

THE WORKMAN



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Grand High Priest's Message

"I Am a Royal Arch Mason."

Companions,

My deep appreciation for letting me serve as your Grand High Priest. It has been an exciting and challenging time for me. I would have expected nothing less of the office. What I didn't expect is how overwhelmed I would feel by all the generosity and kindness. Royal Arch Masons truly are an exceptional group of men. You truly reflect the values of York Rite Masonry.

I hear the concerns surrounding York Rite Masonry and all the challenges we face. I am happy to report that we have a solid core of dedicated Masons. To borrow from our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Craig Flagtwet's message, "Hard times produce good leaders." We are seeing good leaders in

Grand Chapter and the local Chapters to step forward to face our challenges. Most Illustrious Grand Master Guy Chalmers reminds us how important it is to keep our message positive. You companions are heeding the importance of that message. Your good works are showing the results. Every newly exalted Royal Arch Mason I have spoken to is eager to learn so much more now that that door has been opened for them. That's the reward they seek.

I wish all of you could attend the upcoming Grand Convocation. I would like to thank every one of you in person, but we know that is not possible. I will thank the Inspectors and Deputy Grand Lecturers for their zeal and fidelity to our service. Your elected and appointed Grand Chapter Officers have served you faithfully and effectively. Well done!

On March 11th we were guests of Jerry Wohlfarth and San Diego Chapters for a York Rite Reception in Escondido. The following day, in San Bernardino, we attended another reception with Keystone and High Desert Chapters being our hosts. The last Grand York Rite Reception for the year was in Petaluma on April 15th. This time our hosts were Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Marin and Petaluma Chapters. That brings the total number of Chapters hosting receptions since last June to 26. It pains me that we were forced to miss the Northern California Reception in Eureka. I am so thankful for the gifts and honorary life membership in the Chapters. Robyn and I have so many wonderful memories. Thank you again and our best wishes to all.

Let the beauty of York Rite Masonry shine.

R. Scott Husmann, KYGCH
168th Grand High Priest
Royal Arch Masons of California

GRAND LECTURER

Companions All:

May is a time for thanks, awards, renewal and remembrance! First and foremost, my sincere thanks and Best wishes to the Royal Arch Ritual Staff for a superb job in crafting our way back to active ritual work after this most fearful pandemic we have been forced to endure these past three years! We have suffered losses in both proficiency and longtime ritualists that have required outstanding efforts on the part of our ritual staff and Chapter leadership to overcome and produce quality ritual work throughout the state this past year. My greatest of thanks for keeping us moving forward and producing

good ritual work throughout the state! Some of our ritual staff members are retiring after Grand Sessions and my gratitude for their service is profound. To them, my thanks and to their reliefs, welcome to another Capitular year where we hope to become even better as we renew our commitment to quality ritual performance and improved administration of our Chapters as we face consolidation and new leadership throughout the state. These are still challenging times and the redoubled efforts of all Royal Arch Masons to stabilize and regrow the craft are most needed in our Chapters. We have had some outstanding efforts in this work and I hope to recognize several of the stellar performers at Grand Sessions in mid-May. I would invite all Royal Arch Masons to join us in Visalia on May 16th in a celebration of thanks and renewal for our completed Capitular year and the beginning of the next year! If you are eligible to receive the Order of High Priesthood, please join us in this most august and significant convocation on the 16th. You can sign up for the degree on site at the Hotel. Finally, Congratulations and Well Done to the Grand Officers of 2022-23 and Good Luck and Best Wishes to the new Officers of 2023-24!

Holiness to the Lord!! All the Best -
Your Most Humble Grand Lecturer

Steve

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES AND ORDERS

Several Festivals are upcoming for the Fall and Spring. See Flyers at the end. Of particular note are:

Sacramento-Sierra YR Association
June 17, 2023 at 8am, Sacramento

East Bay
Sept 23, 2023 at 7:30am
Oct 14, 2023 at 8:00am
Oct 28, 2023 at 7:30am

GRAND SESSIONS 2023

What to expect when you get to the Grand York Rite Sessions.

This being the May issue, this is my last article for the Grand York Rite Sessions. As a refresher to some and for those of you attending for the first time, here is how to prepare. The registration table is in the Cedar / Pine Rooms along with our Vendors. The hours were posted in your confirmation email

Start at the Registration Table to pick up the envelope that has your name badge(s) and any tickets for the multi-entrée meals (like the Sunday banquet). The other meals will have you listed for check-in at the door. You will also receive the badge name holder.

Take your name badge to the Credential Table and show them your dues card. They will stamp your name tag to allow you entrance to the tiled meetings. If you are entitled to vote, you will sign the book in the appropriate place(s) and receive your ballot card. Please remember to bring your ballot card to the meetings to cast your vote (the tellers are instructed to count the number on the ballot cards when a count is needed).

I direct your attention to the back of the reservation form that states: “Meal reservations are locked & will not be accepted after 05/01/23 (don’t even ask)”. This is because I need to give the hotel our final counts. If there is a last-minute cancellation, then we would be able to resell the meal. A waiting list will be available at the registration table. However, last year there were only a couple of cancellations. As such, the opportunity is very unlikely.

There are a couple of events that were added just recently. Scott McNair has set up a Golf Tournament that will be held on Saturday. The Wyndham Visalia Hotel has set up a Mother’s Day Celebration Brunch on Sunday. Details and reservations for both events are available on the GYRS website: www.ca-gyrs.org

In addition to the standard Hospitality Room in the Executive Boardroom with the usual snacks and beverages, we have a Ladies’ Social Area in the Sequoia Room - for the ladies only. This is an area to play games and puzzles and just socialize. The schedule is rather fluid - but will be posted in the room and also available for download on your smartphone.

Have fun and enjoy the camaraderie!

Thanks, Dave Glass

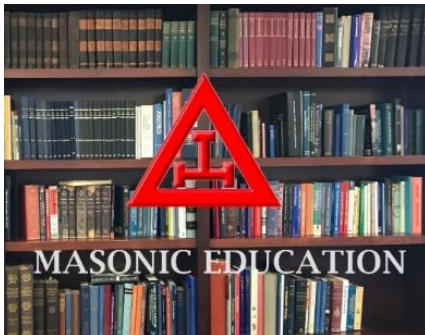
SECRETARY ESSENTIALS

Secretaries new and old: near the end of this newsletter you will find a two-page document that serves as guidelines for Secretaries and Records – especially new ones.

Another good source of information for the Secretary can be found in the Grand Chapter Forms and Documents folder, called Chapter Secretary Desktop Procedures, *at the new website:*

<https://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/files/york-rite-forms-documents/chapter/Chapter%20Secretary%20Desktop%20Procedures%20v2.pdf>

GOLDEN STATE RESEARCH CHAPTER



Companions,

Golden State Chapter is dedicated to the study of Capitular degrees of Freemasonry. Our Chapter promotes excellence in Masonic scholarship by holding quarterly meetings with the sharing of papers and introducing subscription members and our regular members to our website.

Our Annual Chapter Meeting will be in person on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 4:00 pm, at the Grand York Rite Sessions in Visalia CA.

Any Royal Arch Mason, in good standing within a Chapter of any jurisdiction in amity with the Grand Chapter of California, is welcome to apply for affiliation with the Chapter as a full member. Any other person may become a Subscription member and receive information by our emailings and attend non-tiled meetings, but will enjoy no other privileges. We can

read your Petition to Affiliate at any of our meetings. A blank petition and instructions are provided in this newsletter. Questions may be directed to the Golden state Chapter of Research Secretary

Bruce Rick at: bar972@outlook.com.



THE CLOTHES LINE

A line of Jackets for our York Rite bodies continues to be available at MP. ENTERPRISES. The price for red and blue is great -- \$115.00 plus shipping, for sizes 34 to 49 in short, regular and tall; and \$125.00 plus shipping for sizes 50 to 59, also in short, regular, and tall; and \$135.00 plus shipping, for sizes 60-69. Also available are Men's and ladies' vests, tuxedos and shirts, pins, patches, and flags, and OES T-Shirts. Contact Max Luy at (510) 502-3224; or at his website: www.mpenterprises.weebly.com; or directly to his email at maxluy@hotmail.com.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S
CALENDAR
MAY 2023 TO JUNE 2023

Date	Event	Location
April 1, 2023	Commandery Festival	San Bernardino, 9:00 am
April 15, 2023	3-Way Reception	Petaluma, 6:00 pm
April 29, 2023	Council Degrees	Auburn 9:00 am
May 13-18, 2023	Grand Sessions	Visalia
June 17, 2023	Commandery Orders	Sacramento, 8:00 am
June 24, 2023	Chapter Festival	Comptche
June 25, 2023	Council Festival	Comptche
August 5, 2023	3-Way Reception	East Bay, Alameda

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GRAND SESSIONS, FORMS & SCHEDULES
Website: WWW.CA-GYRS.ORG

If you would like to attend any of these events and need to know particulars about where and when and cost, please call any of the contact numbers below, or go to the Grand York Rite website calendar at:

<http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/royalarch/ghpcalendar.html>

TAX REPORTING

Robert Wellington of Orange County Chapter No. 73 is willing to assist Chapters with guidance to restore their tax exempt status, if needed. If you would rather speak to a brother, Companion and Sir Knight, than an IRS or FTB agent, feel free to contact Bob at rozekroy@gmail.com

SECRETARY and/or RECORDER ESSENTIALS -- REVISED

Forms and Documents you will need are located at the Grand York Rite website, which is: www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org. The new website will require you to have a userid, and to have established a password. Once you LOGIN, you will see a long white line, above which you will see:

ROYAL ARCH FORMS CRYPTIC COUNCIL FORMS COMMANDERY FORMS

Then click on the appropriate FORMS. In ROYAL ARCH FORMS, scroll down to Officers Manual, which has information for the Secretary, and print that out. Many concepts in the Grand Chapter manual are relevant to Councils and Commanderies.

Priorities are as follows:

1. **Dues Collection** – You should send out dues notices no later than October, with payments from members due by December 31st.
2. **Membership control** – Membership information is now managed in the MMS system – Masonic Membership Solutions. Important changes to your membership include new members, suspensions, demits, and deaths. Maintain e-mail addresses for members and you can easily then forward the monthly newsletter, The WORKMAN, to them.
3. Do not cavalierly suspend members for non-payment of dues. There is a Constitutional process that should be followed rigorously in order that members, who may have moved and not received your dues notice, are treated fairly. See the following sections of the relevant Constitution in order to learn about this process:

Chapter: See Section 201 in the Constitution at

https://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/files/documents/royal-arch/ROYAL_ARCH_Constitution_2022_final.pdf

Council: See Section 30-10 in the Constitution at

https://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/files/cryptic-council/pdf/Grand_Council_Constitution_2022.pdf

Commandery: See Section 347 in the Constitution at

<https://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/files/york-rite-forms-documents/commandery/GRAND%20COMMANDERY%20Constitution%202022.pdf>

4. **Per Capita** -- The Per Capita payment, due each Jan 15th for Chapter and Councils (and April 1st for Commanderies) does not require action by the Chapter, Council or Commandery to be paid. You will need good, up-to-date end-of-year numbers of active members in MMS. This is the source of your Per Capita bill. Without good data on your membership in MMS you will most likely overpay your per capita requirement. It is sensible to begin your process near the end of the CY, as soon as possible. It is also sensible, if you have access to the Grand Lodge database, to check each member to see if they are still alive. Do so before the end of the year. **But most important is getting a userid to utilize MMS so you can enter deceased and suspended data.**
5. **Insurance** -- The Insurance payment, due each July 15th, does not require action by the Chapter, Council or Commandery to be paid. You will be billed for the payment by the Grand Secretary or Grand Recorder.
6. **Lodge Book of Marks** – Maintain this up-to-date, or perhaps arrange for a PHP to take on the responsibility of maintaining.
7. **Minutes** – Take good minutes, but don't over-do it by trying to capture everything that is said. Focus on having a clear representation of motions made and the vote count by which they passed or failed. In addition to keeping petitions in a separate file, it is good practice to replicate the basic petitioner information in the minutes. It is also a good practice to keep the names of attendees at each meeting in the minutes. If conferring a degree, keep a copy of the cast members and the candidate(s). **Also, please send the candidate class names to the Grand Secretary or Grand Recorder.**
8. **Grand Sessions** – Before the May meeting, remind the Dais officers they are responsible to attend; and arrange a stipend if your Chapter, Council or Commandery can afford it. Remind members who expect to attend to be sure to take their dues cards. If Dais Officers of the Chapter and Council cannot attend, they may issue a proxy, or they may elect a representative. This is true also for Commanderies, whose members, however, cannot issue proxies. The appropriate Chapter forms can be obtained on the Grand York Rite website: Scroll to "Elected Representative and Proxy Credentials." Or, alternatively, the forms for all three bodies can be found at www.ca-gyrs.org.
9. **Order of High Priesthood** – Be sure the current HP and PHPs know they are eligible to receive this Order. In fact, it is a Constitutional requirement! Share the petition with them and send to the Grand Secretary. This requirement does not appear to be true for the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree or the Past Commander's Association. Petitions for all three bodies are available at the www.ca-gyrs.org.



Petition for Affiliation

Golden State Chapter of Research, Royal Arch Masons

To the Excellent High Priest, Officers and Members of Golden State Chapter of Research, Royal Arch Masons of California:

I, _____, respectfully represent that

- I am / not a resident of the State of California but resident in _____
- I am a Master Mason in good standing of _____ Lodge No. _____, F. & A.M., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of _____;
- I am a Royal Arch Mason in good standing of _____ Chapter No. _____, R.A.M., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of _____;
- I desire to be affiliate with Golden State Chapter as a dual / plural member of your Chapter, and
- If elected to membership, I promise cheerful compliance with the Bylaws of Golden State Chapter and Constitution of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California.

In connection with this petition, I provide the following additional information about myself:

Residence Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Residence Telephone _____ Mobile Phone _____ Email: _____

Business Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Telephone: _____

Date of Petition _____, 20____

Signature of Petitioner _____

Recommendations:

The undersigned, member of Golden State Chapter, recommend the Chapter grant this petition:

1. Signature _____ Printed Name _____



SACRAMENTO – SIERRA YORK RITE ASSOCIATION 2023 ANNUAL YORK RITE FESTIVAL



Chapter Degrees

Saturday February 4th, Orland Masonic Temple 431 Colusa St, Orland

Registration, Coffee and Donuts 8:00 AM Candidate fees are \$10

CAPITULAR DEGREES 9:00 AM

MARK MASTER PAST MASTER

Lunch (reservations required) 12:00 PM Lunch for everyone (including candidates) is \$15

Wednesday March 22nd, Yuba City Masonic Temple 501 Second St, Yuba City,

Registration, Coffee and Donuts 5:30 PM Candidate fees are \$10

CAPITULAR DEGREES 6:00 PM

MARK MASTER PAST MASTER (no meal)

Saturday March 25th, Woodland Masonic Temple 228 Palm Avenue Woodland

Registration, Coffee and Donuts 8:00 AM Candidate fees are \$10 (unless paid @ the MM/PM)

CAPITULAR DEGREES 9:00 AM

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER

Lunch (reservations required!) 11:30 PM Lunch for everyone (including candidates) is \$15

ROYAL ARCH DEGREE 12:30 PM



Council Degrees

Saturday April 29th, Auburn Masonic Temple 956½ Lincoln Street Auburn

Registration 9:00 AM Candidate fees are \$10

CRYPTIC DEGREES 10:00 AM

ROYAL MASTER SELECT MASTER

Lunch (reservations required!) 11:30 PM Lunch for everyone (including candidates) is \$15



Commandery Orders

Saturday, June 17th, Sacramento Masonic Temple 1123 "J" St. Sacramento

Registration, Coffee and Doughnuts 8:00 AM Candidate fees are \$10

CHIVALRIC ORDERS 9:00 AM

ORDER OF THE RED CROSS ORDER OF MALTA

Lunch (reservations required!) 11:30 AM Lunch for everyone (including candidates) is \$15

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE 12:30 PM

Closing 3:00 PM

Please make your reservations using the form on the next page.

E-Mail: ssyra@ssyra.org

WEBSITE: www.ssyra.org



SACRAMENTO – SIERRA YORK RITE ASSOCIATION

SSYRA YORK RITE FESTIVAL RESERVATION FORM

Please mail this form and your check to: SSYRA Secretary, Dave Glass 6431 Valley Hi Drive Sacramento, CA 95823-4838 (preferred), send an email to festival@ssyra.org or call Dave at (916) 616-3283 at least one week prior to the each event for lunch count and candidate nametags preparation *[Please be considerate of the food preparers and the SSYRA Secretary]*. We will accept your check at the door.

Chapter # _____ Council # _____ Commandery # _____ Located in _____

Submitter's Name _____ Title _____ Phone # (____) _____

Email address: _____

Name	Mar 22 MM			Mar 25 RAM			Apr 29 CM			June 17 KT			Total Fees \$10 for each cand & \$15 for each lunch
	Cand	Comp	Lunch	Cand	Comp	Lunch	Cand	Comp	Lunch	Cand	S.K.	Lunch	
Total Enclosed:													

Please make checks payable to **SSYRA**
E-Mail: ssyra@ssyra.org

WEBSITE: www.ssyra.org

GOLFING AT GRAND SESSIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 13TH, 2023

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PLAYING A ROUND OF GOLF WHILE AT GRAND SESSIONS THIS YEAR? WE ARE GETTING A GROUP TOGETHER WHO WANT TO PLAY AND HAVE SOME FUN. MEN, WOMEN, SINGLES AND GROUPS ARE WELCOME. THE COST IS **\$62/PERSON** AND INCLUDES A CART.

VALLEY OAKS GOLF COURSE
1800 S. PLAZA STREET VISALIA, CA 93277
(LOCATED JUST DOWN THE STREET FROM THE WYNDHAM HOTEL)

CONTACT SCOTT MCNAIR TO COORDINATE A TEE TIME
EMAIL: SCOTTMCAIR74@GMAIL.COM
CALL/TXT: (909) 226-3847

SUBMIT RESERVATIONS BY TUESDAY, MAY 9TH





The 48th Comptche Outdoor York Rite Degrees Association



presents the

Royal Arch and Cryptic Council Degrees

Tunzi Ranch, Comptche, CA

June 24 & 25, 2023



Fri. 6/23 - Welcome
6:30 pm - Fish Fry

Sat. 6/24 - 6:30 am - Breakfast
Candidates need to sign Chapter Bylaws
7:30 am - Open Chapter
7:45 am - Prologue Deg.
8 am - Mark Master Deg.
10 am - Virtual Past Master Deg.
10:30 am - Most Excellent Master Deg.
12:30 pm - Lunch
2:00 pm - Royal Arch
Deg. 4 - 6 pm - Social
6:30 pm - BBQ Dinner

Sun. 6/25 - 7 am - Breakfast
Candidates need to sign Council Bylaws
8:15 am - Open Council
8:30 am - Royal Master Deg.
10:30 am - Select Master Deg.
12 Noon - Lunch



Friday - Fish Fry	\$25
Saturday - Breakfast	\$12
Registration	\$15
Lunch	\$18
Barbeque	\$30
Sunday - Breakfast	\$12
Lunch (To-Go home)	\$18
Total (Under 12 -half Price)	\$130

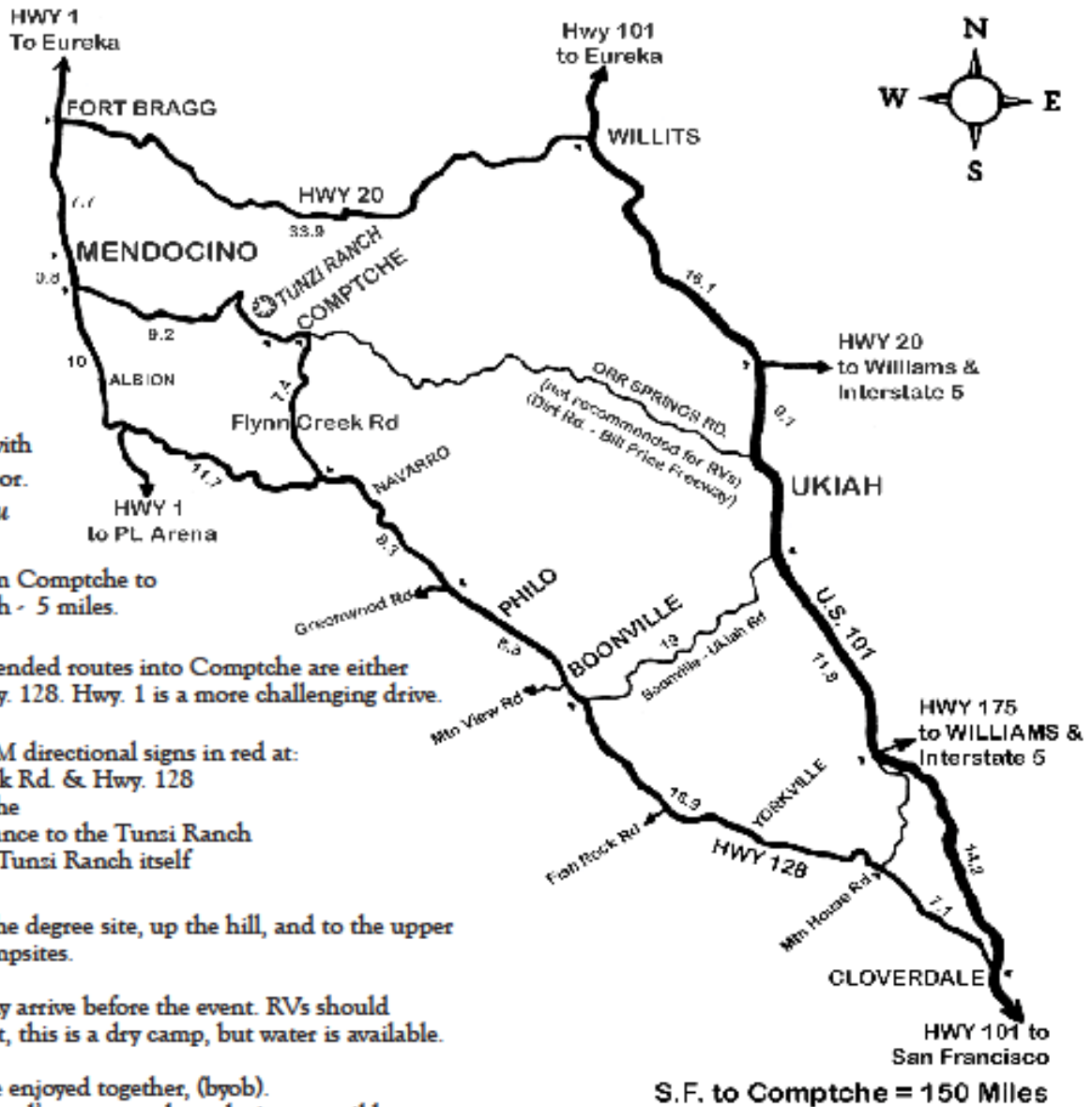
Make checks payable to *Comptche Outdoor Degree Association*

Reservations Required, after 6/19 add 20% to your total

Mail to: Guy M. Chalmers, 50 Lohrman Lane, Petaluma, 94952-3609

RV & Campers Welcome!

Lodging accommodations are available along the Mendocino Coast, 10 miles West.



Mail to:

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