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State Deputy's Message

Brothers,

We began the fraternal year with a very successful organizational meeting for District Deputies and Grand Knights. Both events were well attended and good information was provided to all.

In July, a beautiful Installation Mass of State Officers and District Deputies was held. Most Reverend Dennis Sullivan, Bishop of Camden, presided at my home parish, the beautiful, St. Peter Church in Merchantville.

I must thank Bishop Sullivan, Bishop McDonnell, who is our State Chaplain, and Monsignor Mannion, who is our Associate State Chaplain and all of the priests and deacons who helped make this a most memorable event. In particular, thank you to my pastor, Father Anthony Manuppella, for his tremendous support and encouragement.

I also want to thank by brother knights and their ladies of St. Peter Council **6735** for their tremendous support, serving as welcoming team for our guests, who traveled from all parts of the state. You were recognized for your kindness in making our visitors feel right at home.

Several weeks after the installation, we traveled to San Antonio, Texas to attend the 131st Supreme Convention. Nearly 45 representatives from New Jersey made the trip to San Antonio, Texas. Notably on the trip were, Bishop Sullivan and Bishop Yousef Habash of the Diocese Our

Lady of Deliverance, representing the Syriac Rite of the Catholic Church, Past State Deputies, Dan Rossi, Herb Meyer and Reggie Beckett, who recently was reappointed as Vice Supreme Master of the St. Isaac Joques Province.



At the convention, we witnessed the initiation of the Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Prayer Program that will be shared throughout the Order over the next two years.

As we approach the fall months, I anticipate another great year for our order, building on the successes of our Past State Deputy, Dr. Dan Rossi. I again thank him for his outstanding two years of leadership. It was through Brother Rossi's efforts, we have a solid foundation upon which to expand our service and our membership.

I have every confidence that our Brothers will make this Columbian year, one of the very best. We will increase our membership so we can expand our service to our Church.

We will hold frequent degrees, be membership active 365 days a year and be mindful of our goal for our council's growth, "*One Member per Council per Month.*"

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State Chaplain's Message

A NEW BEGINNING

As the summer ends and the fall season begins to show itself, we begin to realize that we must get back into the important things of our life. It is time to look forward to what we wish to accomplish in the near future. There are many things we want to do as we move forward. Our work is very important to us and God has given us the talent we need to succeed. Many depend on us. We want our family and friends to be proud of us. However, we also know that God has given us talents to use to assist our neighbor so that he will grow in his love for Our Lord.

You spend time thinking about doing well at your work so that you can be a success. Remember that God has

given each of us all of our talents that we need. God has given us the gift of life, the gift of our Faith and all the talents we need to accomplish our profession. He has also commanded us to Love our Neighbor and He asked us help others. He has given us the gift of our family and friends to support us. God has given us the gift of Faith to bring us closer to Him, and by good example, to share with our neighbor His love for them. Do we consider how we can assist our neighbors around us?



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General Program Director's Message

Greetings from the flatlands down Jersey!

My congratulations go out to all the Knights who have stepped up into leadership roles in our Order. We are blessed to have members of your distinction and caliber setting the course to a fun-filled and successful Columbian year.

I am looking forward to the challenges and excitement ahead for all of us in the new Columbian year. We have a significant responsibility in promoting programs as a means of living the new evangelization, becoming the center of parish activity, and a vehicle for recruitment and retention.

Through my own time and experience, I have learned that, without a doubt, participation in our service programs is what calls us to join and keeps us part of the Knights. Programs are the very reason for the council's existence. They are the source of honor, pride, membership, and reputation for accomplishing good by living as Christ has beckoned us to live. They are especially important on many levels, most notably the spiritual and the temporal. The Gospel calls us to live our lives as practical Catholics, and the late Pope John Paul II both encouraged and challenged us to "live the new evangelization." Our service programs are based on Catholicism and the principles of our Order. By participating and advocating these activities, we can work toward our callings to achieve our

spiritual aspirations and give glory to God in the temporal plane. We become his hand in "mini miracles" here on earth. We can also better *proclaim and defend our faith* through our service programs in our Church, community, council, family, and youth.



During this new Columbian year, we wanted to expand our horizons further and be involved in our global Catholic community. To assist, we have added International Seminarian Formation support, International Catholic Orphanage support, a "Foster Child Bag of Love," and US Citizenship and Literacy support for your consideration and inclusion with your service programs.

We have also been given a goal of one Star Council per district by Supreme. Is your council on target to be that Star Council? We will be generating monthly emails to help you achieve this prestigious award.

Let us, together, do our best and develop a calendar of programs, with the tools supplied by our State Council and Supreme. May we have fun in doing God's work,

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State Membership Chairman's Message

Brothers,

As we begin a new Columbian Year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Immediate Past State Deputy Dan Rossi and his Membership Director John Brandon for handing off a great membership program on which we will use to continue to build our program this year.

We are fortunate to have quite a few members of last year's team returning to help out this year. These men have a lot of experience in growing the Order and retaining members so be sure to check out the State Directory Membership section to ask for help from anyone on the team, myself included.

At this date, Grand Knights and the council Membership Directors should have finished their annual planning strategies to bring in new members by now. These plans should include ways to retain members as well. In addi-

tion Grand Knights and Council Membership Directors are strongly encouraged to attending the Diocese Membership Training Seminars that will be held throughout the state at various locations in August and September.



I'm happy to report that even though we are only one month into the new year, there are a number of councils who have already held summer degrees and have gotten new members into their councils. Although this is a great start, we need many more first degrees scheduled so that prospective members need not wait too long to join our Order. Be sure to list your upcoming degrees on the State Council website as well

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Culture of Life Program Director's Message

Brothers:

Our State Deputy, Andy Lipenta, has called upon us all to Proclaim and Defend Our Faith in this new Columbian Year. Nowhere does this call to arms resonate greater than in our efforts to rebuild and maintain a culture of life in our country. We must be soldiers for our faith during this time when the climate in this country is becoming increasingly hostile towards people of faith.

Although it is summertime, and we are spending some time with family, going on vacation, or just enjoying some time off, we cannot relax our vigilance when it comes to our duties as Knights and Catholic citizens. Our Church remains open during the summer, and so should our councils and assemblies. We need to be just as active in July as we are in January! That said, we need to focus our efforts on establishing and maintaining a Culture of Life.

If you have not already, please appoint a Respect Life Chairman and a Religious and Civil Rights Chairman for your council. Once you have, be sure to let us know, so that we can get e-mails and other information to them. This can be done easily by online form for [Respect Life](#) and [R&C](#).

We have several programs coming up that need your attention, so please discuss these at your next council meeting.

Voter. One of our greatest privileges and duties as American citizens is the vote. It is the hallmark of a democracy, yet most Americans let this go by and stay at

home on election day. Many do not even register! We need to encourage the vote and hold voter registration drives. Everything you need to run your drive can be found at this [LINK](#). If your pastor or bishop will not give permission, then hold one outside local businesses, etc., where there is lots of foot traffic.



Disabilities Drive. This is now a year-round program as we push to make out \$1 million goal. If you are in the shore area, then this is your time! Plan collection drives, socials, raffles, whatever you have to do. We are close to halfway there, and we are only a third of the way through! We can do this!

Yankees Game for Special Olympics. On August 30, the Yankees are playing the Orioles at Yankee Stadium. Tickets are \$18, which is the best deal anywhere for a major league game! Save money, enjoy a ballgame on a Friday evening, and raise money for the Special Olympics! Get together with your council for a tailgate party! For more information, contact PSD Herb Meyer at 201-933-7830.

We have been supporting this wonderful institution for decades, but that support has been falling off. Last year, we did not even reach **half** of our \$40,000 goal. With universal health care being in the news so much, let's show some more love to a top notch hospital that does not charge for its services. Plan a raffle, beef and beer, or other event to raise some money. If only 200 of our 360+ councils raised an average of \$200, we can do this!

In our current society, we must be ever vigilant to promote and preserve a culture of life. Your council must carry out at least four pro-life programs for the Columbian Award, but please do the most you can. It is best you get started now!

Vivat Jesus

Steven J. Richardson, FM
Culture of Life Programs Director



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We will continue to grow as the strong right arms of the pastors in the parishes we serve. We will promote a culture of life and protect marriage and family life.

We indeed have an exciting year ahead of us. We are setting forth on a new journey and I and my fellow State Officers look forward to serving with you and for you.

In this year of our Faith, proclaimed by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, confronted by the attacks on our Catholic faith, we will proudly, loudly continue to "Proclaim and Defend our Faith."

Vivat Jesus,

Andy Lipenta



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moting our Order of Columbian Knights and bringing other like-minded Catholic men into that Order. Vivat Jesus!

Yours in friendship and fraternity,
Ray Sands, FDD, PGK, PFN, PCP
NJ State Council General Program Director
Proclaim and Defend our Faith
<http://dssjnow.info/>



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as anywhere else that you can, such as your Chapter or Federation website, council website and newsletters and even your parish bulletins.

Remember, our "Summer Three for All" Program - Any member who recruits 3 new members from July 1 to September 30 will be rewarded with a very nice golf shirt with a Knights of Columbus logo. Any Grand Knight who holds three first degrees during this same period will also be rewarded with a Knights of Columbus golf shirt. Be sure the Grand Knight or the Financial Secretary submits the paperwork for this incentive program which is outlined in the Grand Knight's Handbook CD.

Have a great summer, Brothers and remember – 1 New Member, Per Council, Per Month.

Vivat Jesus
John Erwin, FDD
State Membership Director



Chaplain (continued from page 2)

Much of our Catholic Faith has grown in us as we witnessed it in those who have played an important part in our lives. We will see our Faith grow as we live it, and as we encourage others by our example to grow in their Faith. I believe that when we appear before God He will speak to us of the gifts He has given us and ask us how we have used them to bring others close to Jesus Christ. He will remind us of the opportunities He gave us to help others to grow in their love for Him.

As Catholic Knights of Columbus, Jesus asks us to use the gifts He has given us. God will pour out His graces to cause us success. If we try to live the call of Jesus He will bring upon us the tremendous graces God has prepared for all His loving friends. God Bless you.

Most Rev. Charles J. McDonnell
State Chaplain



Family of the Year

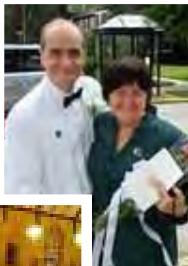
The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 hosted a Communion Breakfast on June 2nd and handed out their end of year council awards. During the breakfast, Grand Knight Brian Cargill presented the 2013 Knights of Columbus Family of the Year award to Harold and Sue Bolton.

The Bolton Family received this award for their outstanding support of the Knights Youth, Community, Family and Church activities throughout the year.

Harold has been an officer in the Knights council in the past; as well Harold is Chairman of the Knights Somerset Patriots Scholarship Fundraiser.



2013 Installation Mass and Celebration



Knights of Columbus Support Ronald McDonald House



For the second year in a row, the St. Philip the Apostle Council **11671** has supported the Ronald McDonald House in New Brunswick by preparing all the food for their annual Family and Friends Barbecue. Ronald McDonald House provides temporary housing for families of children going through serious and extended hospitalization who otherwise would have to incur expensive hotel accommodations. Located in New Brunswick and near the Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center, the house has helped numerous people over the years and is expanding to assist even more families. The St. Philip's Council's Past Grand Knight, Past District Deputy Ray Lill is the grandfather of Colin Michael Jones who was treated at RWJ and whose family resided at Ronald Mc Donald House during his many months of treatments. During that time, Ray got to know and love these very dedicated and compassionate people and our council with the help of some other councils has tried to help them with their various projects and needs. Other local councils who would like to join in these efforts are encouraged to do so.

The Family and Friends barbecue is an annual event for the people who have been accommodated by RMH. All the food is donated either by the Knights or other organizations and the preparation has been done by the famous "Cooking Crew" of Council **11671**.



Knights of Columbus St. Cecilia's Pancake Breakfast

On Sunday, June 30, 2013, Knights of Columbus St. Cecilia's Council #**7046** hosted a pancake breakfast in the Parish Hall of St. Cecilia's Church in Monmouth Junction, NJ, in an effort to garner donations to help offset the medical costs incurred by the Monticchio Family and the sudden costs sustained by the MacCallum Family after the death of their husband and father, Craig, as a result of a plane crash on May 31. The Council collected over \$4,800.00 in donations from the friends, neighbors, local residents, and complete strangers who took part in the event.



A number of members of Boy Scout Troop 10 were on hand to help out with the serving at the event. They were there in recognition of fellow Scout Tim Monticchio, an Eagle Scout, who in 2011 was named the New Jersey American Legion Scout of the Year for 2011. Tim was on the flight that crashed on the railroad tracks in Linden, NJ, shortly after takeoff.

The Council is working on a second event to continue helping the families. This second event will be a golf outing on Monday, August 5, 2013, at the Peddie Golf Club in Hightstown, NJ. Additional information on this event is available on the parish website located at <http://www.kofccouncil7046.org>.



Military Monument



On June 1st, more than one hundred and fifty members of the community attended the Knights of Columbus dedication ceremony of their

Military Monument. This monument project started back in March of 2012, when members of Our Lady of the Pines Council **9852** discussed the possibility of building a monument to honor all the members of our military who have served or are presently serving. The land was generously donated by Thomas Tedesco, former Grand Knight, owner of the Manchester Memorial Funeral Home, and a Vietnam veteran.

The Military Monument is located on the tree-lined grounds between St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church and Manchester Memorial Funeral Home parking lots, 28 Schoolhouse Rd., Whiting, NJ.

Many members of the community have purchased memorial bricks to be placed into the "Path of Honor" walkway as a way of honoring family and friends who have served, the memorial bricks are engraved with the name, rank and branch of service. Anyone interested in purchasing a memorial brick can contact GK Jim Fogarty at 848-333-2281.

Jerry Dolan



Katie Ziegler Scholarship



St. Paul Knights of Columbus Council **6903** in Prospect Park awarded their 2013 Katie Ziegler Memorial Scholarship to Gina Marie Grillo of North Haledon. Gina will be attending Stevens Institute of Technology pursuing civil engineering studies. Pictured with Gina are her parents and the family of the late Katie Ziegler.

Submitted by

Sonny Piccolo, Grand Knight Council **6903**



Ridgewood's New Leader



The Ridgewood Knights of Columbus Council #**1736** held an installation ceremony on Monday evening, July 9th, where Ridgewood resident Sean Noble was inducted as Grand Knight for the 2013/2014 year. The evening also honored Doug Findlay, who steps down after leading the Ridgewood council for the past two years. As with all former Grand Knights, Findlay will stay on as a trustee, providing guidance and advice to the new leadership throughout the year.

"Doug was an outstanding leader for our council, and the example he set encouraged many of us to get involved", said Noble. "Under Doug's leadership, we reached new milestones in our fundraising and charitable efforts".



Noble takes the helm at a particularly meaningful time for the Ridgewood Knights. In addition to annual activities such as the stickball tournament, the seniors' Christmas party, and the St. Patrick's dinner dance, the Ridgewood council will be celebrating their 100-year anniversary. A full slate of events are planned throughout the year to commemorate the occasion.

Richard Hrvatin

Successful Tank Pull

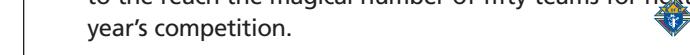


The New Jersey Knights conducted the Fourth Annual Wounded Warrior Tank Pull Competition on Sunday, June 23, 2013. St. Philip the Apostle Council **11671**, Clifton, NJ hosted and managed the event under the Chairmanship of Bros. Tony Latona and Davin Lehman. Tank Pull funds benefit the Wounded Warrior Project, Paramus, NJ Veterans Home and local veterans. The Committee dedicated the event to the memory of Sgt. John R. (Jake) O'Donnell USMC.

The Knights mounted a 50,000 pound Army tank on a flatbed truck with a combined weight of 80,000 pounds and challenged teams of twenty competitors to move this mass of good old American steel twelve feet in three events. They were the fastest time, the lowest number of competitors to move the tank in less than two minutes and the all-important fund-raising competition.

The registration fee to participate in the Tank Pull event is \$1,500 per team but many teams generated more than the minimum fee requirement. The committee estimates that the 2013 competition raised \$145,000 in cash, goods and services and brings the four year competition total to more than \$600,000. Part of the funds from this year's competition will be used to purchase a Track Wheelchair for a New Jersey veteran in need.

Tank Pull 2013 completed, the committee is hard at work on Tank Pull 2014 which is scheduled for Sunday, June 22, 2014 in Clifton, NJ. Three teams having pre-registered for Tank Pull 2014, the committee is hoping to reach the magical number of fifty teams for next year's competition.



Culture of Life Donations



Council **15540** of the Knights of Columbus at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Three Bridges, NJ, presented two checks totaling \$9,429.52 to the NJ K of C Chapter 4 at its Installation of Officers Ceremony on July 19, 2013 at St. Joseph Church in High Bridge, NJ. The first check for \$4,907.00, was collected from the Council for the Chapter 4 Ultrasound Initiative. The Council's donation will be used towards purchasing additional machines. The second check for \$4,522.52 was collected from the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish for the Knights of Columbus "Baby Bottle Campaign".

Both of these donations benefit the five Pregnancy Crisis Centers in the Diocese of Metuchen. The Three Bridges council was established in 2012. Representing the council were (at left) Thomas Zobele and Tom Klug and (at far right) David Madovoy and Bob Wright. Representing Chapter 4 (center l-r) were: Michael "Mickey" Schiavone, Tony Moskal, Wayne McKay, and Tom Mendelson.



Collection Drive



Council **3835**, Our Lady of the Highway in Little Falls, NJ, Drive for Persons with Disabilities held on April 27 & 28, 2013. Mike Vaclavicek is project co-chairman with District Deputy Tom Straten.

Our total collection of \$12,004.00 will be donated to: Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD) North Haledon Department for Exceptional Children and St. Mary's Parish in Pompton Lakes.



Somerset Patriots Ballpark



The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council **#6203** recently completed running the Concession Stand at the Somerset Patriots Ballpark on June 15th. Five to six times a year 25 to 40 Knights of Columbus members, their wives , family members as well as Columbian Squires run the first and third base concession stands. The Chairmen for the Somerset Patriots Fundraisers is Harold Bolton

All proceeds collected from the games goes towards the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Catholic High School and College Scholarship Fund. These scholarships are given out each year to member, children and grandchildren who graduate eighth grade and plan to attend a Catholic High School and a graduating High School Senior continuing his or her education in college.

Thanks

Joe Scrudato



It's a Family Thing at 7103



From left to right: Carmen DeForte; Past Grand Knight, Charter Member, Life Member (grandfather), Mary Jane DeForte; Charter Member, Life Member of Columbiettes (grandmother), Aaron Vurgason; Grand Knight (grandson), Peg Vurgason; Charter Member, President of Columbiettes (mother).



5410 Celebrates 50 Years



The Blessed Mother Seton Council **5410**, Knights of Columbus, based in Chester and Flanders, recently celebrated its 50th Anniversary, since being chartered in April 1963. Mass was held at St. Lawrence the Martyr Church in Chester, on Sunday June 23rd, celebrated by Msgr. Paul Knauer, Chaplain of Council **5410** and Pastor of St. Lawrence. A lunch was then served at the council hall in Flanders. Guest Speaker was Fr. Paul Manning, Paterson Diocesan Vicar for Evangelization and Director of St. Paul Inside the Walls Center in Madison. Fr. Paul Manning discussed the importance of the Knights of Columbus in serving families, church, community and nation—through charitable and fraternal endeavors. Fr. Paul Manning is the son of Dave Manning. The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic Men's Fraternal and Charitable organization, with over 1.8 million members worldwide.

Pete Grice

Knights of Columbus, Council **5410**



Council 14675 Awards



Federici Project Kick-Off



Not holding Check I-r: Pat Contrera, Peter Walowentowicz, David Cordero, Ken Molnar, Mike Cervine, Carlos Rocco, Ray Lill. Holding Check L-R: Maria Carparelli PCHS President, Rev. Jody Baran, Heather Cunningham Curator Lambert Castle Museum

The Passaic County Historical Society has been working for the past several years at updating, restoring and enhancing the Lambert Castle Museum on Valley Road on the Paterson/Clifton border. A major goal of this work is the reopening of the third floor of the castle to museum visitors so that more of this famous Patersonian's estate can be enjoyed and to enable more of Paterson's rich history to be available to the public. The target date for the reopening of the third floor is early 2014.

While a private donor and the Historical Society have already started on this work, The Knights of Columbus St. Philip the Apostle Council **11671** has begun a project to find funding for restoration of several of the Federici works specific to his Catholic heritage and work he did for the Paterson Diocese. Starting off this initiative donations in excess of \$4,000 have been made by Juan Perez Council **262** and St. Philip the Apostle Council **11671**. Other Knights councils wishing to participate in this endeavor may contact project chairman Mike Cervine at (973) 220-3095, cervinem@optonline.net .

Mike Cervine



Spaghetti Dinner

On June 1, 2013, St. Joseph Council # **3402** with the help of the Ladies Auxiliary held a Spaghetti Dinner with salads and desserts from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to help with the repairs to the American Legion Post in Union Beach, NJ and the VFW Post in Keyport, NJ. One hundred and forty three dinners were served and the council raised \$1,875.00.

William H. Horton, Jr.



11671 Awards Night



St. Philip the Apostle Knights of Columbus Council **11671** held their annual Awards Night on Wednesday June 5, 2013 which honors those special people in our community who stand out and serve the majority of us. Over 100 people attended this annual affair where the Knights distribute checks from their annual Mentally Challenged Persons Drive, Trophies to the winning boys and girls of their annual free throw contest and plaques and honor certificates to the Police Officer of the Year, the Firefighter of the year, The Senior Citizen of the Year, the EMT of the year, The Knight of the Year and many other recognitions. A very special surprise occurred this year when the granddaughter of Ms. Gloria Kolodziej, our Senior Citizen of the year, Ms. Nicole Coan presented the Knights with a contribution for the Wounded Warrior Program.



Ice Cream Night



The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #**6203** held their annual "Ice Cream Night" on a hot and steamy July 14th night at the hall for its members, their families and the community.

Ice Cream night is a fun night for families from South Plainfield to get together and to eat some nice cold ice cream on a hot summer night. The Knights served Chocolate, Vanilla and Cookies and Cream ice cream as well as banana splits and root beer and orange soda floats. The world famous Ice Cream servers were Joe and Sharon Scrudato. The Knights will be having another Ice Cream Night in August.



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Mother Seton Council 5427 Honors Community Contributors

On Saturday, April 20, Mother Seton Council #5427 of the Knights of Columbus in the Township of Washington hosted its tenth annual testimonial dinner to honor four individuals who have made significant contributions to the community. Jim Dugan was recognized for his K of C work where he has served three consecutive years as the Council's Grand Knight, co-chairs the St. Patrick's Dinner Dance, and co-chairs the annual Testimonial Dinner. Brenda Lyons was recognized for her work in rescuing and finding homes for abandoned dogs and her efforts in animal therapy programs for children with special needs. Chris Santise was recognized for his work with the youth of our community as a coach in the football, lacrosse, softball, baseball, and basketball programs. Anton "Bud" Schuermann was recognized for his service to our country in the Korean War and subsequent volunteer activities as a member of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6192, serving as Commander, on the Memorial Day Committee, at 9/11 Ceremonies, and service to veterans at the Paramus Veterans Home. Attending the dinner to present various forms of recognition were representatives from all levels of government, the Knights of Columbus, and Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, our local parish.



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