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**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2014
 MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING
 7:00 PM**

TENTATIVE MEETING AGENDA

Old Business:

Item	Responsible	Duration
Soccer Challenge Update	Sam	5 min
Tootsie Roll Drive	Lawrence	5 min
40 Days for Life	Ross	5 min
Council Budget	Josh	5 min

New Business:

Item	Responsible	Duration
Memorial Masses	Sam/Chris	5 min
Diocesan Gumbo Cook-off	Ray	5 min
Council Memorial Mass	Leslie/Tommy	5 min
BBQ Chickens for the Parish Fair	Kevin/Carroll	5 min
Special Olympics Talk	Frank Zaeringer	5 min

A meal will be served prior to the meeting at 6:30 PM. Contact Josh Zelden if you can help.

Contact Josh Zelden prior to the meeting if you have new business to present.

EMAIL ADDRESS

If you are presently getting the Crusader by regular mail and are willing to accept your copy of the Crusader via email, please contact Sam Mistretta at smistretta2@cox.net. The postage saved will lessen the impact on organizational costs. All you need is Adobe PDF reader and an email address.

COUNCIL RECOGNITION

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Our Knight of the Month is Ross McCalip. Ross is being recognized this month because of his leadership in coordinating the parish and council participation in 40 Days for Life campaign. Ross is also providing key support on a daily basis at the 40 Days for Life staging area in Baton Rouge. Ross is our council's Culture of Life Director and he and his wife Carolyn have been working to save babies for many years through their Pro-life work and in particular their support of the Pregnancy Problem Center. Ross was also instrumental in the start of the Dignity of Life Ministry at St. Aloysius parish. Thank you Ross for all that you do for our council and the parish.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Our Family of the Month is the family of Lawrence Alwood. Lawrence is currently our chairman for the Tootsie Roll Drive which was a particular success this year.

Lawrence and his wife, Shannon, have 3 children: Sela 7 yrs old (2nd grade), Sarah Beth 4 yrs old, Luke 3 yrs old, and Delta (yellow lab) 11 yrs old.

Shannon works with St. Aloysius school first aid each month. Sarah Beth and Luke will attend Aloysius next year, joining their older sister Sela.

Lawrence is also a member of the Men's Club, and Lawrence and Shannon volunteer at the fair. Earlier

this month, Lawrence was the co-captain of one of the BBQ teams at the Holy Smoke BBQ contest. They won 3rd place in the Crowd Favorite category.

In receiving this honor from the council, Lawrence expressed gratitude for the many opportunities the KC Council offers to give back to our local community and he is looking forward to growing the Tootsie Roll Campaign next year. Thank you Lawrence for being a great knight and a dedicated husband and father.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

1 st	Feast of All Saints Day – Holy Day of Obligation KC Diocesan Memorial Mass
1 st	CYLA Information mailed to GK Deadline – Order Free-Throw Contest Kit
2 nd	Feast of All Souls Day
4 th	Election Day
8 th	Alabama at LSU
9 th	Memorial Mass for Deceased Members of KC Council 3743 at St. Aloysius 9:00 AM Mass & Communion Breakfast
11 th	Veterans Day
13 th	KC Meeting – KC Hall at 7:00 PM
15 th - 16 th	Parish Fair & Bar-B-Que Chicken Chairman: Kevin Denoux
15 th	LSU at Arkansas Eucharistic Adoration in Parish Chapel 9 AM to 3 PM
16 th	State Soccer Challenge – BREC Burbank Soccer Complex 8:30 AM
20 st	First Degree at Council 4030 7:00 PM
27 th	LSU at Texas A&M
27 th	Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER CALENDAR

1 st	Deadline - CYLA Chairman Form
4 th	Officers Meeting - KC Hall 7:00 PM
8 th	Immaculate Conception – Holy Day of Obligation
11 th	KC Meeting – KC Hall at 7:00 PM
13 th	Community Clean-up Day Chairman: Darell Byrd

15 th	Deadline – Soccer Challenge Participation Form (4567)
18 th	First Degree at Council 4030 7:00 PM
20 th	Eucharistic Adoration in Parish Chapel 9 AM to 3 PM
25 th	Christmas – Holy Day of Obligation

RECRUITMENT

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED FOR MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

Brother Knights, please help us increase our membership. We need new members’ energy and ideas to keep our council vibrant. Please ask your friends and family members to consider joining the Knights of Columbus. Remember the membership requirements are: 1) male, 2) 18 years or older, and 3) a practical Catholic. If you need more information about recruiting, contact our Membership Director Brent Golleher (281-0713 or email him at brentgolleher@gmail.com).

NEW THIRD DEGREE KNIGHTS

On Saturday, October 4, 2014, A Major Degree Exemplification of the Second and Third Order was held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Denham Springs. Matthew Mistretta and Ray Neck became Third Degree Knights of the Order. Accompanying these knights were Lee Miller and Sam Mistretta. Please join the council in congratulating these knights for this worthy accomplishment!



CONSIDER JOINING THE 4TH DEGREE

Now that you are a Third Degree knight, you may be wondering is there something more that I can do in the Knights of Columbus. Certainly, you can become an officer in your council. You can also serve as a chairman or co-chairman for a council event. However, there is another possibility. You can join the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree.

This is the patriotic degree of the Order. A number of knights in our council are Fourth Degree Knights such as: Carroll Gibson, Todd Poche, Kevin Denoux, Bert Wintz, Jerry Richard, Andrew Pecquet, Sam Mistretta, Patrick Goldsmith, Jeremy Couvillion, Lee Miller, John Tate, and Greg Accardo. These knights are members of the Bishop Stanley J. Ott Assembly No. 2241.

You are likely most familiar with the Fourth Degree from those members who are part of the Color Guard which are easily recognized by their regalia. They are often present at very special events in the Diocese. In addition, each assembly has their own charitable activities, so this can give you more opportunities to serve the Church and local community.

The Fourth Degree Knights act on what is right and honorable by funding, restoring, and serving in Church initiatives and events. The Fourth Degree knights lead and serve our brother knights by honoring knights and their families during times of tragedy and loss. Fourth Degree knights also model and foster patriotism in many nations by training and encouraging youth to be engaged citizens.

If you would like to know more information about Fourth Degree, contact Sam Mistretta (975-1501 or email smistretta2@cox.net).

**FACEBOOK PAGE**

Our council has a Facebook page titled: “Knights of Columbus Council 3743 at St. Aloysius.” You can search for “Council 3743” to find us. If you are a

Facebook user, please check it out and “like us”! You can access the council Facebook page even if you do not have a Facebook account using the following Internet link:

<< [>>](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Knights-of-Columbus-Council-3743-at-St-Aloysius/231130550264555?ref=hl)

Pictures of council activities are posted often, so check it out!

COUNCIL ROSARY GROUP

Our council has an active Rosary group to pray the Rosary at the wake of a deceased brother or close family member at the family’s request. Please make your family aware of this, so that they can contact us at the appropriate time. We are always looking for additional members to join the Rosary group to ensure that we always have enough guys to respond to a request. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact the chairman, Patrick Beard pbeard30@hotmail.com.

RECENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**COUNCIL HELPS AT SPECIAL OLYMPICS EVENT**

On Wednesday, October 1st, Special Olympics held a Horseshoe Tournament at the BREC park on Kenilworth Parkway. Leslie Tassin (council Special Olympics Chairman), Gary Meier, Sam Mistretta, and John Devillier volunteered to help with the event. There were more than 50 individual horseshoe courts of various types to accommodate different levels of skill for the athletes. We were able to work closely with the athletes, so it was a very special and rewarding experience. Frank Zaeringer, State Special Olympics Chairman for the Knights of Columbus, was particularly grateful for our hands-on support because they were a little short-handed for the event. Despite a little rain, the event was a big success judging from the excitement of the athletes, family, and volunteers. We are looking forward to continuing to support Special Olympics in Louisiana.



COUNCIL PARTICIPATION IN THE SILVER ROSE PROGRAM

Since 1960, the Knights of Columbus has conducted the Silver Rose program. A limited number of sculpted silver roses are carried from Ontario, Canada, through several states to Mexico. At numerous locations along the route, a special prayer service is conducted to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas.

The rose is also a symbol of the Order’s commitment to the pro-life cause, and Our Lady of Guadalupe is claimed as the patroness of the pro-life movement. The rose’s final destination is the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12.

On its journey through Louisiana, the Silver Rose stopped at St. Aloysius Parish. The council gathered at 5:30 PM on Thursday, October 9th at the KC hall to pray the Rosary after the Silver Rose arrived. This event occurred before the regular monthly KC meeting. Thanks to Vicen Alvarez (State Silver Rose Chairman) and Arline Mistretta for transferring the Silver Rose to the council and Sam Mistretta for coordinating the event and leading the prayer service. Finally, thanks to those brother knights who participated on such short notice: Pon Hardy, Lee Miller, Josh Zelden, Jim DeBrueys, Dixon McMakin, and Brennan Kluka. Also participating were Arline and Nicole Mistretta.

TALK GIVEN AT OCTOBER KC MEETING

At the October meeting, Sam Mistretta gave a brief talk on Christopher Columbus. The focus of the talk was a letter to Lord Raphael Sanchez written in 1493 shortly after discovery of the New World. The letter provides good evidence of Columbus’ religious motivations and provides insights into his actions. If you would like a copy of the letter or a copy of the PowerPoint presentation, please contact Sam Mistretta (smistretta2@cox.net).



COUNCIL RECEIVES 2013-2014 COLUMBIAN AND FOUNDERS' AWARDS

The Supreme Council office has awarded our council the Columbian and Founders' Awards. Our council was one of only 29 councils in the state of Louisiana to receive both the Columbian and Founders' awards. This is the fourth year in a row that our council has received this honor.

The Founders' Award is given to those councils that have met their insurance quota. Columbian Award is given to those councils who have achieved excellence in volunteer programming activities that serve the Church, community, council, family, culture-of-life, and youth. Special thanks goes to Andrew Pecquet (PGK), John Ricca (field agent), Tino Dalmau (DD), and every knight in our council for this achievement. Congratulations!



BISHOP'S RESPECT LIFE MASS

The Bishop's Respect Life Mass was held at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on Sunday, October 12th. This event is sponsored by the Office of Marriage and Family Life and Christian Formation Secretariat of the Diocese of Baton Rouge. Nine Sir Knights participated in the Fourth Degree Color Corps, including two knights from our council: Greg Accardo and Sam Mistretta.

COUNCIL PROVIDES POSADA PRAYER BOOKLETS TO ST. ALOYSIUS SCHOOL

The Knights of Columbus provides Advent and Christmas prayer booklets known as "Posada" developed by Franciscan missionaries. This year, our council provided 33 booklets to St. Aloysius School for their use at no cost to the school. Earlier this year, Sam Mistretta contacted Elizabeth Castro, SAS Spanish Instructor, to show her the booklet and determine her interest. Mrs. Castro decided that the booklets would be a great addition to their curriculum and the booklets will be used by all of 5th through 8th grade students this year.



DISTRICT KC SOCCER CHALLENGE HELD AT ST. ALOYSIUS

The District KC Soccer Challenge was held at St. Aloysius School on Saturday, October 11, 2014. Six students from St. Aloysius School won in their age group: Sara Ball, Olivia Hupperick, Cazes Jones, Joseph Mengis, Helena Robertson, and Richard Viso. They will now advance to the Diocesan competition to be held on Sunday, October 26th at the BREC soccer complex. Congratulations to our winners!

The Diocesan Soccer Challenge was held on Sunday, October 26th at the Burbank Soccer Complex. Five students from St. Aloysius advanced to the State competition: Helena Robertson, Olivia Hupperich, Caze Jones, Richard Viso, and Joseph Mengis. Congratulations to our winners!



COUNCIL RECOGNIZES RECENT SELECTIONS FOR KNIGHT OF THE MONTH AND FAMILY OF THE MONTH

At the October meeting, Grand Knight Josh Zelden provided certificates to recent selections for Knight of the Month and Family of the Month. Pictured (L to R): Lee Miller, Brad Mathews, Pete Martinez, Sam Mistretta, Andy Kimbrell, and Josh Zelden.



TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE WAS A SUCCESS

The council conducted a Tootsie Roll Drive on Saturday, October 11th and Sunday, October 12th at the Walmart Neighborhood Market at corner of Highland Road and Lee Drive. The drive was led by our chairman Lawrence Alwood. Lawrence did a lot of work over the past year to evaluate various options, select the location, and obtain permission to conduct the drive. The event is part of the State Knights of Columbus Mental Disability Fund. The funds raised by the council will be used to support special needs children. The collections totaled \$1100. This total is well above average for this fundraising event.

Special thanks goes to the knights and their family members who participated in the drive this year: Lawrence, Sela, and Luke Alwood, Andy Kimbrell, Kevin Denoux, Sam Mistretta, Lee Miller, Ross McCalip, Frank Endom, Phil Romano, Andrew and Marie Elise Pecquet, Bert Wintz, Brent Golleher, Gary Johnson, and David, Macy, and Hap Heroman. We are grateful to Lawrence for his leadership and dedication which made this event such as success.



COUNCIL SOCIAL EVENT WAS A SUCCESS

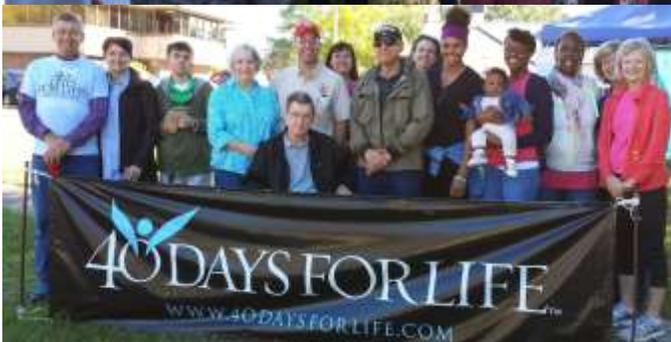
The council held an informal social gathering on Sunday, October 19th from 1 to 4 PM on the lawn next to the KC Hall. A couple horseshoe pits and a bocce ball set were setup for a little friendly competition. A television was also setup so that members could follow the Saints game. Special thanks goes to Josh Zelden and Brennan Kluka for organizing the event. Thanks also goes to those members who helped cook: Pete Martinez and Phil Romano. The weather was excellent and everyone had a great time.



COUNCIL AND PARISH TEAM-UP FOR 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

On Thursday, October 16th and Friday, October 17th, St. Aloysius Parish and KC Council 3743 participated in 40 Days for Life. 40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God’s power through prayer, fasting, and a peaceful vigil to end abortion. The campaign runs from September 24th through November 2nd. We are happy to report that thirteen babies had been saved by October 17th. Please continue to pray for an end to abortion everywhere in the World.

Ross McCalip did another great job of coordinating our council participation. We also want to thank all of the knights and family members who participated this year: Mike and Bernie Dellucci, Ross and Carolyn McCalip, Sam, Arline, Nicole, Frank, and Rita Mistretta, Jennie Tribou (wife of Art Tribou), Dixon McMakin, Lee Miller, Anna Claire Lusco (daughter of Mark Lusco), Phil Romano, Zac, Jenna, Grayson, and Bennett Cook.



UPCOMING COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

CLERGY CHRISTMAS CARD PROGRAM

Clergy Christmas Card Program encourages councils to include their clergy when they send Christmas cards. Most of us send a Christmas card to family and friends. All too often, our clergy get overlooked when the list is created. Participation is very easy. Just send a Christmas card to our priests. It is a great way to show our love and appreciation for their commitment to the Faithful. You can send a Christmas card to Fr. Than and Fr. Sanjay through the Parish Office (2025 Stuart Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808). Please also remember our retired priests, particularly our former pastor, Fr. Gerald Burns. His address is: 7915 Menlo Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808.

REMEMBRANCE OF BROTHER KNIGHTS
WHO HAVE RECENTLY GONE TO THEIR
ETERNAL REWARD

The Knights of Columbus will celebrate a Memorial Mass for the Baton Rouge Diocese at St. Patrick's Church (12424 Brogdon Lane) on Saturday, November 1st at 4:00 PM. Since the last memorial Mass, the following brother knights have passed away: Joe Prokop (died 12/7/13), Ory Poret, (died 4/25/14), Wayne Swensen (died 6/24/14), and Jake Gerace (died 7/6/14). May they rest in peace with Our Lord.

On Sunday, November 9th at 9 AM, the council will celebrate a Memorial Mass at St. Aloysius Church. Council members, their family, and friends will gathered to celebrate the Eucharist together in remembrance of our deceased brother knights. After Mass, the council will have a Communion breakfast at the KC hall.

Please join us for these events to remember our brother knights who passed away during the past year, and please keep them and their families in your prayers.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Our council is organizing a monthly Eucharistic Adoration at St. Aloysius Parish, open to anyone. It takes place on the third Saturday of each month immediately following 8 AM Mass and continuing until 3 PM in the Parish Chapel. Two people must be present at all times during the entire adoration period. You can come by at any time and stay as long as you like. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Ross McCalip (rmccalip@cox.net 978-2421). No sign-up is required, so just come and pray in silence before the Blessed Sacrament.



LECTURER'S CORNER

Reykjavik's Rocky Road Work – Taken from New Oxford Review October 2014 issue:

Construction of a new road in Iceland had to be stopped recently when activists warned that it would disturb the elves living in some of the rocks in its path. "It's not every day in Iceland that we divert roads for elves," Petur Matthiasson of the Icelandic highways department in Reykjavik told BBC News (June 19). Surveys suggest that more than half of Icelanders believe in, or at least entertain the possibility of the existence of, the Huldurfolk, the hidden people, some of whom are said to build churches in rocks. In 2013, work on a highway linking the Alftanes peninsula to the Reykjavik suburb of Gardabaer was halted when protesters warned that it would disturb an elf chapel inside a 12-foot high jagged rock. The matter was resolved when a local lady, who claims to talk to elves, mediated and they agreed to the road as long as the elves' chapel was carefully moved and put elsewhere.

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

"The moral problem with abortion is of a pre-religious nature because the genetic code of a person is present at the moment of conception. There is already a human being...To not allow further progress in the development of a being that already has the entire genetic code of a human being is not ethical. The right to life is the first human right. Abortion is killing someone that cannot defend himself." Taken from: **On Heaven and Earth: Pope Francis on Faith, Family and the Church in the 21st Century** by Jorge Mario Bergoglio and Abraham Skorka, Image, 2013.

"It is impossible to further the common good without acknowledging and defending the right to life, upon which all the other inalienable rights of individuals are founded and from which they develop. A society lacks solid foundations when, on the one hand, it asserts values such as the dignity of the person, justice and peace, but then, on the other hand, radically acts to the contrary by allowing or tolerating a variety of ways in which human life is devalued and violated, especially where it is weak or

marginalized.” Taken from *Evangelium Vitae*, Saint Pope John Paul II, 1995.

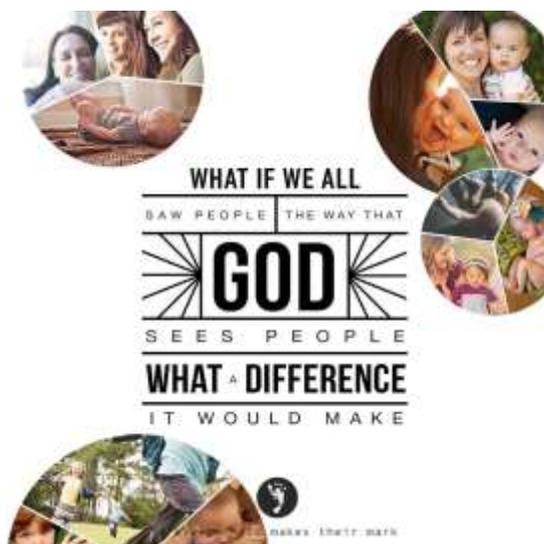
“If you’ve got an immoral law, you’ve got to work to change that. You’ve got children being killed every day. It goes on forever. That’s the great scandal, and that’s why there’s such a sense of urgency now. There’s no recognition of the fact that children continue to be killed, and we live, therefore, in a country drenched in blood. This can’t be something that you start playing off pragmatically against other issues.” Taken from “Interview with Cardinal George” by John Allen quoted in **Non-Negotiable** by Sheila Liaugminas, Ignatius Press, 2014.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life. Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy.

Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.

Taken from *Evangelium Vitae*



HEALING PRAYER FOR FR. THAN VU

Heavenly Father, we call on you now in a special way. It is through you that Fr. Than Vu was created. Every breath he takes, every morning he wakes, every moment, every hour he lives under your power. Father, we ask you now to touch him with that same power. For, if you created him from nothing, you can certainly recreate him. Fill him with the healing power of your spirit. Cast out anything that should not be in him. Mend what is broken, root out any unproductive cells. Open all blood vessels and rebuild any damaged areas. Remove all inflammation and cleanse any infection. Let the warmth of your healing love pass through his body. To make new any unhealthy areas so that his body will function the way you created it to function. And Father, please restore him to full health in mind and body so that he may serve you for the rest of his life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. We thank you Lord for listening.

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MEMBERSHIP

ADDRESS CHANGES

If you have changed mailing address in the past year, please notify Brad Mathews by mail or email:

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FRATERNAL

If you know of a Brother Knight or family member who is in need of our assistance and prayers, please contact Grand Knight Josh Zelden at 202-3554 or jzelden@roedelparsons.com or contact Membership Director Brent Golleher (281-0713 or brentgolleher@gmail.com). so that resources can be directed as needed.



INSURANCE

FROM YOUR FIELD AGENT:
LONG-TERM CARE PLANS
OFFER PEACE OF MIND

November is Long Term Care Awareness Month, a good time to consider your solution to possible long term care needs in the future. One solution is to consider what the Knights of Columbus offers to you. Since its addition to the Order’s product portfolio in 2000, long-term care (LTC) insurance has provided the Knights of Columbus with an excellent opportunity to further serve members and their families. And, for our long-term care policy holders in the United States, there’s an added bonus.

It’s called “Provider Pathway,” a program offering access to a network of long-term care providers at discounted rates. The network includes discounts on products, such as hearing aids, diabetic supplies, personal emergency response systems, and durable medical equipment, as well as skilled nursing facilities, assisted living, and adult day care.

Eligibility for participation in this program is open to Knights of Columbus long-term care insurance policyholders, their spouses, dependent children, parents and parents-in-law. All providers are fully credentialed and meet state licensing requirements.

If you haven’t yet spoken with me about long-term care insurance, you owe it to yourself to do so. There are a few decisions to make in choosing a “plan” — a comprehensive plan that covers care whether you’re at home or in a facility, or one that covers facility only; daily benefit amounts and benefit durations (how much and how long it will last); and the length of the

elimination period (waiting period) before benefits kick-in. Having a professionally trained agent — and a brother Knight you can trust — to help guide you through the process is yet another valuable benefit that comes with your membership. Take advantage of it; contact me today.

Prepare your legacy planning by obtaining a free copy of the new Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook ! Call or e-mail me for your copy.

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