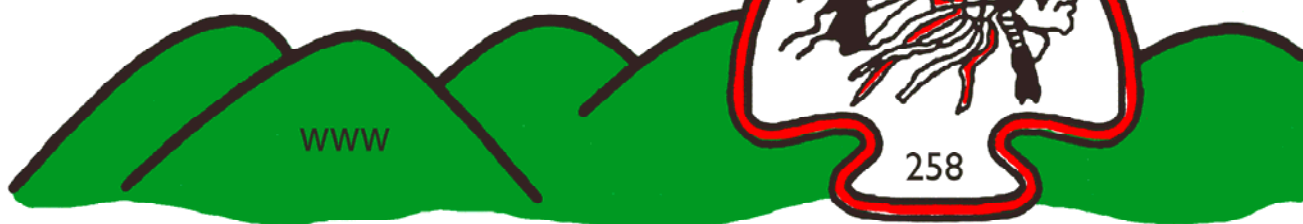


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CONCLAVE 2008 AT CAMP SHENANDOAH WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

BY ROBERT

Conclave 2008 Chairman

Conclave was held April 25-27, 2008 at Camp Shenandoah. All of the Arrowmen in Shenandoah Lodge worked very hard to support and staff Conclave and represent our council very well to the rest of the section. Conclave Chairman Robert

and Conclave Adviser Shane Eppard recognize and appreciate the hard work that went into preparing for Conclave and thank each staff member for their efforts.

For some Shenandoah Arrowmen, Conclave began on April 24 as some gathered at camp to complete final work projects. By noon on Friday, Conclave delegates from all the lodges began arriving at Camp Shenandoah and were greeted by the Parking Committee and directed quickly into their parking space.

Our Parking Committee, led by Martin was responsible for leaving a good first impres-

sion by welcoming Arrowmen as they arrived at the parking area and transporting their gear to the campsite. Martin and his adviser

led by Zach again welcomed our guests at the Hospitality tarp located near the camp office, where Arrowmen were given directions to their campsite and asked to sign the "Signing Wall" (now hanging in the dining hall). They also had runners going to each campsite to assist incoming Arrowmen.

The Registration Committee, led by Chris and his adviser Steve

Chip Hunsberger had the opportunity to continue their duties well in the night as Arrowmen arrived until after 11 pm.

Our Hospitality Committee,

Hammond registered walk-ons in the office and staffed the camp office for the weekend. A lot of their work was before Conclave as they

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Pow Wow with the Chief



ZACH HUNSBERGER
Lodge Chief

Dear Brothers,

The crux of our lodge year is upon us. Over the next month our lodge will be in overdrive as we prepare for the coming challenges. Before I get into that, a little summary of Spring Fellowship.

Spring Fellowship was held in March at camp where Arrowmen enjoyed a weekend of good food (supplied by Wayne Swisher) and activities such as volleyball and ultimate Frisbee. A special thanks to Pete for leading the festivities and also to RC Hartman for his technical support in the fields of movie/sound projection and popcorn.

Arrowmen also came together under the leadership of Robert Clemmer and Shane Eppard to help Shenandoah Lodge host Conclave. The event was a huge success, both on the section and lodge level, arguably the best Conclave ever! Shenandoah Lodge managed to bring home the Spirit Award for the sixth time with an "Alice in Wonderland" theme and

event would not have gone as smoothly as did without the tremendous amount of help provided by hard-working Arrowmen. On April 12 and 19, two work days were held to help ready Camp Shenandoah for Conclave. Arrowmen who attended two out of three workdays had the opportunity to buy special edition inverted conclave patches and back patches.

While on the topic of Lodge success, Shenandoah Lodge once again managed to complete a 100% CP/UE year. This feat was headed up by chairman Ben Umstead and of course all of the diligent chapter vice chiefs. There is still lots to come this year in Lodge events, so be sure to come out and have a good time. Hope to see you at the coming Inductions.

Yours in WWW,

Zach
Lodge Chief



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CLEMMER RE-ELECTED



At the SR-7A Section Elections held at Conclave on April 26, 2008, Martin was re-elected as Section SR-7A Secretary. This will be Martin's

second term as Section Secretary. The duties of Section Secretary include representing the state at regional and national OA gatherings, keeping a roster of the Section Leadership and Conclave Vice Chiefs, and helping in the Conclave planning process. Shenandoah Lodge wishes Martin the best of luck in fulfilling his duties for the second year in a row. Congratulations Martin!

LODGE CALENDAR

July 19, 2008	LEC Meeting Camp Shenandoah 12:00 noon
Aug. 15-17, 2008	August Inductions Camp Shenandoah Swoope, VA
Aug. 17, 2008	LEC Meeting Camp Shenandoah approximately 11:00 am
Sept 19-21, 2008	Lodge Retreat/ Leadership Conference
Sept. 21, 2008	LEC Meeting approximately 11:00 am

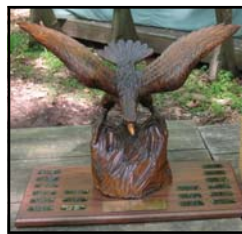
LODGE TAKES SPIRIT AWARD AGAIN AND GOLDEN ARROW

BY BRAD
Publications Chairman

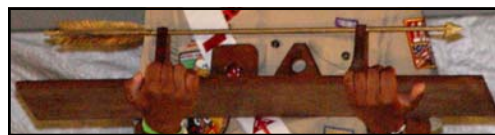
Shenandoah Lodge not only worked very hard as host of the 2008 Conclave, we also participated whole-heartedly in the program. This year, Conclave will go down in the history books as the greatest conclave ever! For the first time in Lodge history, Shenandoah lodge managed to bring home both the Golden Arrow and the Spirit Award at the same time! This is Shenandoah Lodge's sixth year bringing home the spirit award, an impressive feat considering Shenandoah lodge was also hosting this year's Conclave.

The Spirit Award was captured with the theme of "Alice in

Wonderland" with plenty of mad hatters and card soldiers running loose throughout Camp Shenandoah. Shenandoah competed



Spirit Award



Golden Arrow Award

well in all of the activities, finishing second in the Volleyball competition, and coming in first in the 5K and fire-building.

The totem pole carving went smoothly as usual with chairman Ryan and adviser Mike Huffman, with many other Shenandoah Arrowmen pitching in to help out. Saturday night ended with a spectacular feast, where Shenandoah lodge provided sheet cakes, popcorn and soda to everyone through the guidance of chairman Ian and advisers Tim Caldwell and Rhonda Harper.

The show featured a performance of the Trail of Tears, telling the story of the famous Indian Sequoyah, who was played by Drew. Highlights included the burning of a log cabin.

Thanks to everyone who helped make Conclave amazing!

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MOVIE THEME AT SPRING FELLOWSHIP - ACTION

BY PETE

Vice Chief of Activities

Spring Fellowship was held at Camp Shenandoah March 14-16 and a good time was had by all. The theme for the weekend was movies and the activities on Saturday afternoon used movies as a focus of the events. Participants from across the lodge gave this event two thumbs up!

After registration on Friday night, we showed a movie and then had a crackerbarrel. On Saturday, our cheerful service in the morning focused on preparations for Conclave. We set up tents and made platform repairs.

Once we completed our cheer-

ful service in the morning, we turned our attention to having some competitions and some great fellowship! These events were quickly followed by training and conditioning for the Volleyball and Ultimate Frisbee teams that would be competing at Conclave 2008 at Camp Shenandoah. The evening was closed out with an magnificent dinner cooked by Wayne Swisher, Movie Jeopardy, and the showing of Alice in Wonderland. Special thanks to Lodge Chief Zach for assisting to plan the event, and to Wayne Swisher for cooking the amazing meals. Hope to see you there next time!



CP/UE - LODGE ACHIEVES 100% CONTACT AGAIN!

BY BRAD

Publications Chairman

Ben from Achewon Allohak chapter was this year's chairman for Camping Promotions and Unit Elections. The Lodge again achieved 100% contact and visited each unit in the Stonewall Jackson Area Council. This was the seventh consecutive year that the Lodge achieved this remarkable goal.

The CP (Camping Promotions) portion is critical to the success of SJAC and Camp Shenandoah and helps the lodge to fulfill one of its missions to support the local council camp and encourage camping. Each chapter's visitation teams showed the Camp Shenandoah promotion video

and answered questions about summer camp.

The UE (unit elections) portion is absolutely critical to the life of each lodge because this is when new Ordeal candidates are elected by their troop. The Lodge follows up the unit election with a letter to the Scoutmaster of each troop with a personalized invitation to each new candidate to attend either the June or August Inductions to complete their Ordeal and become an Arrowman.

Shenandoah Lodge begins the CP/UE season in January and elections are scheduled to be completed by April 15 of each year. Each chapter is tasked with organizing visitation teams, contacting each unit to schedule a

visitation, and turning in to the Lodge CP/UE Chairman the completed roster of those Scouts that were elected by their troop. Adult nomination forms are also distributed to the troops that wish to nominate an adult from their troop.

Great job and thank you to the leadership and election teams of each of the lodge's four chapters!



Conclave 2008 Pictures



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ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN MAKING PROGRESS

BY ZACH

Lodge Chief

A quick couple of words about the Foundations for the Future Endowment Fund Campaign. The campaign is still in full swing to support our Council Endowment fund by selling merchandise based on the artwork of local artist Linda Patrick.

We have covered all expenses through preorders which is good news but it gets even better. Since reaching the break-even point of our campaign the lodge

has raised an additional \$7,500 dollars for the Endowment Fund. It will be even more once more people purchase Endowment Fund merchandise.

Wait. You haven't purchased any merchandise yet? If you want to purchase any Endowment Fund merchandise it will be available at all Shenandoah Lodge functions including August Inductions and in the Camp Shenandoah trading post this summer. Merchandise available includes prints of the four camp

scenes, as well as various council patches, camp patches, and lodge flaps. Any amount of contribution to the campaign will be greatly appreciated. If you can't make it to any of these Lodge functions you can email me (zhu@shenandoah.org) or my adviser Tom Greenwood (tag474@aol.com). With your help and the help of others we can and will make the Foundations for the Future Endowment Fund campaign a success. Everyone's help is appreciated!

OA EVERY DAY UNDERWAY

BY BRAD

Publications Chairman

OA Every Day is in full swing this summer at Camp Shenandoah. Each day, Arrowmen will work with the troops and Scoutmasters to foster the relationship between summer camp and the Order of the Arrow.

Again this summer, the Lodge will be offering Brotherhood at camp. During their week at summer camp Arrowmen who have been an Ordeal member for 10 months will have the opportunity to get their Brotherhood. Other weekly activities include:

Sunday: Scoutmasters are presented gift buckets with camp 'essentials'; including matches,

toilet tissue, poncho, rope, trading post coupons, etc.

Monday and Tuesday: Brotherhood questioning and activities with a Brotherhood ceremony on Tuesday evening.

Wednesday: Call out ceremony for newly elected members

Thursday: Medicine Bowl with ice cream sundaes for new and old Arrowmen.

Friday: Campfire where new Brotherhood members are recognized.

Saturday: OA Poster board display for campers as they depart Camp Shenandoah.

Be sure to fully participate in OA Every Day when your troop is at Camp this summer!



FOR NEW ARROWMEN

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FOR NEW ARROWMEN

LODGE RECOGNIZES TWO ARROWMEN WITH FOUNDER'S AWARD

BY BRAD
Publications Chairman

On January 8, 2008, two Arrowmen from Shenandoah Lodge were presented with the Founder's Award, the highest award a Lodge can bestow an Arrowman. Based on a Lodge's membership, Shenandoah Lodge may present two awards annually. If two awards are presented, at least one must go to a youth.

Martin was this year's youth recipient of the Founder's Award. Martin is currently serving the Lodge as Ceremonies Chairman and has helped out Shenandoah Lodge in count-



Tom Greenwood (left) and Martin (right) display Founder's Award certificates at Winter Banquet

less ways through out the years. He served as lodge chief in 2006-07 and also currently serving a second term as Section SR-7A Secretary. A familiar face to all, Martin is certainly de-

serving of this high honor.

Currently serving as Achewon Allohak Chapter Adviser, Tom Greenwood was recognized by Shenandoah Lodge as a recipient of the Founder's Award. Tom has served as the lodge trading post adviser for many years and serves as adviser to the Foundations for the Future Endowment Fund Campaign. Many thanks to all the excellent work that Tom has contributed to the lodge over the years.

Shenandoah Lodge congratulates both Tom Greenwood and Martin on being recognized with the Founder's Award.

RECORD ATTENDANCE AT 2008 WINTER BANQUET

BY BRAD
Publications Chairman

Winter Banquet this year was hosted by Saponi Chapter, on January 8, 2008 at Crozet Baptist Church. The event was a huge success with over 142 Arrowmen attending. Congratulations to Arrowmen Martin and Tom Greenwood for receiving the Founder's Award.

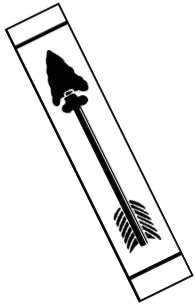
The food was excellent and enjoyed by all. The menu included chicken, roast beef, salad, four cheese tortellini, cheesy hash browns, and vegetables. After dinner, speaker George White-wolf, a Monacan elder, gave an inspiring speech to the Lodge about his work as a craftsman of Native American art and the lessons that has taught him. Other special guests in attendance in-

cluded local artist Linda Patrick who painted the landscapes for the Foundations for Future Endowment Fund campaign. Many Arrowmen had her personally autograph her work.

Thanks to all who attended, we hope to see you again next year!



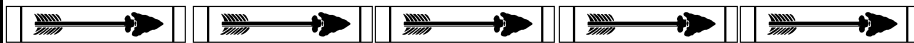
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Earn your Brotherhood membership at summer camp!

Requirements for sealing your membership with the Order of the Arrow while at camp are:

- Have been an Ordeal member for at least 10 months
- Be a member of Shenandoah Lodge of the Stonewall Jackson Area Council
- Come to the orientation while at camp and participate in the ceremony Tuesday evening.
- Be ready to dedicate yourself to the ideals of Scouting and the Order.
- Submit the \$20 (special Brotherhood at Camp rate) fee when you arrive for your troop's week at Camp Shenandoah.



ONE DAY OF SERVICE

Saturday, November 8, 2008

hosted by Achewon Allohak Chapter



Mark your calendars!

More details to follow.

Brotherhood at Spring Fellowship:

The following Arrowmen sealed their membership at the Spring Fellowship:

Phillip
Tyler
Charles Meyer

Congratulations!

ArrowCorps⁵

The following Shenandoah members are participating in ArrowCorps⁵:

George Washington-Jefferson
National Forest (Jun. 21-28)

- Chris
- Pete Echols
- Nicholas
- Logan
- Dennis Hogberg
- Zach Hogberg
- Peter
- Tyler
- Patrick Turner
- Adam Visokay
- Robert Walters
- Alex

Bridger-Teton (July 26-Aug. 2)

- Brendan
- Peter
- Chris
- David Watkins
- Chris

CONCLAVE 2008 - TEST THE BOW OF BROTHERHOOD

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had to organize our give-away bags.

Our Publications Committee, led by Preston Turrel and adviser Nick Hartman was responsible for documenting every splendid second of Conclave, taking pictures and putting together the Conclave Newsletters. Pictures of Conclave delegates in action, interviews with participants, and schedule of events were all posted in the newsletters.

Our Facilities Committee was led by Pete and adviser R. C. Hartman. This committee had a tremendous amount of work to do during the whole weekend. On Friday they moved tarps from the parking lot to the Parade Field and set up tarps everywhere else! On Saturday, they moved tarps and 200 chairs from the dining hall for the morning training sessions and moved hay bales and tables for the American Indian Affairs Area in a 45 minute time frame. The Facilities Committee also had to bring water to every area to make sure everyone had plenty of water available to drink. Later that evening, the Facilities Committee moved more tarps for the Block Party. On Sunday, they woke up early to take tarps down and help each lodge depart camp.

The Trading Post Committee, led by Ben and Tom Greenwood kept the Trading Post stocked with Conclave Mer-

chandise and did a great job making the place look good for Summer Camp. In addition to selling Conclave merchandise and food, Foundations for the Future Endowment merchandise was available along with Shenandoah Lodge's Conclave Host Flap and the Conclave Staff set. The Conclave host flap is available to anyone wishing to purchase them and will be available until sold out at Lodge events.

The Vigil Committee, led by Kevin VanPelt and his adviser Dave Pratt performed a Vigil Rededication ceremony Saturday morning and handed out Vigil tokens to those in attendance (which looked awesome). The committee was also responsible for setting up the Vigil Breakfast.

Our Shows Committee, led by Brad Nissen and his adviser Doc Miller was responsible for the Saturday night show. The Shows Committee built the stage, the cabin, and recruited the bluegrass band Close Enough to perform a show and to use their sound equipment. The Shows Committee also spent their Saturday rehearsing the performance of the story of Sequoyah, played by Drew . Tom Teerlink was the carpenter in charge.

Our Special Events Committee, led by Patrick Turner was responsible for the carnival that we held on Friday night. Lewis Kingston was the adviser to the committee and the committee ran popcorn, snow cone, and cotton

candy stations while staffing different Carnival events throughout the evening, including the dunk booth. On Saturday the committee was responsible for catering the Council of Chiefs luncheon and on Sunday the committee was responsible for the Chapel Service.

Overlooking the health and safety of everyone was the Health and Safety Committee, led by Ryan and his adviser Jen Hunter who ensured everyone's safety.

The kitchen crew, with Paul Willey taking the lead was able to cook for 767 delegates that attended Conclave 2008. Beginning on Thursday before Conclave, the kitchen crew was on site and preparing meals for hungry Arrowmen. Friday night, the Kitchen Crew was able to provide a light dinner for everyone and then cooked a huge quantity of food for the cracker barrel. All Saturday the kitchen crew fed everyone from sun up to after sun down!

Everyone in our contingent made sure that our Conclave successful. On the evaluation forms, Conclave Staff was ranked the highest; showing how great of a lodge we are and how well our lodge tried to treat our guests at Camp Shenandoah. Thank you notes have come from all over the section and region to recognize the outstanding effort our lodge made. Good job Shenandoah Lodge!

CHAPTER REPORTS

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Chapter Meetings: 7:00 pm on first Thursday of the month

Location: Sharon Senior Center in Lexington

Brothers,

We have just concluded a successful CP/UE campaign. Many thanks to the Arrowmen who helped with this project. We had a pizza party to celebrate the end of CP/UE's at our April meeting. Our attention next was turned toward preparing for Conclave and the Moose Camporee. We meet every first Thursday of the month at the Sharon Senior Center. Please come and join us. If you have any question, contact me or Mr. Greenwood.

- Alan Leach, Chapter Chief

Monocan

Chapter Chief:
Patrick

Chapter Adviser:
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Chapter Meetings: 6:30 pm on second Tuesday of the month

Location: First Presbyterian Church in Harrisonburg

Wow! Monocan chapter has been on the go a lot these past few weeks. Our Monocan guys have been hard at work and playing hard, getting ready for, and helping put on the best Conclave ever and having a lot of fun at our chapter meetings. Recently we had a grill out at a local park, we enjoyed a great evening throwing a nerf ball, playing on the tire swing and enjoying fellowship. We had hamburgers and hot dogs for dinner. Then after, we did some Brotherhood question reviewing with our Ordeal members. Hope to see everyone at June and August Inductions!!!!

- Patrick Turner, Chapter Chief

Nagatamen

Chapter Chief:
Charlie

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Chapter Meetings: 7:00 pm on first Tuesday of the month

Location: Fishersville United Methodist Church

To celebrate the end of CP/UE, our April 1 meeting was held at Cici's. It was great to see everyone at Conclave, it was a blast!

- Charlie Eckman, Chapter Chief

Saponi

Chapter Chief:
Brian

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Chapter Meetings: 6:30 pm on second Wednesday of the month

Location: Westminster Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

Attend your chapter meeting.



Lodge Adviser's Minute

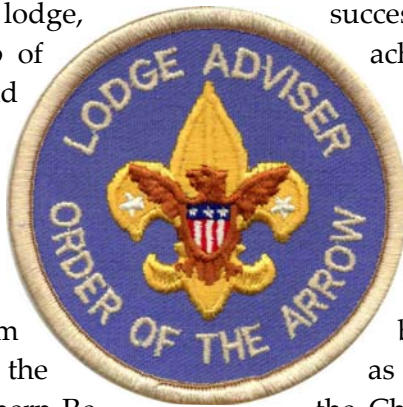


MIKE WHITE
Lodge Adviser

Dear Brothers,
Although plenty has already been said about the 2008 Conclave in this issue of *Smoke Signals*, I would be remiss in my

duties as Lodge Adviser were I not to add my compliments to our great organization. Our lodge, under the leadership of Robert Clemmer and Shane Eppard, did an outstanding job hosting the 2008 SR-7A Conclave. Right after the event, I received an email from Bill Loebler who is the immediate past Southern Region OA Chairman and was in attendance as a guest at Conclave. Bill said "I was impressed. Every detail was tended to and it showed as the entire event went like clockwork. I have been to over 35 conclaves and I can truly say this was in the Top 5." Further, I got a phone call from Terry Coffman who is the Scout Executive in Winchester (Shenshawpotoo Lodge) congratulating the lodge on a very successful weekend. Jim Nicholas, the Tutelo Lodge Adviser, was very complimentary of the lodge and staff and was impressed with our lodge's good sportsmanship during the Conclave competitions. We obviously impressed some people and

the 2008 Conclave, in my mind, is THE example of what our lodge can accomplish if everyone works together. Congratulations and great job to everyone on our successes, especially winning the Spirit Award and the Golden Arrow. This is the first time in Section history that has ever happened and we did it while hosting the Conclave!



In addition to our Conclave success, the lodge again achieved 100% CP/UE contacts with each troop in the Stonewall Jackson Area Council. This function is critical, not only for the lodge, but for the council as well. Thank you to the Chapter Chiefs, Chapter Vice Chiefs, Chapter Advisers, and their election teams who logged many hours and drove many miles to ensure elections were held and camping was promoted.

I hope everyone has a safe and exciting summer planned. Enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing each of you at the next OA function.

Yours in the Wimachtendienk,

Mike White

Mike White
Lodge Adviser



Arrow Line

Lodge Membership Cards:

Your Lodge membership card has been included in this issue of *Smoke Signals*. If you paid your dues and did not get your membership card, then contact Membership Chairman Conor at ()

Quality Lodge Pins for 2007 Available:

The Quality Lodge pins have been received and are available for \$1.50 at Lodge events in the trading post. Don't forget to get your pin to proudly support the accomplishments of the lodge.

Camp Readied for Action:

Many thanks go out to the Shenandoah Lodge Arrowmen that participated in the Conclave workdays. Not only did we get camp ready to accept the 767 delegates at Conclave, but Camp Shenandoah was almost completely set up before the June Inductions. Approximately 75 Arrowmen came out on both the April 12 and the April 19 workdays. The Lodge has been recognized for the work completed by both the Council Executive Board and by the Council Properties Committee.

OA Building Update:

The Lodge is in the process of constructing a building near the ceremony grounds at Camp Shenandoah for storage of regalia and other ceremonial accoutrements. Forms have been built for the foundation and gravel was recently spread making the site ready for concrete to be poured. Work will continue over the summer and into the fall to ensure completion of the facility.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 1-6, 2009

**2009 National Order of the Arrow Conference
at Indiana University
Bloomington, IN**

**More details to come soon.
Signup form enclosed.**

Delegation size is limited, so be sure to sign up early and get your deposit in!



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