

WELCOME HOME

THE HOME LODGE No.721 F.&A.M. BULLETIN

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A GOOD STORY

A young man passed a pawnbrokers shop. The money lender was standing in front of his shop, and the young man noted that he was wearing a large and beautiful Masonic emblem. After going on a whole block, apparently lost in thought, the young man turned back, stepped up to the pawnbroker, and addressed him: I see you're wearing a Masonic emblem. I'm a Freemason too. It happens that I'm desperately in need of \$25 just now. I shall be able to repay it within ten days. You don't know me; but I wonder whether the fact that you are a Freemason and that I am a Freemason is sufficient to induce you to lend me the money on my personal note.

The pawnbroker mentally appraised the young man, who was clean-cut, neat and well-dressed. After a moments thought, he agreed to make the loan on the strength of the young man being a Freemason. Within a few days the young man repaid the loan as agreed and that ended the transaction.

About four months later the young man was in a Lodge receiving the Entered Apprentice Degree; he had not really been a Mason when he borrowed the \$25. After he had been admitted for the second section of the degree, the young man looked across the Lodge room and saw the pawnbroker from whom he had borrowed the \$25. His face turned crimson and he became nervous and jittery. He wondered whether he had been recognized by the pawnbroker. Apparently not, so he planned at the first opportunity to leave the Lodge room and avoid his benefactor. As soon as the Lodge was closed he moved quickly for the door, but the pawnbroker had recognized the young man, headed him off and, to the young mans astonishment, approached him and greeted him with a smile and outstretched hand.

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»Home Lodge's June Trestleboard«

Wednesday, June 6th - 6:30 p.m.
STATED MEETING
HAWAIIAN SHIRTS

Wednesday, June 13th - 7:00 p.m.
MASTER MASON DEGREE

Sunday, June 17th
HAPPY FATHERS DAY

Wednesday, June 20th - 7:30 p.m.
FRENCH FIRST DEGREE

Wednesday, June 27th - 7:00 p.m.
MASTER MASON DEGREE

Well, I see you weren't a Freemason after all when you borrowed that \$25, the pawnbroker commented. The blood rushed to the young mans face as he stammered, No, I wasn't, but I wish you'd let me explain. I had always heard that Freemasons were charitable and ready to aid a Brother in distress. When I passed your shop that day I didn't need that \$25. I had plenty of money in my wallet, but when I saw the Masonic emblem you were wearing, I decided to find out whether the things Id heard about Freemasonry were true. You let me have the money on the strength of my being a Freemason, so I concluded that what I had heard about Masons was true, that they are charitable, that they do aid Brethren in distress. That made such a deep impression on me that I presented my petition to this Lodge and here I am. I trust that with this explanation you will forgive me for having lied to you.

The pawnbroker responded, Don't let that worry you too much. I wasn't a Freemason when I let you have the money. I had no business wearing the Masonic emblem you saw. Another man had just borrowed some money on it, and it was so pretty that I put it on my lapel for a few minutes. I took it off the moment you left. I didn't want anyone else borrowing money on the strength of my being a Freemason. When you asked for that \$25, I remembered what I had heard about Masons, that they were honest, upright, and cared for their obligations promptly. It seemed to me that \$25 wouldn't be too much to lose to learn if what Id heard was really true, so I lent you the money and you repaid it exactly as you said you would. That convinced me that what Id heard about Masons was true so I presented my petition to this Lodge. I was the candidate just ahead of you.

From the January 1977 New Mexico Freemason

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**A Message From
Our Worshipful Master
Wor. Aaron J. Cohen, P.M.**



Last month, we honored three students during our Public Schools event. It is amazing what they have to do, compared to when I was in school. These students are truly remarkable. We also had a 50-year pin presentation for Wor. Handelman.

It being the month of May, we officially recognize “Mom” during this month. We should always recognize “Mom” all the time and not just on this one day. This year it is particularly difficult for me, because it is hard to believe that it has already been one year since my “Mom” passed away and not one day goes by that I don’t think of her.

In May, we also celebrate Memorial Day, a federal holiday to honor all the men and women of armed services not just those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

In June, besides celebrating Father’s Day, D-Day, and Flag Day we also get to start wearing Hawaiian shirts to our stated meetings.

For me, Father’s Day is bittersweet, because even though they are no longer here, both my father and grand-father were Masons and I would have loved to sit in Lodge with both of them. Father’s Day isn’t just about the Dads, but also those men who a “Father figure” to someone, giving them guidance and support.

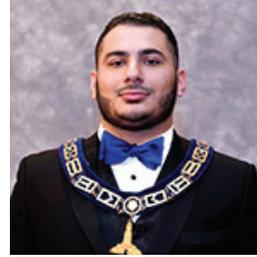
Our annual picnic is coming up in July and will be announced at May’s stated meeting.

We have now started working in our step-up positions and I am excited to see all the younger faces in the line.

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday Nights. Remember that Wednesdays are Lodge Night.

Fraternally from the East,
Wor. Aaron J. Cohen P.M.
Worshipful Master

**A Message From Our
Senior Warden
Artin Aladadyan**



As June arrives we welcome back an honored tradition at Home Lodge, Hawaiian shirts. We all look forward to the summer months for the wonderful Southern California weather so we can hit the beach, get outdoors, and show

up to Stated Meetings in our best Hawaiians; although I’m not sure where our wonderful weather has gone recently.

June also brings with it Father’s Day, so I’d like to wish all the Brothers who are fathers and all the Fathers of my brothers a wonderful Father’s Day this month, and being Masons that means we have more than one Father; we all have a Masonic father. I urge all our brethren to keep in mind that man that brought you to Masonry. That man is your Masonic father, and I believe we should honor not only our regular fathers, but also the men that allowed us to see the light of Freemasonry and be able to sit together as Brothers. Now my brother and I have it easy, our father is our Masonic father, but I guess we owe him double for that then.

I’d like to bring attention to an event that took place last month on Saturday May 12th, and thank all the Brethren and Ladies that attended it. For those unaware, the event was unprecedented, three Golden Veteran awards were given in one night. Now there’s no ritual designed for three brothers so it was modified on the fly, and done amazingly well by our Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Wright. What made this event so important is that it one of the Brothers was our own Worshipful Ken Judd. Wor. Judd’s mother lodge may not be our Home Lodge, but he’s been here longer than I’ve been alive, and he’s been one of the most important influences I’ve had in Masonry.

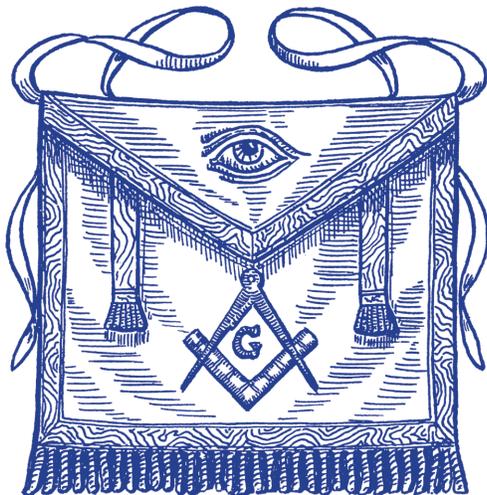
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Worship Judd exemplifies so much of what it means to be a good Mason and I look forward to the many years I still have to learn from him. So once again, congratulations Ken, love you and see you Wednesday!

This is the paragraph where I remind everyone that we need to be at Lodge on Wednesday to show our support for our Candidates, but over these last few months I've seen a wonderful change. I've seen more Brothers come out to support our Officers and Candidates than I have in quite some time. I must thank you all; you're showing our Brother's that Brotherly Love is alive and well. To those who haven't had the time, or are putting it off for one reason or another, Home is always here for you and we'd love to see you soon my Brothers. We've got some big things planned for the future and want all of you to be apart of it.

As always we must remember, there's no better place to be on a Wednesday than at Home.

Fraternally from the West
Artin Aladadyan
Senior Warden Elect



A Message From Our Junior Warden Andre Aladadyan



First and foremost, I hope everyone had a Happy Mother's Day. Masons could not do half the things we do without the women in our lives, nor would we be the men we are if not for love and care of our Mothers. I also hope everyone had a happy and safe Memorial Day. God bless the men and women that gave their lives so that we may continue to live our lives. I'd like to next wish all the fathers of Home Lodge a Happy Father's Day; I love you Papa.

June leads us into the half-way mark of the year, whereby we view our progress as a Lodge and continue towards the years goals. I'm happy that thus far we have raised a number of good brothers and initiated two in May. I continue to invite everyone to come to lodge and be a part of these important ceremonies.

A wise brother once told me, "in life, like in our Masonic journey, you will go as far as you wish to walk; we will show you the path, you will have to journey it."

Performing Ritual and conducting degrees is more than just words and steps. What goes on during these degrees are the starting points to achieve that which you seek. However, remember my brothers, knowledge and higher purpose is attained not by gift of another's hand; it is attained by self-awareness and study. This journey may be one similar to another's but each must walk it for themselves.

The mentality of "that's it?" does not, and will not, lead you to what you seek. Instead, the questions we should be asking are "why, what and how." These questions will lead you to what Masonry truly has to offer. Masonry requires study and practice, as illustrated by our Ancient Brethren.

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As Operative Masons, they studied cutting and hewing stone for years and improved themselves in their craft; Speculative Masonry is no different. To illustrate further, I take from my own life. I went to law school to become an attorney. During that journey, I was posed with questions, facts, and legal theory all requiring me to search, ask further questions, and theorize to obtain that which I sought. I spent hours studying the starting points that were given to me in the classroom to gain the knowledge required to improve myself in legal practice. I then took what I learned and applied it. However, at no point was I given more answers than questions because the journey was, and is, continuous. Masonry is no different.

Therefore, like be an attorney (or insert any profession or mastery here), Masonry requires constant study, questioning, and theorizing. Our Ritual gives us the starting points and sparks to ask questions. Therefore, for those of you that ask "that's it," I ask you to take a closer look at your journey, memorization, and reason for knocking on the door of Masonry. Take pride in the degrees you were given, find meaning in them like the many brothers that came before you.

As the Officers move into the half-way mark of this year seeking to improve their work, I ask those of you that have asked "that's it" to see what you can do to improve yourself as well. Joining us on Wednesday nights will allow you to reengage those starting points whereby you may improve yourself our Ancient and Honorable Craft.

Fraternally from the South,
Andre Aladadyan
Junior Warden

A Message From The Treasurer Of Home Lodge, Brother Moses Gazazian

Dear Brethren of Home Lodge,

I had the honor of being part of 50 year Golden Award Ceremony for our Worshipful Brother Ken Judd and two other worthy Worshipful brothers at Van Nuys Lodge in May with few of our brothers of Home Lodge and what struck me most was all 3 brethren walked the same path together and kept that friendship going for 50 years. That's what Masonry does to few fortunate ones and unfortunately the opposite also happens where in today's fast paste life they break away and randomly connect back with each other and sometimes on seldom occasions we meet and say hello.

I remember going thru my degrees and remember "3 musketeers of Home Lodge" as we called ourselves, because we all took our degrees together and were raised together. Michael moved to Vegas and the other two, Victor and myself we still keep in touch. Yes we don't talk as often as we would like to, due to work and our busy lives, but when we hear each other's voices, we know that at the other end of the phone is a worthy brother a musketeer of Home Lodge.

" all for one and one for all" and there isn't anything that we would not do for each other if we are called on to do so.

Point of this story is relationships that we built in our lodge are for a life time and it happened and will continue to happen if we chose to do so ourselves as Worshipful Ken Judd and his brothers did. I only wish and hope that our new generation will continue building their life long relationships and find that team, call it what you want, and built upon that trust and friendship as so many have done before them. Take pride in your Craft and in your brethren and in your daily lives always practice civility, truth and may we always meet by the square and always on the level.

Fraternally,
Brother Moses Gazaian
Treasure
Home Lodge No. 721

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT
IS LODGE NIGHT**

A Message From The Secretary Of Home Lodge, Wor. Richard A. Weiser, P.M.

From the Secretary's Table

June should be a full month for Home Lodge. Besides our Stated Meeting, we will be doing two third degrees and on June 20th, we have agreed to let Valle De France use the Lodge to conduct a First Degree. It starts at 7:30 p.m. and if you want to attend, there is a \$20 dollar charge for the refreshments. You must contact me so I can put your name on the list. I will be collecting your money at Stated Meeting, checks should be made out to Valle De France Lodge.

THERE WILL BE NO PAYMENTS ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR.

He officers are working very hard in their step up positions and we are looking forward to being qualified in all the degrees shortly.

Remember that we will be in Hawaiian shirts for stated meetings starting this month.

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Fraternally, Richard Weiser, P.M. Secretary Home Lodge No. 721

Trestleboard

JUNE 2018

Wednesday, June 6th 6:30 p.m.

STATED MEETING HAWAIIAN SHIRTS

Donation for all \$15.00 Home Lodge Widows are Free Tri-Tip or Baked Salmon For dinner reservations please call (818) 446-6305

Wednesday, June 13th 7:00 p.m.

MASTER MASON DEGREE

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Master Mason Degree for Brother Christopher Bererian Light refreshments to follow Wor. Aaron Cohen, P.M. Presiding

Sunday, June 17th

HAPPY FATHERS DAY

Wednesday, June 20th 7:30 p.m.

FRENCH FIRST DEGREE

Donation for all \$20.00 Please join us for another perspective on the rites of Masonry. Ritual will be in French, English translation and commentary will be provided. Coffee and Desert to follow For reservations please call Wor. Rick Weiser, P.M. at (818) 326-3841

Wednesday, June 27th 7:00 p.m.

MASTER MASON DEGREE

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Master Mason Degree for Brother Grigor Octanian Light refreshments to follow Wor. Aaron Cohen, P.M. Presiding

Home Lodge Dues Information

Our dues for 2018 are \$99.00 per member, due on or by the 1st day of January. If you are not at the very least in possession of a 2016 dues card (haven't paid your dues for 2017) we will be sending you a notice of possible suspension, beginning in March. If you have not paid your dues in arrears or made proper arrangements, we will be suspending you in May of 2018. Many brethren have asked what that means. It means this, if you are suspended for nonpayment of dues, your name will be read in lodge the night you are suspended, the other Masonic bodies will be notified of your suspension (per the CMC) and you will become suspended in those bodies as well until you are back in good standing with your blue lodge. Bringing yourself back into good standing involves the following process-you must pay your dues in arrears, then you are put up to a vote of the brethren for reinstatement, then the other bodies are notified upon your reinstatement.

Dues for the 2018 term are \$99.00

Petitions for membership are \$425.00

Petitions for affiliation are \$130.00

Petitions for out of state affiliation are \$285.00

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR 2018

Under the age of 49 is 21 times the annual dues: \$2,037.00

50 to 54 is 19 times the annual dues: \$1,843.00

55 to 59 is 17 times the annual dues: \$1,649.00

60 to 64 is 14 times the annual dues: \$1,358.00

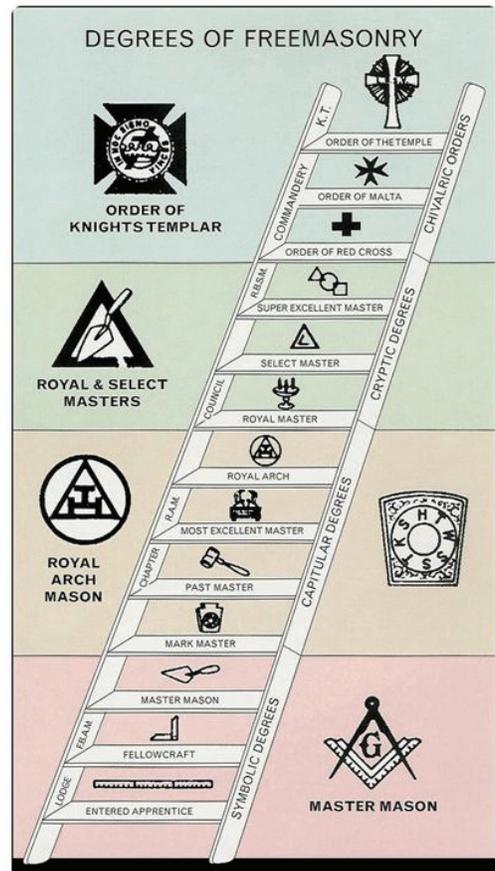
65 and older is 11 times the annual dues: \$1,067.00

Sickness & Distress

Many of our brethren and their ladies have had health issues, we should always keep them in our prayers, but take a minute to notify either Wor. Bob Brandt, P.M. or Wor. Richard A. Weiser, P.M. so that we can get a card out to them and check on them.

Home Lodge Sweethearts

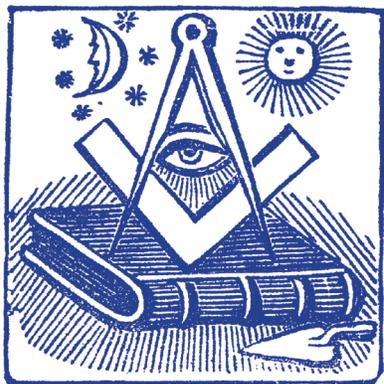
Dear Home Lodge widows and family, please keep us up to date on any changes to your mailing address and phone numbers and if there are any changes in your health. You are a part of our Home Lodge family and if we or Grand Lodge can be of service to you we will need to be able to reach you. Please let us know if you are aware of other Home Lodge widows. You may contact the Home Lodge Secretary, Richard A. Weiser, P.M. at (818) 326-3841.



Past Masters of Home Lodge No. 721

*William H. Eyler	1952-54	*Irving Levine.....	1986
**Allyn S. Abramson	1955	Melvin H. Barlam	1987
*Marius Thisted	1956	Stanley R. Taub	1988
*Samuel Crystal	1957	Seymour Empol.....	1989
*Michael Garner	1958	*Norman I. Libes	1990
*Arthur D'Avellar Jr.	1959	Donald T. Pollock	1991
*Abraham J. Marks	1960	Clifford C. Schlesinger	1992
*Marvin Shapiro	1961	*Mark A. Leibert	1993
*Seymour Glick	1962	Herschel P. Mazer	1994
*Sidney L. Herman	1963	*Allen F. Kelman	1995
*Frank Gelfound	1964	*Jack A. Klapper.....	1996
*Jay Ludwin	1965	David M. Townsend	1997
*Abel Tobey	1966	Russell E. Singer	1998
*W. Robert Banks	1967	Ralph B. Dash	1999
*Irving Wapner	1968	Rafael Hernandez	2000
*Harold J. Zinkow	1969	Stanley R. Taub P.M.	2001
*Benjamin Ennis	1970	*Robert V. Downs	2002
*David Tribich	1971	Robert M. Berger	2003
Stanley Kadesh	1972	Lynn M. Freed	2004
*Harvey Solochek	1973	*Gordon E. Perry P.M.	2005
*I. Robert Brown	1974	Harvey M. Tapper	2006
David Springer	1975	Lynn M. Freed P.M.	2007
*Marvin Linn	1976	Eduardo Estrada	2008
*Meyer M. Swartzman	1977	*Jose A. Fiss P.M.	2009
*Stuart A. Graboyes	1978	Steve L. Eberhardt, P.M.	2010-11
**Marvin Winchell	1979	Robert H. Borden	2012
Murray Tobias	1980	Michael David	2013
*Lester Price	1981	Richard A. Weiser, P.M.....	2014-2015
*Meyer S. Levine	1982	Aaron J. Cohen	2016
**Joe Winchell	1983	Leland H. Celestre	2017
*S. William Gershon	1984		
Roger Sterneck	1985		

*Deceased **Demitted



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT
IS LODGE NIGHT**

Past Masters By Affiliation

Gordon M. Van Sanford	1962
David S. Handelman	1970
Henry H. Tarica	1971
Robert B. Brandt	1972
Richard V. Franco Sr.	1974
Ken Judd	1976
Stanley Garnett	1978
Harvey B. Lyman	1982
David P. Ottinger Jr.	1983
Thomas C. Crompton	1985
Vanso O. Jenabian	1986
Sam Makarem	1986
Alvin Gorenbein	1988
Ray Rosenbaum	1990
Jerome A. Shubb	1992
Russell H. Weis	1992
Aldo A. Dipre	1993
Jose A. Fiss	1994
Bruce E. Hudson	1995
Steven M. Weinberg	1995
Steven L. Eberhardt	1996
Sean N. Foran	1996
Stepan S. Varsam	1997
Victor M. Lerma	1998
Lloyd R. Turnquist	1998
Carlos H. Gonzalez	1999
Gordon E. Perry	1999
William H. Pike	1999
Vatche Izakellian	2001
Nishan "Nick" Khatcherian	2002
Avedis A. Abdoyan	2004
Burton E. Haaz	2004
Vartan Assadourian	2006
Ralph W. Morton	2009-10
Dan Shepard	2015
Leland H. Celestre	2016

Hiram Award Recipients

*Irving Levine P.M.	1979
*Fred R. Price	1980
*Sidney L. Herman P.M.	1980
*Allen Price	1983
*Irwin Rosenberg	1984
*Harry J. Angel	1985
*Buddy Samuel	1986
*S. William. Gershon P.M.	1988
*Ben Leibowitz	1988
*Lester Price P.M.	1989
*Allen F. Kelman P.M.	1990
Stanley R. Taub P.M.	1991
Howard Levine	1992
*Norman I. Libes P.M.	1993
Herbert Hyman	1994
Louis Kaminer	1995
Donald T. Pollock P.M.	1995
*Benjamin Ennis P.M.	1996
Barney B. Kort	1996
*Jerome H. Shatanoff	1997
**Bruce M. Blitz	1998
Clifford C. Schlesinger P.M.	1999
**Jack Brehm	2000
Leo W. Witz	2001
*Jack A. Klapper P.M.	2002
Ralph B. Dash P.M.	2003
Herschel P. Mazer P.M.	2004
Seymour Borenstein	2005
Gary B. Levitt	2006
Gerard E. Deprest	2008
Lynn M. Freed P.M.	2009
*William "Bill" Rosenthal	2010
*Ralph Feldfeber	2011
*Jose A. Fiss P.M.	2012
Steven L. Eberhardt P.M.	2013
Moses M. Gazazian	2015
Richard A. Weiser P.M.	2016
Javier De La Torre	2017

*Deceased ** Demitted

Concordant Bodies

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY SCOTTISH RITE
Meets the 3rd Friday of Every Month at 6:30 p.m.
Van Nuys Masonic Building, 14750 Sherman Way,
Van Nuys

YORK RITE BODIES
SIGNET ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER #57
Meets the 1st Monday of
Every Month at 6:30 p.m.
Van Nuys Masonic Building,
14750 Sherman Way, Van Nuys

OMEGA COUNCIL #11
Meets Five Times a Year
Van Nuys Masonic Building,
14750 Sherman Way, Van Nuys

LOS ANGELES COMMANDERY #9
Meets the 3rd Monday of
Every Month at 6:00 p.m.
Van Nuys Masonic Building,
14750 Sherman Way, Van Nuys

AL MALAIKAH SHRINERS
NORTH VALLEY SHRINE CLUB
Meets the 4th Wednesday of
Every Month at 7:30 p.m.
At IHop Restaurant 22810 Van Owen, West Hills

ENCINO SHRINE CLUB
Meets the 2nd Thursday of
Every Month at 7:00 p.m.
Van Nuys Masonic Building,
14750 Sherman Way, Van Nuys

CENTURY HI TWELVE CLUB
Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of
Every Month at 12 Noon
At The China Olive Buffet
9224 Reseda Blvd., Northridge

RAINBOW FOR GIRLS SAN FERNANDO ASSEMBLY #223
Girls Service Organization ... Ages 11 to 20 Years
Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of
Every Month at 7:00 p.m.
Van Nuys Masonic Building,
14750 Sherman Way, Van Nuys

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