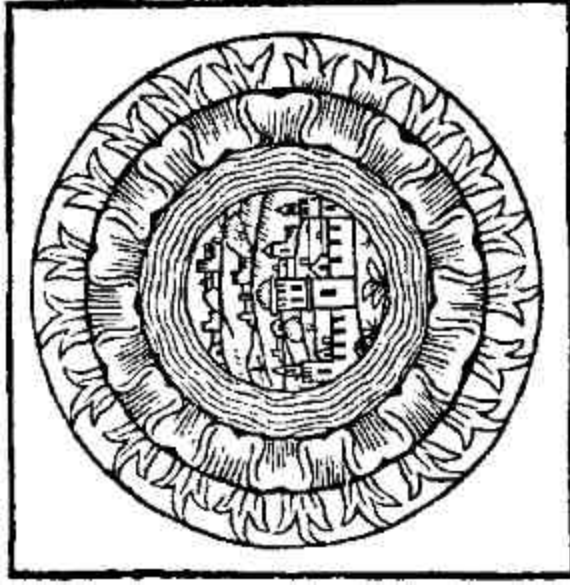


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Unto the Populace

From the Baroness

Greetings to the Populace of Sacred Stone!

I am pleased that so many of you attended Kingdom Crusades in Maryland. It is great to see people traveling that much. I am also thrilled that Market Day and War College went well. Thank you to the Canton of Charlesbury Crossing for hosting Market Day. Thank you to Lord Christian von Nurenborg for hosting War College. It makes a huge impact on everyone when people are willing to work to make events a success. Thank you!

Now winter is fast approaching. It is time to work on projects inside. I urge everyone to take the next few months to work on your personas: garb, heraldry, names, and kits. It would be lovely to see everyone make an effort to enlarge their knowledge. It has been a personal goal for me to do so and I still ask that others make that effort as well. We had several people submit their names and heraldry at Kingdom Crusades. Please remember that there are submission tables at most kingdom level events. We also have several wonderful heralds in the Barony who can help you if you run into trouble. There are also quite a few talented artisans who are more than willing to help with garb and other items to complete your persona. So let's take the winter to really shine up our gear!

Also during these winter months we will be working on the Barony's image. The new coronets should be here soon and we are making the new pavilions. We also need to revamp our regalia. We are working on new champions regalia, but tabards/cassocks and shield covers are still needed for our fighters. Please remember that Lord Jon von der Velde, our A&S Minister, has the green fabric for sale to make these items. Let's help each other out and make the Kingdom of Atlantia feel our presence!!

Thank you all for your help, your work and your positive attitudes. We are continuing to do wonderful work. Many of our people have been recognized at a Baronial level and a Kingdom level. Please continue to attend events, send in letters of recognition and enjoy yourselves!!

Thank you!

Kisaiya, Baroness

From the Seneschal

The Fall months are flying by us and we will all be preparing for 12th Night and Ymir before you know it. I will be sponsoring an inner-Baronial Heraldic Display competition at Ymir this year in honor of our new pavilion. Please see further on in this issue for a description of the competition. If you have any questions or need any help, please do not hesitate to contact me.

It appears that the pavilion making day for the Barony will be on January 15-16, 2005 and I am hoping to schedule the autocrat class for the next weekend. I highly encourage everyone who is interested in possibly autocratting a Baronial event to sign up for the class.

Bids for Baronial Birthday 2005 and In a Phoenix Eye 2005 are due on December 31, 2004. Please see me if you have any questions, you can also access the Baronial website and get a great deal of information and forms under Baronial Events.

November's Baronial meeting and practice will be held on Sunday, November 21, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. at the Salisbury Practice site. Various votes regarding expenditure of Baronial funds will be occurring, I encourage everyone to attend.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy Thanksgiving and gets to spend plenty of time with their family and friends.

YIS,

Asszony Bessenyei Rozsa

From the Exchequer

Greetings to the Populace of the Barony of the Sacred Stone!

We should all feel a sense of accomplishment and pride after our Baronial Birthday at King's Mountain in September. The event was well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy him or herself. After taking account of the receipts and expenses of the event the Barony was able to add a modest sum to its coffers for future expenses, such as the Baronial Coronets and a Baronial Pavilion.

Naturally some good gentles that had pre-reserved a space at the event were unable to attend. The Barony issued several refunds during the process of finalizing the Baronial Birthday Event Report. In section 5.3 of the Baronial Financial Policy, the topic of Event Refunds is outlined.

A basic aspect of this section of the policy is that requests for refunds must be submitted *in writing* no later than *seven days* after the event. You might ask, "Why does a request have to be in writing? You know me. You know I wasn't there."

One practical reason that a request for refund must be in writing is because often many people are involved with the event fee's journey from pre-registration through troll (onsite registration), to the Autocrat then the Exchequer, and on to deposit in the Baronial bank account. In other words, the reservationist, troll person, Autocrat and Exchequer are rarely going to be the same person, so not everyone is aware of who came through troll, and who did not.

For instance, I received a request for refund in writing, but the request did not include the amount that I should refund, or the mailing address where to send it. The person who presented this hand-written note to the Autocrat assumed that this information would be simple to figure out. The facts of the matter were that I had to go back through the deposits to find the original check, calculate the amount of the refund, and send several emails to track down a mailing address. Imagine the extra work that this would add to completing a final event report if many requests had been made with incomplete information!

So in the future, please remember to include a **modern name** and a **mailing address**, along with the **amount** requested, when you submit any request for refund from an event. I do not mind a request being legibly hand-written as long as it includes this basic information.

You might also ask, "Why does a request have to be made within 7 days?" As per Kingdom Policy, the event report forms must be completed in a timely manner. The Autocrat of an event has only 14 days to mail in the Non-member form and surcharges, which are paid by people attending the event who are not paid members of the SCA. The final event report itself is due to the Regional autocrat within a month.

Lastly, our Baronial Financial policy states that refunds will be paid only if an event makes a profit. What that also means in terms of refunds is that we must complete the final event report before we can determine conclusively if the event was "in the black." So, please allow 4-6 weeks after an event to receive your refund check, if we are able to provide refunds at that time.

As always, if you have any questions about refunds or any other Exchequer matters, please do not hesitate to contact me.

YIS,
Lady Lidia de Ragusa
Exchequer, Barony of the Sacred Stone

From the Chronicler

Greetings all,

I hope everyone is enjoying autumn months and looking forward to winter.

I would like to thank Lord Cyriac for submitting his wonderful story that appears later in the newsletter. And I'd like to remind everyone that I welcome all kinds of articles, stories, pictures, book reviews or anything else you would like to see in the newsletter.

Submissions should be gotten to me no later than the 25th of each month. Articles should be no more than 1,000 words, or if longer they can be split into multiple issues. Any personal or Canton announcements are always welcome as well, though for space reasons should be please be kept to three or four lines. And of course any art work for the cover is always appreciated.

Always in service to the Arts,

Lady Katerina Samovicha

From the Minister of Arts and Sciences

Unto all Gentles does The Honourable Lord John von der Velde, Baronial Minister of Arts and Sciences for Sacred Stone, send warmest greetings.

I am please to begin my tenure as Minister of Arts and Sciences and wish to invite any feedback and ideas that you may have concerning the arts and sciences in our Barony. I would like to announce two new programs which will kick off over the next couple of months

At Fall War College we will begin **The Whip Competition**. It will be a competition at each Baronial event, and any canton events that I can make, for Works in Progress. This will be an open category with the only restriction that you must have begun the item within the last year and that it have some sort documentation (even if incomplete).

The second new program which will begin in the spring is a series of hands-on workshop classes that will run all day during each event. In each of these workshops you will be able to leave the class with a completed item. Some classes, such as leather pouches, can be taught in a few minutes with work continuing as the class members wish, but the space will be open all day with a series of instructional periods throughout the day. I am looking for instructors for these workshops, so anyone who is interested please drop me a line at johnspiegel@earthlink.net.

In service to Her Excellency and His Grace,
THL John von der Velde

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October 17, 2004
Barony of the Sacred Stone
Regular Baronial Meeting

The meeting was opened at 1:00 by Baroness Kisaiya.

Officer Reports:

Seneschal - Bessenyei Rozsa

- War College is Oct. 30 at the Elkin site.
- We would like to have an Autocrat Class soon, perhaps January 22. A Sewing Day to work on the new pavilion is tentatively planned for January 15.
- All reports from Sacred Stone's Baronial Birthday have been sent in. There were approximately 252 people in attendance, and we made about \$735 in profits.
- Novice Tourney bid by Baron Achbar was accepted.
- Bids due by December 31 are 2005 Baronial Birthday, and In a Phoenix Eye.

Exchequer - Lady Lidia de Ragusa

- We did well on Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday, refunds are done, and a few checks still need to clear.
- We are in the process of moving the Baronial bank account from CC&B to Wachovia. Received bank statements from the former exchequer, and the 3rd quarter report is underway.
- There is a current balance of about \$10,000. (\$500 of that is earmarked to go to Salisbury Glen)
- Refund requests should be made in writing to exchequer within a week of any baronial event, including as much info as possible (name, mailing address, check number, etc.), including copies to seneschal, coronet, troll, etc. Refunds are subject to whether the event made a profit.

MoAS - THL John von der Velde

- New program, WIP (Works-In-Progress) will be an open category display competition, beginning at War College.
- In Spring, another new effort to increase participation in A&S competitions will be hosting hands-on classes at events and following up with a competition at the next event featuring items from the class.

MoL - Baroness Kisaiya by proxy of Lady Anneke

- Need more warranted MoLs.
- Three baronial members have completed the class, and only need to do training events.

Herald - Baroness Kisaiya by proxy of THL Salvador Paolo de Barcelona

- Several people submitted names and devices at Kingdom Crusades. Officers are encouraged to submit names and devices.
- The Baroness would still like to have a banner from each canton to display in the Baronial pavilion at events. (Asszony Bes-senyei Rozsa will be sponsoring a heraldic competition for Baronial members at the Tourney of Ymir in February. Master Robear and Baroness Fiona will be coordinating Baronial Hospitality under the new pavilion.)

Knights Marshal - Baroness Fiona McLeod

- War College reminder
- Fighter practice is the 3rd Sunday of the month.
- Will check to see if an unauthorized fighter can be a warranted marshal.

Rapier Marshal - Baroness Kisaiya by proxy for Lord Christian von Nuremberg

- We will be looking for a replacement soon, in the position of Baronial Rapier Marshal. Anyone interested in becoming a warranted rapier marshal should contact the Knights Marshal about arranging a class.

Archery Marshal

- We also need archery marshals.

Webminister - Lord Cyriac Grymsdale

- Working on updates
- Baronial members who are not in orders are welcome to submit info for a person webpage.

Chronicler - Lady Katerina Sina Samovicha

- Sent our first round of newsletters, 22 copies, 18 paid and 4 comp. Submission deadline is the 25th of each month. Send info for an Announcement page. Officer letters are needed. Seneschal letters are needed. Third quarter report is being put together.

Castellan - Baron Achbar ibn Ali

- Need new people
- Attended Lord Luther's demo in Virginia and was well received. Has some new loaner garb, but needs more, especially larger sizes. Need more canton chatelaines (only Baelfire Dunn has a chatelaine currently.)
- Working on assembling a 'demo' team.

MoM -

- Position needs to be filled

Old Business -

- Coronets: Molds have been made for the casting on the new coronets. Very nice looking. The coronets are due to be finished in November.
- Pavilion: Tentative work date is January 15.
- Financial Policy: Working with the Kingdom Exchequer to finalize.
- Feast/Cooking Gear request will be finalized for next month's meeting.
- Archery: A request has been made for a backstop. A conversation followed. More information will be gathered for next meeting.

New Business -

- Asszony Bessenyei Rozsa is the liaison between Walter Triplette's site and the Barony. There will be work days on the 4th Sunday of the month.
- Renn Faire: Achbar will contact new management and see if we might work out arrangements to participate.
- Baronial Regalia: discussion of storing and transporting.

Meeting adjourned about 3:15.

Notes taken by Meisterin Susanna von Schweissguth

An Accounte of the Tourneyment of the Champions of the Knowne World's Baronage

Written By:

Lord Cyriac Grymsdale (Kevin C. Towery)
Chronicler of the Canton ycleped Charlesbury Crossing
Man at Arms to Count Valharic Caligua Aurelius, Knight of Atlantia

A Word to the Reader

I, Lord Cyriac Grymsdale, entered this Middle English account of the Pennsic XXXIII Baronial Champions Tourney into the Sacred Stone Baronial Birthday Arts & Sciences competition, "Use of the Phoenix," on September 11, 2004 as I had the great honor of acting as the champion for our beloved Baroness Kisaiya Zingara in that tournament, proudly wearing the Baronial tabard, and now telling the events of that day.

I, Cyriac Grymsdale, chronicler of worthy stories and deeds, dooth most humbly send greetings and prayers for good time of day to myn liege, Count Valharic Caligua Aurelius, knyght of Atlantia. It is myn honour, spellien the story of a day's tourney held upon the sixteenth day of Augustus Annus Soceitus XXXVIII, where I was present and engaged in a feat of arms. On this day Sir Kieran Annachie MacLeod, Lion of the Middle Regne, did issue forth for a fourth year, a proclamation of a tourney. This tourney was to be held for the champions of the baronage of the knowne world, and to be held in the Debated Lands during the bickering hight Pennsic.

On the morwe of the day, ful armyd for the bataille of the field that day, did I request a boone of the lovely and gracious baroness Kisaiya Zingara. It was known to me that hir excellency's champion had been unable to travel due to matters of his estat and it was myn desire to represent hir and the baronage ycleped the Sacren Stone in this noble and glorious tourneyment. Hir excellency did grant me myn boone and acorded to accompany me to the tourneyment, God kepe hir.

After fihten in the bataille of the field and fullen myn duties to you myn liege, I did retire to the encampment of the baronage ycleped the Sacren Stone in time to refresh myn self for the tourneyment and cloth myn self in a tabard with the blazon of the baronage, vert an argent double headed phoenix. Armyd again, I did escort hir excellency to the field for the tourneyment where myn beautiful and talented ladye wyf, Lidia de Ragusa, did join us. Arriving er the host of the tourney, hir excellency did take confort in the schade on the field, and met with the barouns and baronesses present with grete cheere.

Shortly ter efter, Sir Kieran did arrive from his toils of other batailles to greet the baronage of the knowne world, and allow other baronages time to join. We were then graced with the arrival of the noble Prynce Malik 'abd al-Rahman ibn al-Safa al-Kariim of the regne of Ealdormere. Sir Kieran made known that Prynce Malik was the previous year's champion of the tourneyment. The champions did then present their barouns and baroness and tem-selue to Sir Kieran and Prynce Malik. After the baronage had taken their ese in the gallery, each champion did crie forth their name, the baronage they hailed from, and their accomplishments. It was with grete honour, that I announced myn self as your man at arms and that I was fihten on behalf of the esteemed baroness ycleped Kisaiya Zingara. We were then instructed that the champions would display their prowess until the gallery chose a question to axe us. The champions

would then hath a respyt until all had answered the question and then take up their arms, this would occur three times.

I did hath the pleasure to begin the tourney with a lord who I believe hails from your household ycleped Lord Radagaisus Vidigoia Balthi known as Rutger, Serjant of the Middle regne's Red Company and champion of the baronage ycleped Cleftlands, and acorded to myn quest to begin the bout with a round of three counted blows in the English fashion. After a flurry of traded blows, he showed grete prowess and smote me three times upon myn left leg during our exchange.

I did engage with two other digne broder at arms sitthe, one who wielded two swerdes wearing a sable bawdryk with a blazon of an or castle turret and Lord Jibril al-Dhakhil, champion of the crown province of Ostgardr, bearing the blazon of argent, a falcon rising sable and on a chief rulgey vert a decrescent and a son argent. Both did defet me after a time with blows to the helme. I complimented both of hem on their prowess at the end of our bouts and found hem to be hende lordynges.

I then had the solas of meeting Lord Donas Mcnair, Serjant of the Middle regne's Red Company and champion of the Baronage ycleped Roaring Wastes. Alas er we cowde begin our bout in earnest we were ycleped er the gallery for our first question.

His royal highness, Prynce Malik, did then present to the champions the question of, "What does it mean to be a champion of a baronage?" Each champion did take their turn after their ese and announce hym-seluen or hir-selue to the gallery er answering the question. Many were the noble answer given to this question.

For myn self, the answers was that though I am not the titled champion of the baronage ycleped the Sacren Stone, but in myn heart I felt that the baronage should be represented in this noble and glorious tourneyment. It was myn pleasure and honour that myn gracious baroness did grant me the boone to stand here er you all and to engage in honorable combat with the fine champions of the baronage of the knowne world today.

Being a champion, means to me that I represent myn baronage and its people. I strive to engage in noble deeds of arms, as our ancestors did er us, and to encourage others to travel this path. It was myn privilege to say that Lord Rutger, who I first bore arms agenest did engage me in a deed of three counted blows, in the English fashion, despite the batailles that we hath been in today. This is what it means to be a champion of myn baronage.

After all champions had answered the question, we did don our helme and arme ourselves for the second round of prowess. I found grete hyht when Serjant Donas did approach me so that we cowde finish our bout that we were unable to begin. I bere no shame in admitting that this great lord did smite me with one blow to the head ful swathe to end our bout. God save this valiant and preaux man! He benignely allowed me the opportunity to bere arms agenest hym in another two bouts. Though he was the winner of our bouts, I dooth feel that he is a broder in our desire to recreate the ways of our ancestors.

I did then find grete hyht again when I encountered a dear freend of yours myn liege, Lord Redwald of Fremont, a captain of the Middle regne's Red Company and champion of the baronage ycleped Andelcrag. We did fiht for a round of three bouts and Captain Redwald did dispatch me with grete skyl. A worthy and gallant man, Captain Redwarld did bid me to send you his greetings and well tidings for your estat.

His royal highness, Prynce Malik, did then present to the champions the second question of the day that being, "What is honour?" Taking myn respyt and water from myn ladye wyf, I did dwell on this question. Some of the champions were fortunate in that they had answered this question erst and were prepared.

To answer this question, I did relate how honour is a virtue that no one may see, but that a person can be known by it. It is something that we strive to maintain and to keep in good stead. It is also something that we try to recreate in the ways that our ancestors did in their days, by testing ourselves against each other in combat that our ancestors did engage in. This is what honour is to me.

Alas my memory fails me my liege, for I cannot recall the names of those good champions that I did contend with in the final round of prowess. I did strive with the champion of the baronage called Steirbach from our own realm of Atlantia. This champion did strike me cleanly with one blow to my helmet with great skill. He benignly allowed me to contest with him in another two bouts, in which he was the victor. I did then approach a champion clothed in an blue tabard and who did bear a blazon of a mermaid, but again the champions were called over we could begin our bout.

His royal highness, Prince Malik, did then present to the champions the third question of the day, "Why doth you fight?" Though other champions admitted that they had been asked this question erst now, one even by his lady wife. I had been fortunate enough that my own lady wife had not asked me this question.

I will admit, that I had asked this question of myself for a very long time and it appeared that God wished for me to answer this question now. To the gallery did I present this answer. I had asked this question of myself many times. I first started learning the art of combat under the tutelage of the great and preux Duc Logan Ebonwulf. It took me two years ere I completed my own harness to wear. This might evidence that I lacked desire, perhaps even heart to endure combat.

It was not until this year, when I discovered the writings of Sir Vitus Von Atzinger of the Middle realm, flower of chivalry, that I found a purpose. Inspired, I did doth a deed of arms of five counted blows in the English fashion at a Tournament of Chivalry against the noble Count Valharic Caligua Aurelius.

On this very field, in the battle did I find great height this day. I was with his excellency when we came across a lone knight of the opposing army. Though there were two of us, I followed my liege's lead and we did not engage this knight. Then on the knight's right side, unviewed, an ally of ours rushed forward as if to engage the knight. My liege did cry out, "Sir Knight beware on your right". This, I felt, was a true act of honour and something to strive for.

I now have a reason to fight, to fight not only for myself but I fight for the honour of my baroness, my baronage, my liege, and the honour of my lady wife. I fight to recreate this height that I experienced and had found on this field with these champions this day. This is why I fight.

After the last champion answered the question, Prince Malik did express his gratitude to the champions that had come forth and expressed his desire to hold the field against all of the champions. As the champions arrayed, I did approach the lord who I had started to have a bout with and expressed to him, that you, my liege, would not approve of me starting a bout of arms that I did not finish. He was agreeable to this and we did strive in great combat apart from our fellows, where God showed me favor and I struck a clean blow to his helmet. I did thank him for the bout and we proceeded to join the array of champions contending with his royal highness.

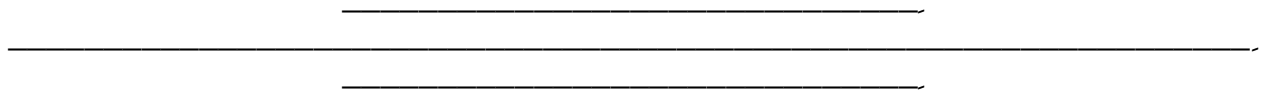
In time, it did come my turn to bear arms against Prince Malik. Approaching his royal highness, I did express that though I am bound in the ways of kingdoms it was my understanding that the lands of Atlantia and Ealdormere were not allies in this bickering that might befall. I did say that I wished to bear arms against his royal highness, but I did desire for there to be no malice held towards my knight, my baroness, my lady, nor my realm.

His royal highness did express that he held a fondness in his heart for you, myn liege, and he did bid me to send you his greetings and to recount for you the deeds done on this day. He also requested that I bere hym no malice and bere myn arms agenest hym in honoure combat. We then took our stances and I was able to twice strike ful swithe his defense er Prynce Malik struck me cleanly on the helme with grete skyl. I cried the blow good and well struck and thanked hym for allowing me to bere arms agenest hym this day.

Prynce Malik did engage in a few more bouts with other champions er Sir Kieran did announce that the gallery had cast their vote and requested Prynce Malik to cast his. It was announced that with Prynce Malik's vote cast that ter was a tie bitwix Ladye Isabelle d'Avallon, champion of the baronage ycleped Atenveldt, whom I did not hath the opportunity to fiht, but did greet er the tourneyment, and Serjant Donas Mcnair. In order to resolve this tie, it was decided that a fourth question would be posed to the pair of gallant champions. This question was unique, in that Prynce Malik's page had posed this question earlier to the gallery and would now be presented to the champions. Each champion was to tell, "What valor is."

Serjant Donas and Ladye Isabelle answered the question in a manner digne of reverence and their words did stir the herte of many a present. For these two champions did appear to be cut from a semblable cloth, in the nature of their answer and their dedication to the pursuit of chyvalrie. I was most honoured to hath been able to strive in arms with these good gentiles and to know the names of both. In the end, did Ladye Isabelle's answer be found to be the most worthy and she was gifted with a bawdryk displaying the blazons of the kingdoms of the knowne world and the renoun of being known as the champion of the knowne world's baronage.

These things I saw with myn tweye eyen, and yif ter be error in it, I pray that others instruct me, for I desire nothing but the truth of the matter to be told. May God bless all good gentiles who read this chronicle, and may the Lord bryngen hem to good ends, and I pray that they may never fall into the hands of the unjust, the wicked and cruel.



Please look for the continuation of this article in December's issue of the Phoenix. It will include Lord Cyriac's documentation notes as well as a bibliography.

Announcements

Greetings!! The new Baronial pavilion is going to be completed and ready for use in time for Ymir in February. In celebration of the new pavilion and just simply looking terrific I am going to sponsor an innerbaronial competition at Ymir. It will be open strictly to Sacred Stone and the competition is going to entail who has the best overall heraldic display. No guidelines - all that is needed is for myself and the judges to go "Wow!".

Put up your own dayshade/pavilion next to the Baronial or take over a section of the Baronial pavilion (please coordinate with Her Excellency with regards to a section of the Baronial pavilion). The goal is to leave no doubts in anyone's mind that Sacred Stone is there!!

No documentation required, just simply let me know when you get on site that you would like to be considered.

My hope at the moment is to have a heraldic display/banner making class(es) at some point between now and the end of January. If your local canton is having an A&S night/day, I'll be more than happy to come out and give you a hand, just let me know.

Oh... and before I forget - Prizes!! Of course you want to know about that. Baroness Fiona has graciously agreed to make a Godiva Chocolate Pie for the winner and I'll be sure to add something amazing to that.... I'm just not sure what yet!

YIS,
Asszony Bessenyei Rozsa

Every 4th Tuesday, come to Alain and Azza's (Berry & Zoe) house for Arts & Sciences Night. Everyone is welcome. Bring your a&s projects, musical instruments, or just yourself and enjoy the conversation. Feel free to bring questions and problems of an a & s kind. Someone there may be able to help. We will provide some drinks and snacks, but it never hurts to bring more!

Tuesday 23rd November, 7-9 pm. (704) 876-6401 azzazazo@yahoo.com

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