this is an American Unnamed Dragon? Also I'm a little confused why *Bat Lord* has a badass dragon and not a badass bat. Anyhoo. He's carrying his magic chrome plated sword and red bat pole and this time is wearing his gray cloak with a bat on it. Basil needs his bat cape to keep his backside warm when riding the Unnamed Dragon because the dragon doesn't have Bat Lord ass warming Shell gas fire coming out his non-mouth end.

2538

## Fright Knights Fire Cart

1998 † 20 pieces

Whaddyaknow? Another spread, another cart. But this time it's not just any ordinary cart, oh no. And it's not a catapult cart or a crossbow cart. It's a fire cart! The set was a Shell promotion, so we can safely assume the barrel there is full of Shell gas to power the firepower of the fire. This Fright Knight's outfit didn't distract quartermaster because Fright Knight is sensibly equipped with a crossbow. Not to be missed is the usual bat.



6046

## Hemlock Stronghold

1996 † 221 pieces

This tower hidden in the forest is equipped with the tech! It has two different types of catapult and a fountain with a water pump—I have it on good authority that one of the Forestmans spent a semester at Dark Forest Community College working on a plumbing degree before joining up with the gang. Also knocking about are a skeleton, a couple forestmen and a couple Lion Knights. Not to be outdone by other sets, this set also features a small cart. That's right! A big rotating catapult, a fixed cook pot catapult and a cart. What's not to like?





## 6039 Twin Arm Launcher

1988 † 77 pieces

So, don't let the name of this set mislead you. It does not launch the arms of twins. Well, I suppose it could, but it is really a catapult with two finger-operated articulated arms on a four-wheeled platform which might or might not be thought of as a cart. You can never have too many cart catapults or too many arms on your catapults. Manned by two Crusader knights, one of them mounted on horseback, this was the first set in the line to include a barding cover for the horse.



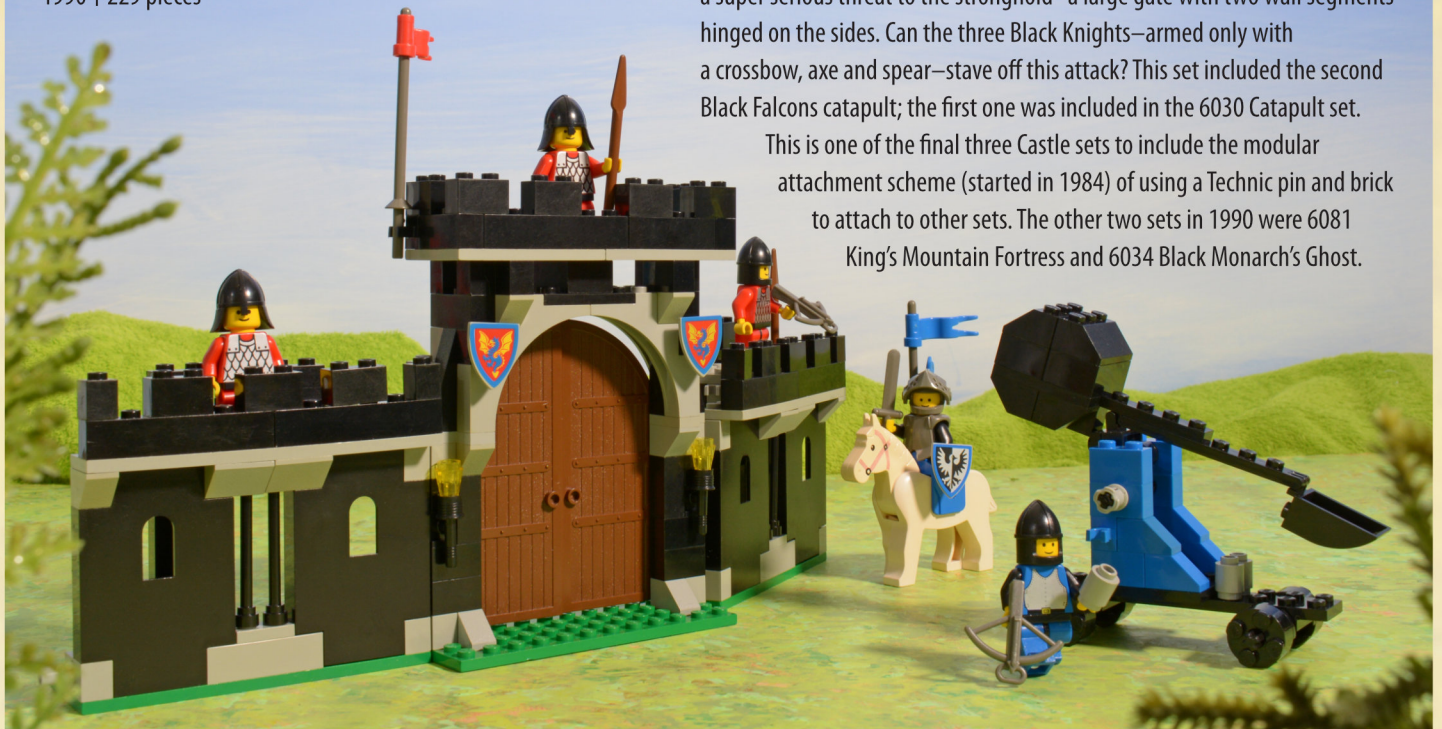
## 6054 Forestmen's Hideout

1988 † 201 pieces

A forestman and his leader, Robin Hood, hide in a lair built in the hollow of a tree. The hollow tree can be opened to gain access to its interior. The entrance to the first floor allows us to access a small house on the upper floor. On the outside two lianas hang from the tree allowing its inhabitants to move between trees... will Robin Hood be found by The Black Knight? This set was the first to feature the printed target on a 2x2 round tile. You know what else? No cart or catapult anywhere to be found.

## 6059 Knight's Stronghold

1990 † 229 pieces



The stronghold belonging to the Black Knights is being attacked by the Black Falcons. The mighty Black Falcon attack force consists of one knight on horseback and one crossbowman doubling as mobile catapult operator. It's a super serious threat to the stronghold—a large gate with two wall segments hinged on the sides. Can the three Black Knights—armed only with a crossbow, axe and spear—stave off this attack? This set included the second Black Falcons catapult; the first one was included in the 6030 Catapult set.

This is one of the final three Castle sets to include the modular attachment scheme (started in 1984) of using a Technic pin and brick to attach to other sets. The other two sets in 1990 were 6081 King's Mountain Fortress and 6034 Black Monarch's Ghost.

## 6078 Royal Drawbridge

1995 † 259 pieces

The set contains a fortified bridge, a small raft, three Royal Knights guards, a Black Knight on horseback, and a skeleton. Skeleton is chillin' under the ramp 'cause that's where skeletons chill. The Black Knight has a helmet and torso piece that are more common for Dragon Masters, plus a Black Knight kite shield with a blue dragon... is the knight Sir Lance? Is this the highly awaited thematic crossover event of 1995? And, Honey, where's the cart and who forgot the catapult?





## 6071 Forestmen's Crossing

1990 † 214 pieces

A large hollow tree and a ruined castle, separated by a river, are connected by a bridge that allows the forestmen to cross from one side to the other easily. Also they could probably just jump across the stream there at the narrow point, but why risk getting one's feet wet? The ruined castle houses a hideout with a treasure chest. The set did not appear in the European catalogs and is the only one that includes the forest maiden and the particular baseplate with the river and marked studs. Also in this set is the forestman with the black collar, whose only other appearance is in 6066 Camouflaged Outpost.

## 1888 Black Knights Guardshack

1992 † 49 pieces

A small tower guarded by a Black Knight guard with a halberd, two spears and two swords... he seems to be heavily armed, although we do not know if the weapons will serve to neutralize the ghost coming out of the tower.



## 6097 Night Lord's Castle

1997 † 608 pieces

The great castle of Basil the Bat Lord—known here for reasons of marketing and mystery by his alias, Night Lord—consists of three segments: the front part with the gate, the back part with a throne room, and the separate four-story tower section. The castle is of modular construction and can be configured in a horizontal layout if desired. The set also includes Willa the Witch, a skeleton, three Fright Knights, and a Royal Knight who has fallen prisoner locked in the third floor of the tower. For animals there are two horses, a number of bats, and of course, a dragon. This was the tallest LEGO castle released and is the only set that contains the flag with the bat emblem.





## 30061 Attack Wagon

2010 † 36 pieces

This polybag set contains a small siege cart and a Dragon Sword Knight. This polybag was not launched in the US.

## 7038 Troll Assault Wagon

2008 † 161 pieces

The assault wagon has four large wheels and a firing turret with space in the back to place other trolls. The wagon is pulled by a giant Troll tricked by a Troll Warrior with a chicken leg. The set also contains two Crown Knights with a cart with weapons waiting to take them on.



6036

## Skeleton Surprise

1995 † 74 pieces

In this set, a Royal Knight guard protects a small black-and-gray tower. A skeleton hides in the ceiling of the tower on a pivoting stick and swings down—surprise—when a pin is removed. This set is one of the first four sets released in 1995 that contained the skeleton. Curiously, the instruction manual is labeled with the Dragon Masters logo.

7041

## Troll Battle Wheel

2008 † 508 pieces

A large battle wheel driven by a troll captain and two troll warriors will engage in a presumably very brief battle against three crown knights who have a catapult barricade to try to stop the wheel. Had the knights set up in a narrow pass, they might have had a chance, but as they're in an open field, the trolls can just roll around them.





## 7009 The Final Joust

2007 † 62 pieces

The set includes on one side Lead General with armor riding a horse and on the other side, General Bone with armor riding a black skeleton horse. No shortage of jousting weapons such as shields, axes, maces as well as banners. . . who will be the winner?

## 6012 Siege Cart

1986 † 54 pieces

A ballista manned by two Crusader soldiers bearing the crests of lions on their torsos. The ammunition consists of three spears, but there is no mechanism to fire them.

## 5004419 Classic Knights Minifigure

2016 † 45 pieces

This was a promotional item available on LEGO.com for free to VIP members when they spent a certain amount on purchases. The set sold out within the first week. It is a modern interpretation of the 6012 Siege Cart set and includes a Crusader minifigure and a sheet showing how the Castle characters have changed from Classic Castle to Nexo Knights.



## 30062 Target Practice

2010 † 31 pieces

Lion Knight is on the practice range and he's brought along lunch. The set was launched as a polybag at LEGOLAND California and Target retail stores in the US.

## 6034 Black Monarch's Ghost

1990 † 48 pieces

The knight in this set was the first of the Black Knights to be equipped with the new helmet with a movable visor and a breastplate and was one of the first two sets to include the glow-in-the-dark ghost figure. It is also one of the last sets with the modular Technic pin scheme for attaching to other Castle sets.



## 4801 Defense Archer

2000 † 15 pieces

The set contains a minifigure on a rotating platform. There are also two other identical versions, one in polybag format as 4811 Defense Archer and one as a promotional set for the Japanese company Kabaya as 1287.

## 7953 Court Jester

2010 † 22 pieces

The set includes a court jester with three "juggling balls", simulated by round plates. . . what would a court be without a jester?





## 1624 King's Archer

1993 † 22 pieces

This set is a precursor to the 30062 Target Practice set without the crossbow and lunch. It is the last set to contain the hard-to-find and now quite pricey 2x2 yellow tile with target pattern.



## 6027 Bat Lord's Catapult

1997 † 55 pieces

The set contains a horse-drawn catapult, plus two minifigures: a driver and a knight. The catapult consists simply of a seesaw with a barrel, and, oddly, no ammunition. I have absolutely no idea what those flaming cones are about. Are they the ammunition? And is this really the best catapult that Bat Lord could have come up with? Dude. The guy has two flying machines and for a catapult he has a barrel on a plank? Okay, it is a step up from his other cook pot catapult. On the upside it features a bat sitting upright riding a horse, so right there there's a spectacle of nature to behold.



## 6009 Black Knight

1992 † 22 pieces

The set includes a Black Knight minifigure, a horse, two swords, the (then) new kite shield, the dragon feather and wings on the visor, and a small armorer with a lance and crossbow. Best of all, the minifigure features a funny red mustache and goatee.

## 6043 Dragon Defender

1993 † 156 pieces

One of the more whimsical sets in the line, this catapult takes the form of a big dragon. A clip holds the launch assembly at the ready. Flip the clip and the dragon lowers its head and raises its tail, launching the brick rocks. Unfortunately, though, two things. . . One: if the dragon wings aren't positioned just so, they can interfere with the front-mounted banner pole when the launch arm pivots, disrupting the launch. Two, if unimpeded by the banner pole, the rocks fly only about six stud lengths in front of the massive catapult, which places this defender squarely in the category of decorative weaponry.



## 6024 Bandit Ambush

1996 † 60 pieces

From their secret hiding place behind the cover of trees and a hollow rock (don't ask me how they managed to hollow out a rock) the forest bandits can launch a surprise attack on travelers in the forest. The cook pot catapult launches 1x1 cylinders and a flip of the ladder will get the archer to a vantage point on the top of the rock. So far the take has been fairly paltry, though. Only three 1x1 plate "gems" are in the loot chest.



## 6031 Fright Force

1998 † 32 pieces

Hey, hey, hey, the gang's all here. Bat Lord, Willa, and two Fright Knights are ready to scare the bejeezus out of anyone who dares stand in their way. Both Bat Lord and Willa are sans cape in this set, and there aren't any bats to be found other than painted on shields. Meh. Maybe they're not so bejeezusly frightening after all. Then again, Willa's dental hygiene *is* frightening, so if halitosis can be weaponized, that is in their favor.





## 1794 Dragon Master Chariot

1994 † 36 pieces

I know what you're thinking. . . another cart. Oh, how wrong! It's not a cart nor carriage nor wagon. It is a bona-fide war-ready chariot! This horse-drawn vehicle of mayhem has hinge-mounted swing-down halberds for indiscriminately cutting down enemies at the knees.

The horse hitch piece, shown here in blue, wouldn't appear in a castle set after this for another eleven years. As with all the head-armored mounts in the Dragon Knights line, the war horse here wears the signature red helmet with the dragon-inspired design.



## 6008 Royal King

1995 † 12 pieces

Royal King? Elvis notwithstanding, I ask you, is there really any other kind of king? I know, I know, Lion King was out because of reasons (ahem, Disney). I bet if LEGO let the Japanese name this set it would have been on par with Thunder Arrow Boat. Just sayin'.



## 6028 Treasure Cart

1998 † 23 pieces

Whaddyaknow? It's another cart. Sure seems like there was a preponderance of treasure being hauled around and stored in chests back in the day. Folks didn't put other things in chests in the fictitious long-ago. . . furs or clean laundry or crazy Uncle Philbert's prized hand-carved wooden spoon collection? I guess not. This Fright Knights set was also released in a polybag as 6029 Treasure Guard. 6028/6029 were the only sets other than 1988's 5988 Temple of Anubis, from the Adventurers line, to contain the dark gray bat.



## 6023 Maiden's Cart

1986 † 44 pieces

A horse-drawn carriage carries a maiden guarded by a soldier with the emblem of crossed axes on his torso. The back of the carriage carries a treasure chest. . . is the maiden going to the knight's joust? The white maiden's hat is exclusive to this set.



## 6011 Black Knight's Treasure

1985 † 26 pieces

A red and yellow two-wheeled cart carrying a light gray treasure chest, drawn by a black horse and driven by a lone Black Falcon knight. The set includes a rare yellow saddle with a single clip and is the only set to include the light gray treasure chest. . . and ironically the chest is probably now worth more than whatever treasure it may have contained.

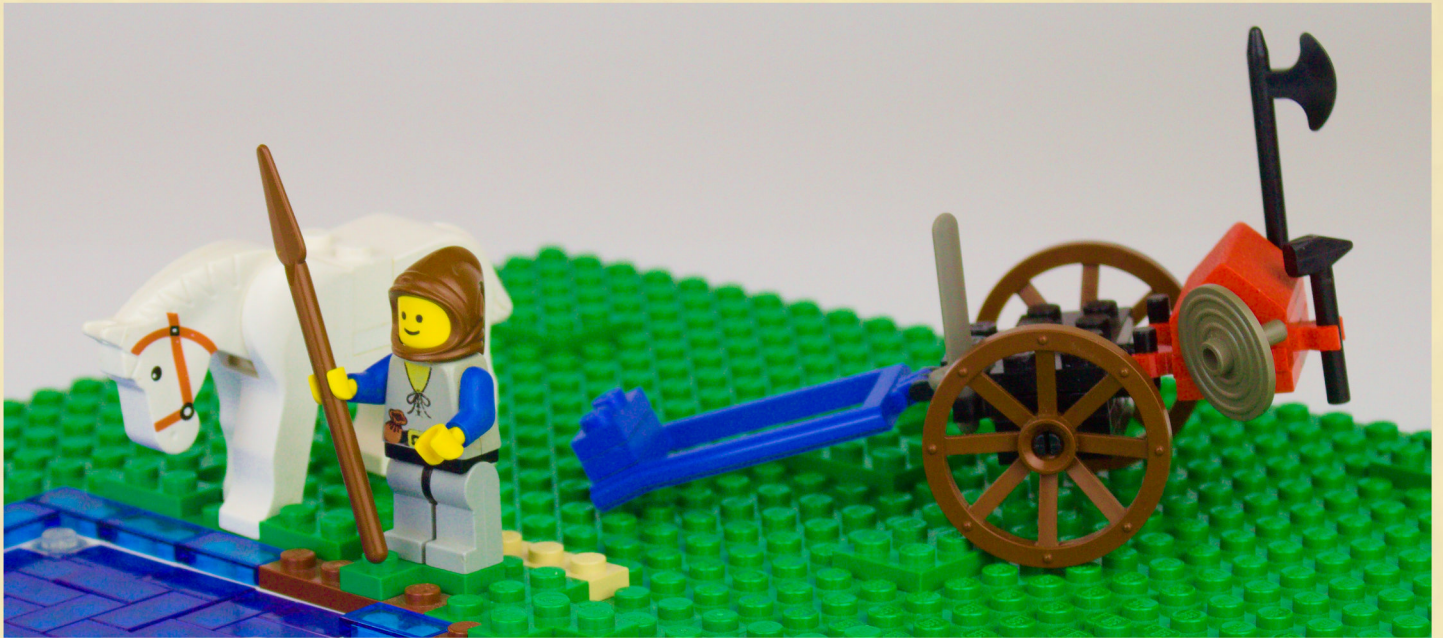


## 6055 Prisoner Convoy

1985 † 115 pieces

The set depicts a team of three Crusader soldiers escorting a peasant prisoner in—wait! He's escaping from—a blue and black jail wagon pulled by four horses with a cavalryman escort riding a fifth horse. Because the whip piece was not introduced until 1988, the coachman here has to settle for a lance. The Convoy is notable for having five horses—the most ever released in a single LEGO set—surpassing the 6080 King's Castle which had four.





## 6010 Supply Wagon

1984 † 33 pieces

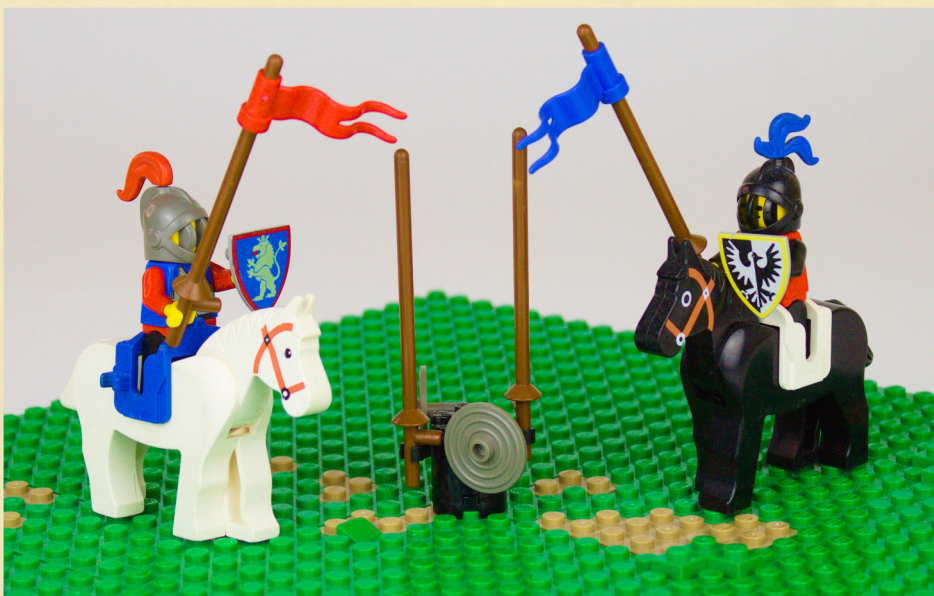
A peasant carries weapons in his cart, pulled by a white horse. A spear, a black halberd, a sword, a hammer and a round shield make up his luggage. It was the first set in which the minifig's torso was printed with a small bag... we sense that it will hold all his money.



## 6022 Horse Cart

1984 † 42 pieces

A brand new kind of cart in the Castle cart-a-palooza, the horse cart is pulled by a black horse (hence its name, no doubt), filled with weapons, and accompanied by two Crusader Knights. Also in the cart is a blue saddle in case one of the knights wants to ride the horse.



## 6021 Jousting Knights

1984 † 37 pieces

Looks like there's going to be a little jousting today. Sir Richard, knight of the Crusaders and the Black Knight, leader of the Black Falcons are set to do battle. They are accompanied by their horses, various jousting weapons and shields. Each carries a different colored flag, red and blue... who will win the joust?

This is one of only two sets to contain the white saddle, the other being 6080 King's Castle.

## 6040 Blacksmith Shop

1984 † 92 pieces

When your cart breaks down (and you know it is going to break down because of all the battling and treasure toting), where do you take it? To the blacksmith, of course! This was the first Castle set to feature a civilian minifigure, a blacksmith with a bare torso wearing a unique-to-the-set brown cape as an apron. The instruction booklet included an alternative build: a small tower and a horse-drawn cart.

The smithy was part of Castle's first modular collection of wall parts, and could be connected to 1984's 6073 Knight's Castle set using Technic pins.



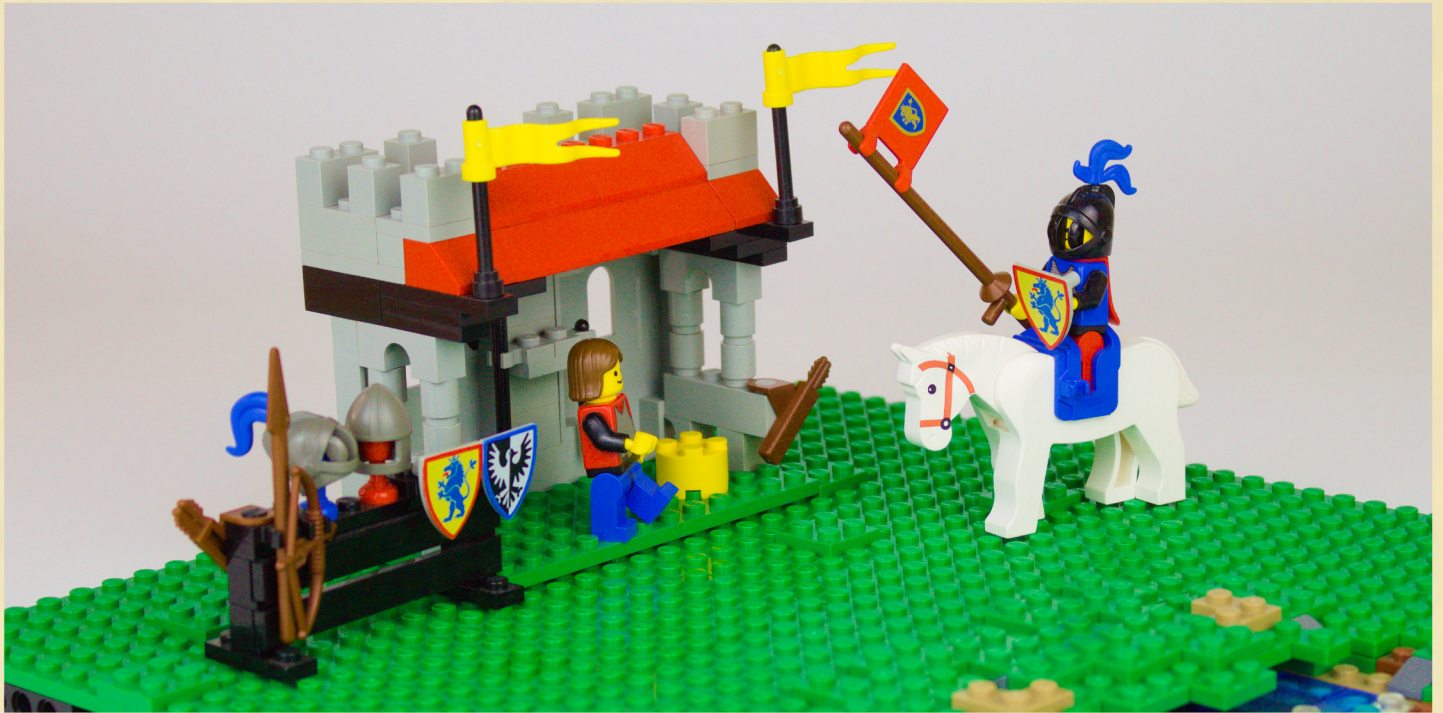
## 6067 Guarded Inn

1986 † 246 pieces

An inn guarded by a Crusader knight on horseback and two Crusader soldiers. Also included is a maiden wearing a red hat and a small blue cape. Half of the building is gray and built like a castle while the other half would be the inn, with some red and black colors to highlight the building. . . it's not all going to be fighting, there is also time for a break and a drink at the inn. Does that make sense? If there's drinking at the inn, there's bound to be some fighting.

This 1986 set added to the modular collection started in 1984 to increase the Castle diorama. Other compatible 1986 sets included 6041 Armor Shop and 6074 Black Falcon's Fortress. Due to its popularity, the set was re-released in 2001 as 10000 Guarded Inn.



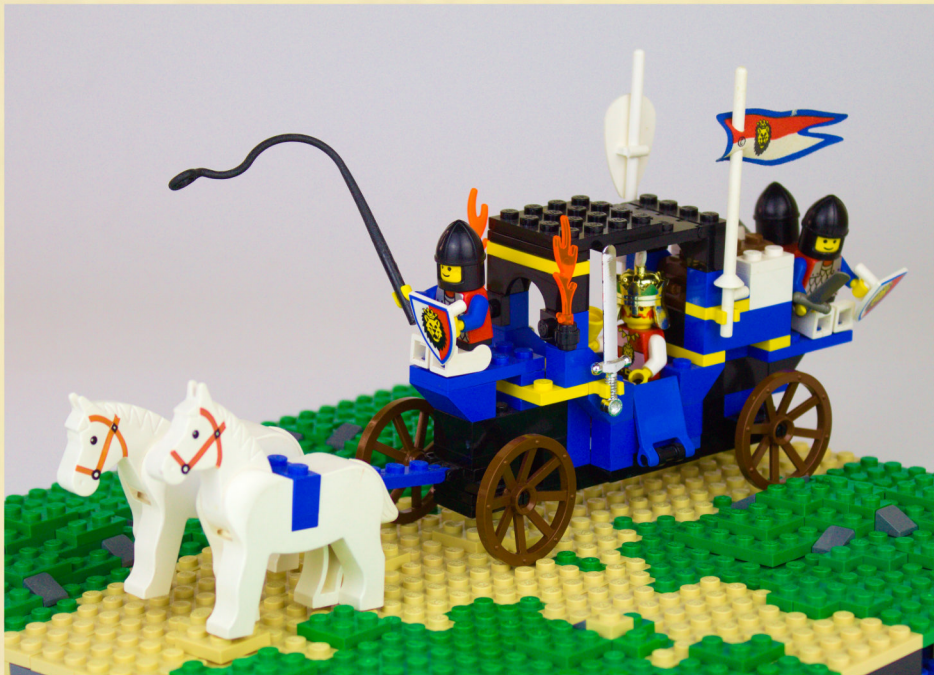


## 6041 Armor Shop

1986 † 109 pieces

A small pavilion serves as a weapon store manned by an armored salesman. A Crusader knight and his horse visit the shop... full of weapons and helmets but curiously devoid of armor... maybe not so curious as the 2587 body armor piece won't be released until four years later in 1990.

Interesting to note is that these various modular castle attachment sets actually integrate sets spanning the various Castle themes of Black Falcons, Lion Knights, and Crusaders.



## 6044 King's Carriage

1995 † 125 pieces

A horse-drawn carriage transports King Richard, with his golden crown. Three Royal Guards accompany him on the journey to the castle, since in addition to the king, they have to protect a chest full of jewels.



## 6016 Knights' Arsenal

1987 † 37 pieces

A small two-wheeled wagon pulled by a white horse driven by a Crusader knight... from the amount of weapons the Crusader is carrying, it is clear that something important is in the offing.

## 6035 Castle Guard

1987 † 49 pieces

A small guard tent where a knight on horseback and a soldier do their guard duty... always alert. This set was the first to contain the red 2418 "Windscreen 6x6x2 Octagonal Canopy" piece to simulate the tent canopy.



## 6049 Viking Voyager

1987 † 101 pieces

So, this set in the Lion Knights sub-line is a large rowboat (without oars) captained by a Lion Knight with an otherwise non-lion-knight crew... Vikings are coming! Vikings? The fact that we don't see oars in the set, replaced by spears, is because LEGO didn't introduce oars until 1989 with the Pirates theme. Although we begin to see Viking aesthetics, it is not until 2005 when we have the first set in that theme.

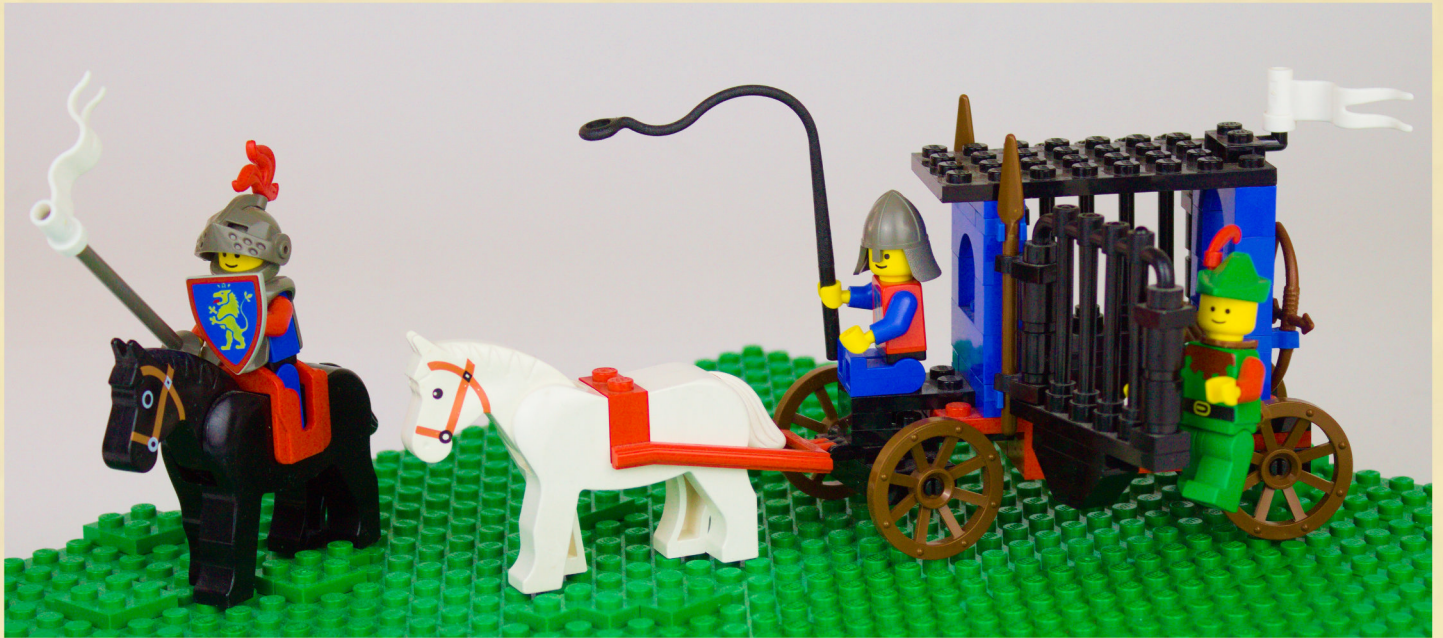


## 6018 Battle Dragon

1990 † 54 pieces

A small boat with a dragon head and two soldiers, one of them with a Black Falcons shield... finally we have oars! Thanks Pirates. This is the first boat in the Castle line to include real oars instead of spears.

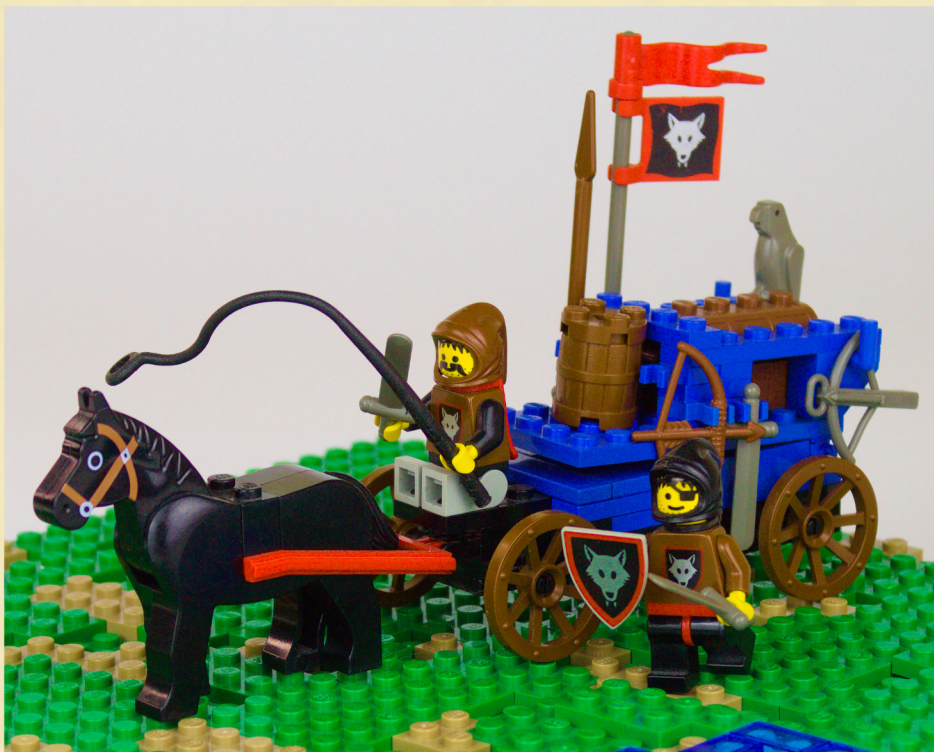




## 6042 Dungeon Hunters

1990 † 109 pieces

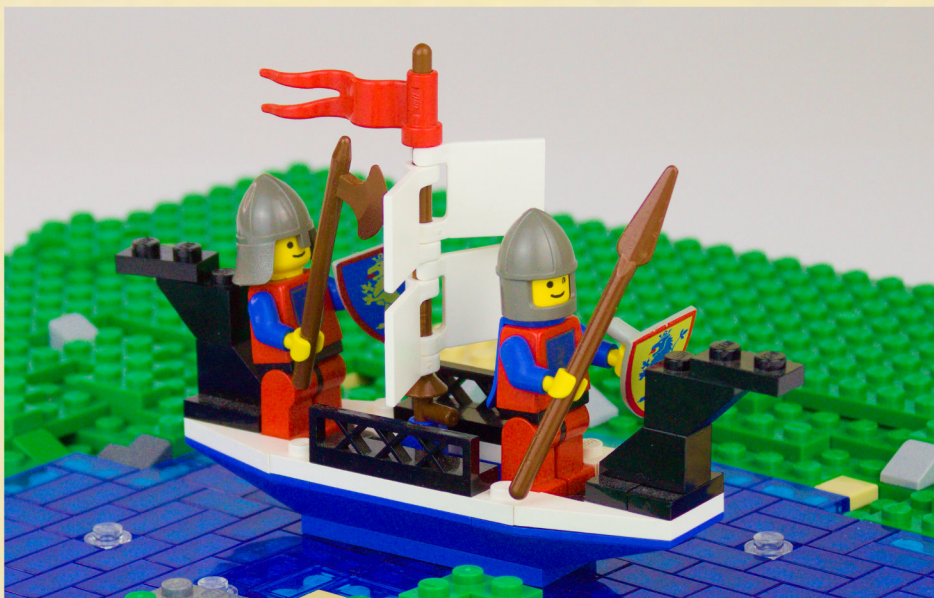
A carriage with a cell and a knight contains a cell for transporting a prisoner. Another knight on a black horse accompanies him . . . it looks like Robin Hood has been caught. This time, unlike 6055 Prisoner Convoy (1985), the coachman does have a real whip instead of a spear.



## 6038 Wolfpack Renegades

1992 † 97 pieces

Two Renegades flee in a horse-drawn wagon. The wagon is equipped with a false bottom to hide the loot, a barrel, and a treasure chest containing four "gold pieces" and a yellow cup. . . they are on their way to the Wolfpack Tower. . . and for some unknown reason they've picked up a bird as a passenger. Why fly when you can take a ride?



## 6017 King's Oarsmen

1987 † 45 pieces

A small blue, white, and black sailboat is manned by two Crusader knights. The sails were built with white hinged banners, attached to a mast made of a spear. . . let's hope that the sailboat does not belong to the Vikings, as it is bad enough to have the Black Knights as "enemies".