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Happenings Around the Valley

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF OUR MILLIONAIRES AND BILLIONAIRES FOR THEIR ON-GOING SUPPORT OF THE SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION



Millionaire Ill. Ken Eichorn
With Hon. James Draeving and Ill. Kurt Larson, PR

Millionaire Ill. Roger White
With Hon. James Draeving and Ill. Kurt Larson, PR



Billionaire Bro. Charles Murphy
With Hon. James Draeving and Ill. Kurt Larson, PR

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HONORING OUR 25-YEAR AND 50-YEAR MEMBERS:



Congratulations!
Ill. Thornton Rogers
Pensacola Scottish Rite Almoner
For 25 years of service to the Valley
of Pensacola.



Congratulations!
Hon. David York
For 50 years of dedicated service to
The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry



Congratulations!
Ill. Larry Thomas
For 50 years of dedicated service to the
Valley of Pensacola.

Congratulations 50-year members for 2025!

Bro. Donald	Ray	Logsdon
Bro. Edwin	Van	Smith
Ill. Larry	Wilson	Thomas
Bro. Steve	Randall	Wilkinson
Hon. David	Allan	York

Congratulations 25-year members for 2025!

Bro. Keith	Andrew	Beaumont
Bro. Jay	Fred	Cowick
Bro. Jon	Allan	Davies II
Bro. Stephen	Roger	Hall
Bro. John	O'Neal	Hartley
Bro. Jonathan	W	Hollis
Bro. John	Michael	Johnson
Bro. Edwin	Dominic	Pertubal
Ill. Thornton	Lewis	Rogers
Bro. Eric	D	Stevenson



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WELCOME CLASS OF MARCH 2025



Welcome new brothers: Preston E. Bryan Jr; John A. Hartshorn;
Jeffrey T. Teasdale; and Kipp D. Jennings

Patent presentations—March 2025 class:



Bro. Kip Jennings with
Hon. James Draeving and
Ill. Kurt Larson



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Bro. Preston Bryan Jr. with
Hon. James Draeving and
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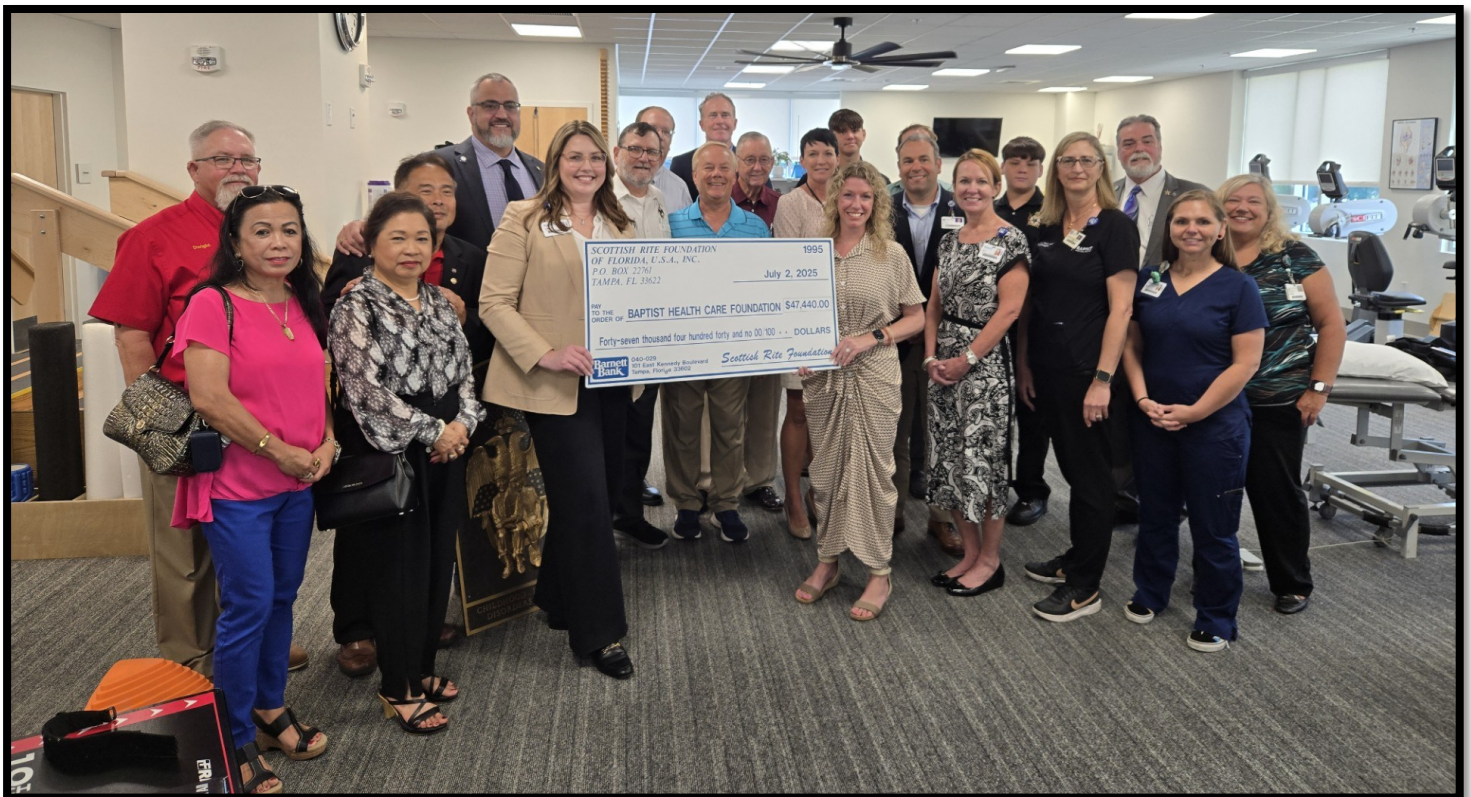
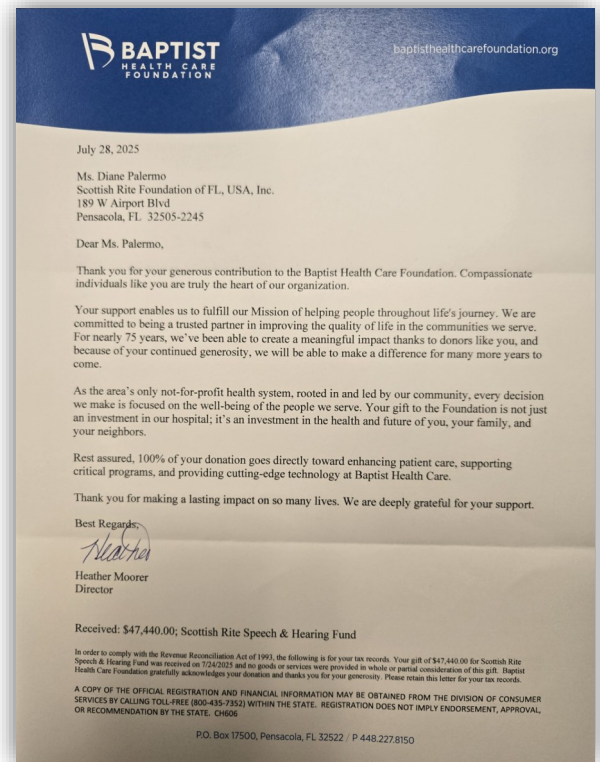


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Your Scottish Rite Foundation contributions at work!

On July 22, 2025, Pensacola Scottish Rite presented to the Baptist Health Care Foundation, Scottish Rite Speech and Hearing Fund, a donation check of \$47,440. Plus, another \$7,500 has been donated for the year 2025 through your individual donations. Over the past 27 years, our Valley has donated over \$950,000 to the Baptist Foundation.

***"He Who Bends Down To Help Little Children
Raises Himself and Lifts Them to Faith
And Confidence"***



NEWS FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY

III. James Salisbury, 33°

We are coming up to the Fall Reunion and we need candidates. Look into your lodge for Brothers to see if any of them have an interest in the Scottish Rite. To use an old phrase, 'we need **Good Men** in the Scottish Rite,' look at their character, do not worry about numbers. The Reunion will be October 4th and 18th. Please plan to attend, as we have plenty of room on the sidelines.

November 6, 2025 will be elections of the Brothers who will lead our Valley in 2026. For those incoming officers, please start planning your year now! Lead by example, do not shy away from your position; embrace it, take the bull by the horns.

Next year 2026 will be the 250th birthday of the United States. I am asking for input as to how we as a Valley can celebrate this tremendous event. Only one rule, the event cannot be on the 4th of July, as not to interfere with local and national events. Please let me know your ideas.

Did any of you see the news when the Valley made the donation to the Baptist Health Foundation, Speech and Language Disorder clinic? You can be a part of this just by contributing to Millionaire/Billionaire Program. Every \$100.00 that is donated to this endeavor will earn a Millionaire Certificate, every \$1,000.00 will earn a Billionaire Certificate. These funds go to assist young children who need hearing aids and speech therapy they otherwise would not be able to afford. Members of the clinic will be attending our October 2025 meeting. This is a great opportunity for you to come and ask questions and learn what happens at the clinic.

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2025 CALENDAR

Oct 2	Executive Meeting	4:30 PM
	KCCH Meeting – Conference Room	5:30 PM
	KSA Meeting – Library	5:45 PM
	Invocation followed by Dinner	6:15 PM
	Program – Feast of Tishri	
	Baptist Foundation Presentation	
	KCCH Honor Guard	
	Host – Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection	
Oct 4 & 18	235 th Reunion – Fall	
Oct 13	Office Closed Columbus Day	
Oct 22	Education & Sandwich Supper	5:30 PM
Oct 23	Knights of Saint Andrew	6:00 PM
Nov 6	Executive Meeting	4:30 PM
	KCCH Meeting – Conference Room	5:30 PM
	KSA Meeting – Library	5:45 PM
	Invocation followed by Dinner	6:15 PM
	Program – Veterans Day Program	
	KSA Honor Guard	
	Host – Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix	
	Election of Officers	
Nov 11	Office Closed - Veterans Day	
Nov 18	Thanksgiving Luncheon	12:00 PM
Nov 27	Office Closed Thanksgiving	



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Masonic Corner:

- Fellowship Breakfast, Ensley 278, biscuits & sausage gravy every second Wednesday of the month, 7:30 a.m.
- Fellowship Breakfast, Myrtle Grove 352, second Saturday of the month 7-9:00 a.m.

III. Kurt P. Larson, Personal Representative

249? People will say “He got it wrong! We’re celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence!” Well, that’s true. Beginning with this Biennial Session, all the Valleys within the Southern Jurisdiction will be finding ways to celebrate not only the document that started the movement towards independence from Britain. It is a celebration of our Country as well. So, here’s my first salvo in the War that would change the World. It’s not just the 250 we need to understand, it is the beginning and what it meant to so many.

Did it really change the World, that little single page? In my opinion it did. Sure, the Magna Carta of Britain, signed in 1215, was a foundational document in the history of democracy and law. It established limits on the power of the king and protecting certain rights for individuals. It is often regarded as a symbol of liberty and has influenced legal systems around the world. But it is the Declaration of Independence of the 13 Colonies that put the World on notice that “all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” It was truly a powerful statement for the time and as we have seen, is for generations around the globe.

The document is only part of the story. Were Masons involved in the “declaration?” Many of us know the answer without looking at a history book. Our Scottish Rite was founded just prior to the 25th anniversary of the Declaration, so it wasn’t Scottish Rite Masons. Were they members of the Grand Lodge of England? The Grand Lodges were in their infancy in 1717 when the Grand Lodge of London and Westminster was founded at the Goose and Gridiron, and in 1751 The Grand Lodge of England According to the Old Institutions was created. It wasn’t until 1815 the United Grand Lodge of England was formed bringing all of Freemasonry in England under one banner. I guess, our Scottish Rite is older than the United Grand Lodge of England. But that is not the story here. The Declaration of Independence was written, signed, and became a symbol of freedom to some and treason to others. Let’s look at the backstory of the Declaration.

Like all good stories it doesn’t just happen out of the blue. A series of events escalated tensions that culminated in America’s war for independence. Eleven years before that famous signing in March of 1765, Parliament passed “The Stamp Act.” These were series of laws to recoup the massive debt from the war with France. Prior to the Stamp Act, each colony decided the taxes they would have. Being told you have to buy goods from the British and pay additional tax on them just didn’t sit well with the colonists. Riots ensued, taxes went uncollected. Eventually the British rescinded the law. This was just the beginning as colo-

nial anger grew as the British passed a series of taxes and laws to rein in the colonists. To control the unrest, the British sent troops to occupy the major centers of life in the colonies.

Five years later (March 1770), simmering tensions between the British occupiers and Boston residents boiled over. One afternoon (March 5, 1770) a disagreement between an apprentice wigmaker and a British soldier led to a crowd of colonists to surround some British soldiers. When the Americans began taunting the British and throwing things at them, the soldiers apparently began firing into the crowd. When the smoke cleared, three men were dead, and two others were mortally wounded. While the British called the event the “Incident on King Street”, the colonists called it “The Boston Massacre.”

Eventually, calmer heads prevailed and the British eventually withdrew their forces from Boston and repealed much of the onerous Townshend legislation. But they left in place the tax on tea, and in 1773 enacted a new law, the “Tea Act,” to prop up the struggling British East India Company. The act gave the company the ability to sell tea at a price that undercut the American merchants who imported from Dutch traders. That didn’t sit well with Colonists. The Sons of Liberty, decided to confront the British head-on. Disguised as Mohawks Indians, they boarded three ships in Boston Harbor and destroyed more than 92,000 pounds of British tea by dumping them into the water. To make the point that they were rebels rather than vandals, they avoided harming any of the crew or damaging the ships themselves, and the next day even replaced a padlock that had been broken during the event. Nevertheless, the act of defiance did not sit well with Parliament as many of the East India Company’s shareholders were members.

In response to the Boston Tea Party, the British government decided that it had to tame the rebellious colonists in Massachusetts. In the spring of 1774, Parliament passed a series of laws called the Coercive Acts, which closed Boston Harbor until restitution was paid for the destroyed tea, replaced the colony’s elected council with one appointed by the British, gave sweeping powers to the British military governor General Thomas Gage, and forbade town meetings without approval. Yet another provision protected British colonial officials who were charged with capital offenses from being tried in Massachusetts, instead requiring that they be sent to another colony or back to Great Britain for trial.

But perhaps the most provocative provision was the Quartering Act, which allowed British military officials to demand accommodations for their troops in unoccupied houses and buildings in towns, rather than having to stay out in the countryside. While it didn’t force the colonists to

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board troops in their own homes, they had to pay for the expenses of housing and feeding the soldiers. The quartering of troops eventually became one of the grievances cited in the Declaration of Independence.

Tensions continued to grow. So much so that the British made plans to capture colonial leaders, Samuel Adams and John Hancock, and then head to Concord to seize their gunpowder. The colonists got wind of the plan and with the help of riders such as Paul Revere, word spread to be ready for the British. British General Thomas Gage's forces were confronted by militiamen on the Lexington Common. What isn't certain is who fired the first shot. The one that became known as "the shot heard around the world." What we do know is as they began shooting at each other, this ragtag army of untrained militia took on 700 British soldiers known to the world as the best army on earth. Seven colonists died, but other militiamen managed to stop the British at Concord and continued to harass them on their retreat back to Boston. The British suffered 73 dead, with another 174 wounded and 26 missing in action. The bloody encounter proved to the British that the colonists were fearsome foes who had to be taken seriously. This event was what many consider the start of America's war of independence.

Though the hostilities started with Lexington and Concord, it was unclear whether the southern colonies, whose interests didn't necessarily align with the northern colonies, would be all in for a war of independence. The southerners were totally dependent upon the English to buy their

crops, and they didn't trust the northerners known as "Yankees." And to make matters worse, in New England, the Puritans thought the southerners were "lazy." But that was before the brutal British naval bombardments and burning of the coastal towns of Falmouth, Massachusetts and Norfolk, Virginia helped to unify the colonies. In Falmouth, where townspeople had to grab their possessions and flee for their lives, northerners had to face the fear that the British would do whatever they wanted to them as they were protected by British Law.

As historian Holger Hock has written, the burning of Falmouth shocked General George Washington, who denounced it as "exceeding in barbarity & cruelty every hostile act practiced among civilized nations." Similarly, in Norfolk, the horror of the town's wooden buildings going up in flames after a seven-hour naval bombardment shocked the southerners, who also knew that the British were offering African Americans their freedom if they took up arms on the loyalist side. "Norfolk stirred up fears of a slave insurrection in the South." Leaders of the rebellion seized the burnings of the two ports to make the argument that the colonists needed to band together for survival against a ruthless enemy and embrace the need for independence. This spirit ultimately would lead to their victory.

While this tome describes some of the events leading up to July 1776, it is not all. That would take many volumes. This is simply to prime the pump of the next column on the writing of the Declaration. ✖

NEWS FROM THE VENERABLE MASTER, LODGE OF PERFECTION

Hon. David A. York, 32°, KCCH

The Apprentice Mentality (from an article by PJ Roup, 33^o)

There are three primary keys to practicing the Apprentice Mentality. First of all, we must remember that ours is not the only way. People are creatures of habit. It's understandable. Habits and routines give us not only comfort but a sense of control over our lives. We have become accustomed to waking at the same time, driving the same way to work, and eating at the same restaurants. The problem arises when rigid inflexibility inhibits common sense.

Second, we must be open to new experiences. In practicing the Apprentice Mentality, we must train ourselves to welcome innovation. Lakes must be constantly refreshed by streams lest they stagnate. The same is true of our minds. If we are not fans of new Grand Lodge policies, Supreme Council initiatives, we shouldn't sabotage it, moan about it,

or take our ball and go home. Instead, we should try to see why it might have been implemented. We may have to look hard, but there's generally good in change.

Finally, realize that everyone has something to teach us. Whether he has been a Mason for 60 years or 60 days, he has something to offer. We can either dismiss them because we think we know more or find ways to expand ourselves by and through the experience of others.

Living the Apprentice Mentality is challenging. We must constantly remind ourselves that ours is never the only way; that as individuals, we hold no monopoly on truth; and that an open mind is a fertile mind. We have much to learn from each other.

I look forward to the rest of my Apprenticeship. ✖

NEWS FROM THE MASTER OF KADOSH

Hon. Ben Q. Quinto

First and foremost, welcome to Fall.

We are approaching the end of another outstanding Masonic year. We have accomplished a lot and more needs to be accomplished. Thank you, brothers and sisters, for your unparalleled and dedicated service to our fraternity.

“Time flies when you are having fun,” so true. It was like yesterday when we had our Spring Reunion, and here we are again getting ready for our Fall Reunion. Brothers, it is time to go back to our lodges to spread the good word about our great organization, our charitable work and involvement in the community. We are fortunate to have great and wonderful Brothers and Sisters to assist us in our fundraising efforts. Our great effort paid off, raising substantial funds from our annual BBQ Sandwich Sale, benefiting our flagship charity, Scottish Rite Foundation, Speech and Language Disorders Clinic at Baptist Hospital. Also, our numerous fundraisers to support our great fraternity; 4th of July Fireworks Sale, Blue Angels at the Beach

Fundraising, and each of the four bodies holding their own fundraising events. All very crucial in supporting our Valley and the community.

And last but not the least, advanced congratulations to our 2025 honor members: Ron Parks, 33rd Degree, Inspector General Honorary (IGH); and our new Knights Commander Court of Honor (KCCH): Haskell Vests, Jr, Chuck Murphy, Kevin Riley, Jerry Covington, Robert Eckols, and Joshua Schutts.

A huge shoutout to the Kitchen Crew, headed by Honorable Jerry Garner, providing us with excellent meals as always.

On a side note; DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR 2026 DUES! ✖

NEWS FROM THE WISE MASTER—CHAPTER ROSE CROIX

Hon. Oscar R. Ferrell, 32°, KCCH

We are rapidly coming to the close of the year. There are many things on the horizon that need to be done. Our reunion in October will be on the 4th and 18th. We need to inform our lodges of these dates and encourage membership in all meetings. Educate your members on what we do in the Valley and the charity we support.

It is critical that if you are elected as head of one of the bodies that you get your team involved and stress participation and attendance.

Our fundraisers continue to be a source in helping to keep the doors open. Support fundraisers and contribute to the best of your ability.

I look forward to working with all my Scottish Rite brethren as Wise Master of Rose Croix until the end of the year. ✖

Welcome Fall



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Bro. Robert Eckols

Chaplain's Desk- What is the motto of the 32nd Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite? Answer: *Spes mea in Deo est*, which translated means "My hope is in God." Psalms 33:20-22 "Our soul waiteth for the Lord, he is our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name. let thy mercy, O Lord, Be upon us, according as we hope in thee."

Dear Friend, have you ever noticed that those who have a relationship with God fare better in almost every situation they are involved in BUT those who don't do not

fare so well? God's word proclaims the benefits of trusting in God as the authors of the Scottish Rite so quickly recognized in their writings and deliberations. As we study the writings of the Scottish Rite and study Gods' Word, our intellect and the souls yearning are stimulated. Enlightenment blossoms in our life, Our HOPE and TRUST are fortified, thus the problems and storms of life are easier to withstand and life is better for it in our lives. God Bless, Bro. Bob ✕

IN MEMORIAM

"Well Done, Good and Faithful Bother"

Brother	Archie	Gerald	Clay	11-Aug-25
Brother	Lamar	Teal	Creighton	28-Jun-25
Brother	John	Henry	Davis III	30-Jul-25
Brother	Nova	Leigh	Jernigan	06-Jun-25
Honorable	Daniel	Ezra	Ross	30-Aug-25
Illustrious	William	Henry	Stafford Jr	14-Jul-25

Circle of Concern

Gene Bodkin
Debbie Boyette
Michael Brady
Timothy Kennedy
Connie Parks
Roger White



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2025 Elected Officers**

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Joshua W. Schutts, 32°, KSA	Junior Warden
Kenneth K. Eichorn, 33°	Orator

**PENSACOLA CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX
2025 Elected Officers**

Oscar R. Ferrell, 32°, KCCH	Wise Master
Roger D. White, 33°	Senior Warden
Haskell R. Vest, Jr., 32°, KSA	Junior Warden
Daniel R. Savage, 32°, KCCH	Orator

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2025 Elected Officers**

Edwin H. Eblamo, 32°, KSA	Commander
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Ronald L. Parks, 32°, KCCH	Orator

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2025 Elected Officers**

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BEING. TO THAT END, WE COMMIT TO MAKING A
POSITIVE IMPACT ON HUMANKIND, PROMOTING
OUR COMMUNITY AND PROVIDING A VALUE
TO THE MASONIC FRATERNITY.**

The Scottish Rite Creed

Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish,
freedom of conscience our mission and guarantee of equal rights to all
people everywhere our ultimate goal.

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