

Knightly News

July 2013



Knights Of Columbus

Michael J. Costello Council 6043

The Catholic Community Of Pleasanton

www.kofc6043.org

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

I am honored to be given the opportunity to serve as the 45th Grand Knight of our great Council. I am delighted to lead our active and vibrant Council into the new 2013/2014 Columbian Year. We are blessed to have many members with vast experience & wisdom that I can rely upon as well as over 50 new recent members that makes our Council uniquely qualified to serve all needs. Together, we will continue our charity volunteer service mission for the unconditional benefit of our Council, Church & greater Community.

"Stand Strong! For God" - That was the central theme message throughout the recently completed Vacation Bible School and one that I believe completely describes the mission of our Council. Over 600 campers, 300 teen leaders and 100 adult volunteers jumped, sang and shouted the praises of God. From all accounts, this was by far the largest attended VBS with a lot of work performed by a lot of people making this week very special. As usual, PGK Mike Kliment engineered & created the main attraction (royal carriage) for the week-long festivities while he also joined PGK Joe Balestreri & our new Chancellor/Membership Director Brother Paul Unpingco spearhead the BBQ that our Council hosted. In total, we served over 550 people and donated \$2,000 which enabled a grand total of over \$20,000 being provided to this years charitable cause, Shepherds Gate.

Please refer to Bro. Paul's VBS summary enclosed within this edition for additional information.

"Stand Strong! For our Members" - If you attended the June Council meeting (held every 2nd Thursday of the month at STA Hall), you witnessed an extraordinary event. One of our new Knights, Brother Bill Sroka shared with us his Fragile X condition and his pledge campaign mission to The National Fragile X Foundation fundraiser. I'm very proud to announce our generous and compassionate Council members stepped up and contributed \$425 towards Bill's cause in hopes of someday finding a cure to this disability.

"Stand Strong! For our Council" - There will be many more opportunities to serve our parish community and priests as we embark on a new Columbian Year and there will also be many challenges. But, with your support and prayers,

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Two Year Trustee

One Year Trustee

PGK Tim Tuttle.....

PGK Mike Kliment......426-1551

Officer

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Columbian Year 2013 - 2014
Grand Knight
Mario daSilva828-6006
Chaplain
Fr. 846-4489
Deputy Grand Knight/Program Dir.
Stephen Natale462-4483
Chancellor/Membership Director
Paul Unpingco462-2263
Treasurer
Mark Worrell426-5375
Financial Secretary
PGK Joe Balestreri484-5368
Advocate
PGK Brad Schieferstein846-7181
Recorder
Dave Frankenberger. 846-8561
Warden
Chris Sigua 461-2340
Inside Guard
John Rabada846-4280
Outside Guard
Gene Dove493-0683
Field Agent
Jeffrey Carvalho510-754-1057
lector
PGK Mike Machi, Sr462-9765
Newsletter Editor
Bob Dompe583-5191
Web Master
PGK Frank Costa846-4205
Culture of Life Director
PGK Lou Santero846-5124
Council Director
Michael Egbujor230-8034
Communications Director
Junior Estrada560-6346
Youth Director
Open
Church Director
Open
Three Year Trustee
PGK John Moore519-0744

WGK's Letter, Continued

I am hopeful I can lead our Council to:

- Reunite our Council members together as we strive to spread our charitable works to our church & community
- Reinvigorate our Council with proactive information and attract more members to our meetings and functions
- Make our Council a family friendly organization
- Bridge in new co-chairs in key events (Crab Feed / Silent Auction / Basket Distributions / VBS, among others)
- Forge a strong relationship with our new Pastor and support him with his vision for our parish

With God's blessing, I look forward to all your support as I begin my journey in service to our Council as your Grand Knight.

Thank you again for all your contributions to our Council, Church & Community.

God Bless all of us, Mario

Officers/Directors/Others for Columbian Year 2013—2014

Please welcome our Council Officers/Directors/Other positions for the New Columbian Year 2013-2014.

Officer for Columbian Year 2013-2014

Grand Knight: Mario daSilva

Chancellor/Membership: Paul Unpingco

Recorder: Dave Frankenberger

Outside Guard: Gene Dove

Treasurer: Mark Worrell

Advocate: Brad Schieferstein

2nd Year Trustee: Tim Tuttle

Deputy Grand Knight: Stephen Natale

Warden: Chris Sigua

Inside Guard: John Rabada

Financial Secretary: Joe Balestreri

Lector: Mike Machi Sr.

1st Year Trustee: John Moore

3rd Year Trustee: Mike Kliment

Directors and Others for Columbian Year 2013—2014

Webmaster: Frank Costa

Culture of Life Director: Lou Santero

Communications Director: Junior Estrada

Youth Director: Open

Cancer Counselor Director: Paul Unpingco

Newsletter Editor: Bob Dompe

Council Director: Michael Egbour

Family Director: Open

Church Director: Open

First Degree Director: Greg Jones



Officers for Columbian Year 2013—2014

Worth Grand Knight Mario daSilva receives the gavel from Past GK John Moore





L-to-R: PGK Mike Kliment, Chris Sigua, Paul Unpingco, PGK Joe Balestreri, Gene Dove, PGK Brad Schieferstein, WGK Mario daSilva, Stephen Natale, Dave Frankenberger, John Moore, Mark Worrell, John Rabada

A Note from Cancer Counselor Director Paul Unpingco

Brothers,

Our Council has started a Men's Cancer Support Group. This group has several facilitators who are Cancer Survivors. For the time being, this is meeting is open to Knights who are members of Council 6043. At some point, we will consider opening this up to Men in the parish community and other KoC Councils.

WHO: Any member Knight of the Michael J. Costello Council 6043

WHERE: St. Elizabeth Seton - Conference Room A

WHEN: 7:30-8:30pm, 1st Tuesday of every month (7/2, 8/6, 9/3, 10/1, 11/5, 12/3,

1/7,

2/4, 3/4, 4/1, 5/6, 6/3)

WHY: Provide a safe/confidential setting for men only to share their own experience with Prostate Cancer. We do not provide medical advice. However, we will share our story and provide prayer and support for any Brother in need.

Comments from Chancellor Paul Unpingco

Brothers,

I'm honored to serve as your Chancellor this year. If you know of anyone interested in joining the Knights please let me know. Please contact me by email at: sfqfan333@comcast.net

Thanks to all the Knights who came out to support the annual VBS Bbq on Friday, 6/28. PGK Joe Balestreri chaired the event, PGK MIke Kliment coordinated the cooks and reated his magic again this year (horse drawn carriage). Br. Hal Wilson helped me procure all the supplies. We prepared and fed over 550 participants. PGK John Moore took on all the snow cone sales for the week raising over \$800 for Shepherd's Gate. PGK Joe Balestreri presented a check for \$500 for a combined gift of \$2000 for Shepherd's Gate, followed by GK Mario Da Silva, "Knighting" Michael Gallagher. MIke's father is a PGK, and we look forward to have him join our ranks. A special thanks to all the brothers who stayed to the bitter end, cleaning and packing up the food donations. I'm happy to report that our food donation (all perishables, and left over condiments, chips, cookies, and a large amount of soda) was delivered, and will be used for their 4th of July celebration this week. The 6 residents who helped unload the donation were so grateful. One of these women had bandages on her face from lacerations. She told me "thank you and God bless you". You should be proud that we are able to support these abused women and children is some small way.

Last but not least, it was great to see many members of our council attend the funeral of fellow Br. John V. Santos. Br. John joined our council after becoming a fully initiated Catholic in 2012. In fact, PGK Lou Santero was John's sponsor in the year long process for Adult Confirmation. Please continue to pray for John's family as they grieve.

Blessings, Paul Unpingco





ELECTRONICS RECYCLING **COLLECTION EVENT**

HELP THE EARTH AND SUPPORT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PROGRAMS











Computers

| Cell phones |

DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2013

(DATE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER)

TIME: 10:00-2:00

LOCATION: ST. ELIZABETH SEATON

4001 STONERIDGE DR. PLEASANTON, CA

(WEST PARKING LOT)



- WILL BE RECYCLED OR REUSED IN AN ECO FRIENDLY WAY.
- A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
- ASSISTANCE WILL BE PROVIDED TO HELP UNLOAD YOUR CAR.



Items that will be collected:

TV'S (CRT/LCD/PLASMA) MONITORS COMPUTERS

LAPTOPS CELL PHONES IPODS/PDA'S SERVERS

NETWORK EQUIP. STEREO EQUIP. **GAME CONSOLES** PRINTER/COPIERS **DVD/VCR PLAYERS** DIGITAL CAMERAS AND MORE

NO BATTERIES, LIGHTBULBS, EXERCISE EQUIPMENT OR APPLIANCES ALLOWED

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: MARK KOTCH (925) 989-1581 EWASTE DIRECT 877-437-9558x1-INFO@EWASTEDIRECT.COM

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	02 July	Cancer Support Group, 7:30 PM, SES Rm A	
	03 July	First Wednesday, 4:00 PM, Main Street	
	06/07 July	Donut Social; All AM Masses; Both Churches	
		Snow Cone Social: All PM Masses; Both Churches	
	11 July	Officer's Meeting, 6:30 PM; Business Meeting, 7:30 PM, St. Augustine's Hall; Rms 4-5	
		(Installation of Officers for Columbian Year 2013-2014; social & dinner)	
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	07 August	First Wednesday, 4:00 PM, Main Street	
	08 August	Business Meeting, 7:30 PM, St. Augustine's Hall; Rms 4-5 (social & dinner)	阊
	17 August	Council Progressive Social & Dinner	
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Recent Charity Donations

Brothers, each year a major portion of the income from our Crab Feed / Auction and St. Patrick's Dinner are designated for donation to charity. A reminder of our first degree message! This year we asked for your input and added to our list of charities receiving funds. At our May business meeting, Council member present, discussed and revised some of the officers recommendations, then voted on the final distribution of those monies. Note as follows:

*	St. Mary's Interfaith	Stockton, CA	\$2,500
*	Rachael's Vineyard	Boulder, CO	2,500
*	Alameda County Food Bank	Oakland, CA	2,000
*	Open Heart Kitchen	Livermore, CA	2,000
*	Tri Valley Haven	Livermore, CA	2,000
*	Hope Hospice	Dublin, CA	2,000
*	Hayward Soup Kitchen	Hayward, CA	750
*	Taylor Family Foundation	Livermore, CA	500
*	Bay Area Crisis Nursery	Walnut Creek, CA	500
*	Sheppard's Gate	Livermore, CA	500
*	House of Love	Africa	500

Please keep in mind other charity donations have been made though-out the year: i.e. Tootsie Roll Drive proceeds, Knights 360 Club (Knight's Helping Knight's), Vocations, etc.

"THANK YOU" for sharing your gift's of talent and time, together we can and do make a difference.

Your Council Donation Recommendation Committee



Update on our Seminarian Donations

(excerpted from the letter of Fr. Michael Fones, OP; Master of Students; Western Dominican Province)

On behalf of the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, I would like to thank you for your generous sponsorship of three of our brothers for the academic year 2013-2014. Let me tell you a little bit about these fine young men—all California natives:

- Br. Andy Opsahl, OP is 33 years old, a graduate of CSU Sacramento with a B.A. in journalism. He worked in sales and as a features editor for a magazine prior to entering the Order. He will be in his second year of simple vows next year.
- Br. Andrew Dominic Yang, OP is 26 years old, a graduate of UC San Diego, with a degree in Political Science. He worked in banking with the Bank of America prior to entering the Order. He is a class mate of Br. Andy.
- Br. Chris Brannan, OP is 35 years old, and has a BS in computer science. He worked as a software engineer and, later, as a substitute teacher and tutor at a high school before entering the Church in 2004. He earned an MA in Theology from the Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH. Prior to entering the Order in 2009, he worked as a software maintenance technician

I would also like to give you an update on the young men your council supported last year:

- Br. Kevin Andrew asked to renew his vows and will be working in a hospice in San Diego this summer, completing his requirement for Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). Beginning in September, he will be living and working at our campus ministry at the University of Arizona, Tucson, for the year.
- One of his classmates, Br. Brad Elliott, whom you also sponsored, will be completing his CPE unit at Children's Hospital in Los Angeles, and will then do his residency year at St. Dominic's Parish, San Francisco and will be also completing the writing of his MA in philosophy.
- Br. Justin Gable, OP made his solemn vows on April 28 and will ordained to the diaconate on May 31. This summer he will be attending a conference on evangelization in Colorado Springs, CO, a national conference on Thomistic philosophy in DC, and a conference on Christian-Muslim dialogue in Cairo, Egypt. He has already completed a Ph.D. in philosophy and will be living at the Dominican parish in Berkeley, St. Mary Magdalene while he complete his degree in theology and prepares to begin teaching at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology in Berkeley.

Thank you again for your financial support of our brothers, and especially for your prayers for their perseverance and discernment of God's call.



Recent Activities

Vacation Bible School BBQ - June 28, 2013



See the Council Web Site at www.kofc6043.org for more photos of our recent activities.





EMPLOYMENT - Knights helping Knights

Let's keep our unemployed brother knights and their families in our prayers.

Should you need coaching, direction, inspiration or motivation on you job search, I'm available!

I also remind you that our CCOP Job Connections Group meets the 1^{st} and 3^{rd} Wednesday 3:30 PM – 5 PM each month at St Elizabeth Seton – Room A

Mike Machi - 462-8579 - mmachi@mricareers.com

CCOP EMPLOYMENT CONNECTION (Help)

Are you skilled in Human Resources, Resume Writing? Do you have experience as a Hiring Manager? If so we are asking that you consider joining our team and help us help others in their search for employment.

Contact Mike Machi 925 462-9765 or machifamily@comcast.net

MidShare Volunteers Needed

MedShare is an organization that reclaims new, unused medical supplies (of all types) that local hospitals would ordinarily discard into local landfills. Through agreements with the hospitals, MedShare collects these supplies and brings them to their warehouse in San Leandro where volunteers sort and package the supplies for shipment to free clinics in the US and hospitals and clinics in third world countries or in areas suffering from natural disasters.

Groups of 20-25 volunteers from CCOP have been helping MedShare for several years, and we would like to invite members of the Knights of Columbus to join us. If you would like to participate, or if you would like moreinformation, please contact Mark Nevins, menevi@sbcglobal.net, or 925-846-1014.

Additional volunteer days for 2013 are scheduled for May 18, July 20, Sept. 21, and Nov 16.

Tri-Valley KofC Men's Music Ministry Choir

We're in the midst of forming a Tri-Valley KofC Men's Music Ministry Choir, combining all 5 Tri-Valley Knights of Columbus Councils.

Led by our very own Music Director (and soon to be Knight) Mark Sullivan and St. Joan's Choir Director (Janet Sullivan Whtiaker - Mark's sister), our Council has the opportunity to join other local KofC choir members to create something really great, fun and spiritually special.

Our CCOP parish staff members have already given our proposed Knights of Columbus Men's Choir a big "Thumbs Up", especially from all our priests. However, Fr. Paul Minnihan (our incoming Pastor) has indicated his desire for us to define our initiative in a way that embraces the whole Tri-Valley contingency, especially the Pastors. He feels the best way to join all parishes together is to meet with all the Pastors, Music Directors, and Grand Knights of the Tri-Valley Councils. At this point, a meeting date is still not set but I'll keep everyone posted as developments are known.

I welcome knowing your interest as we continue to develop the Tri-Valley KofC Men's Music Ministry Choir.

I can be reached via email (jamarcri@sbcglobal.net), work (510/403-7827), cell (925/413-5538) or home (925/828-6006).

Please join me in forming the Tri-Valley KofC Men's Choir - The potential is bigger than ever!

Thank you again for all you do for our Council, Church & Community.

Blessings,

Mario daSilva/Deputy Grand Knight

Notes from the Newsletter Editor

If you are receiving a printed copy of this newsletter and can be accessed via email you are missing out! The electronic copy of the Newsletter arrives sooner, is in color and the content is not compressed to fit into the limitations of the printed page. If you want an electronic copy, send your email address to: dompe@pacbell.net

If you have submitted an entry to the Prayer Requests on the following page, please review the list to determine if your entry is correct and is still current. Please contact the Newsletter Editor for any corrections, deletions and additions. **Entries older than six months will occasionally be removed.** If you wish to have the prayer request retained, please contact me.

Our Council is located in District 36. See the District 36 web site at

https://sites.google.com/site/district36website/

Comments from the Council's Webmaster

As we start our new Columbian Year and you are reading this wonderful Newsletter that has been published by our editor, Brother Bob Dompe, who has been dedicated to it for many years, please remember that we also have a very informative Website [koc6043.org]. Our site offers a "Treasure Trove" of information to you our Brothers, and to the world, about our council and the Knights of Columbus.

- ♦ HOME PAGE—Regularly updated with current Info
- OFFICERS—Listing of current officers with their photos District officers, Directors and Past Grand Knights
- NEWSLETTERS—For every month, going back 8 years
- ♦ CALENDAR—Activities, Holidays, Holy Days listed for the full year
- ♦ CONTACT PAGE—Important E-Mail addresses for info
- ♦ ABOUT THE KNIGHTS—A short biography of the Knights
- ♦ ABOUT US—What we do and the Charities we support
- OUR FAITH—Updated regularly about our Catholic Faith
- ♦ **LINKS**—Many links to other councils, Catholic & civic sites
- > **HOLY ROSARY**—How to pray the Rosary
- PHOTO GALLERY—Thousands of photos going back 4 years
- RECENT EVENTS—Kept current regularly (Photos, etc.)
- COMING EVENTS—Detailed info, kept current

Check It Out

Update on Brother Scott Cumberland

Br. Scott Cumberland will undergo a delicate surgical procedure on Monday 6/10 to remove a cancerous mass in a lymph node, followed by 100 consecutive hours of intense radiation treatment and reconstructive surgery. He will be hospitalized for 10 days. Please keep him and his family in your prayers, as he faces the time ahead and that the Holy Spirit guide each and every person involved in his treatment from start to finish.



Prayer List

For those who are ill we pray that they will find the healing power of God:

Jessica Nett- Daughter of Brother Tom Egan Keith Nett- Grandson of Brother Tom Egan Jim Kender - Friend of Brother Dave Seeger Ruth Carpizo - Friend of Brother Dave Seeger Lee Dravidzius - Friend of Brother Tom Smith **Gary Lerner** – Friend of Brother Stephen Natale Ellyn Kelly- Mother of PGK Ray Kelly Phil Johnson - Brother-in-Law of Brother Dave Jones **Jeff Gilliland-** Brother-in-Law of Brother Dave Jones Yvonne Crawford - Friend of Brother Dave Jones Susan Bovle - Sister-in-Law of Eileen Annicchero Paul Malino-Father-in-Law of Brother Michael Hewitt Monroe Strawn, Sr. – Father of Brother Robert Strawn Veronica Garcia - Sister of Brother Javier Garcia Terry Dove- Uncle of Brother Gene Dove Ronnie Dove-Uncle of Brother Gene Dove Marea Solotar – Mother-in-Law of Brother Kevin Ryan Casilda Andrade - Aunt of Brother Savio D'Cruz Shane D'Cruz - Son of Brother Savio D'Cruz Joe Capoci- Friend of Brother Mike Burns **Yrene Guerrero**- Friend of Brother Mike Burns Rosalie Capri- Sister-in-Law of Brother Jack Barbaccia **Adolf Soto-** Friend of Brother Jack Barbaccia Olga Brocchini- Friend of Brother Jack Barbaccia Cecilia Miradette—Friend of Brother Jack Barbaccia **Don Pierini**— Friend of Brother Jack Barbaccia Mike Kotch- Son of PGK Mark Kotch Marge & Bill Martin - Parents of Brother Michael Martin Mike Santos – Son of Brother John Santos **Jessie Unpingco** – Uncle of Brother Paul Unpingco Remmy Unpingco - Mother of Brother Paul Unpingco **Shirley Hintz-** Mother-in-Law of Brother Paul Unpingco **Segundo Unpingco** – Father of Brother Paul Unpingco Rob Gibbs- Friend of Brother Paul Unpingco Robert Nazarenus - Friend of Brother Paul Unpingco **Luke Hoppezar-**Friend of Brother Mark Jacops **Jonatan Jacops** – Son for Brother Mark Jacops Frank Jacops - Brother of Brother Mark Jacops **Eloisa Sots-** Sister-in-Law of Brother Mark Jacops **Christine Seishas –** Sister-in-Law of Brother Tom Cortez

Teresa Santero – Mother of PGK Lou Santero
Adrienue Wood – Daughter of Brother John Wood
Lou Ella Hepner – Sister of Brother Ellis Shott
Antonio Silva – Uncle of Brother Mario daSilva
Connie Fross – Friend of PGK Mike Kliment
Helen Kliment – Mother of PGK Mike Kliment
Chris Kliment – Son of PGK Mike Kliment
Pat Hughes – Brother of Brother Dan Hughes
Kevin Gooley - Brother-in-Law of Brother Dan Hughes
Lisa Ager – Friend of Brother Dan Hughes
RaShawna Balestreri – Wife of PGK Joseph Balestreri
Gavin McFate – Brother-in-Law of PGK Joseph Balestreri
Nina Balestreri – Daughter of PGK Joe Balestreri
Travyn Rasiah – Son of Brother Pravin Rasiah
Benjamin Cruz – Son of Brother Anthony Cruz

Verna Geribaldi - Friend of Brother Richard Fredette **Tom Cane-** Friend of Brother Richard Fredette **Jennifer Carpenter-** Friend of Brother Richard Fredette **Stephanie Weld-** Niece of Brother Ron Hansen John Hansen- Brother of Brother Ron Hansen Ken Nahm- Friend of Brother Ron Hansen Tim Shirrer- Brother of Mark Worrell's close friend Christina Gunther - Daughter of Mark Worrell's friend Helen Hirashiki-Wife of Brother Mark Worrell Marie Andal - Mother of Dennis Andal **Kevin Ngwanyia** – Son of Brother George Ngwanyia Christine Estrada-Wife of Brother Junior Estrada Pedrito A. Estrada – Father of Brother Junior Estrada Margret Jones—Daughter of PKG Joe Jones Bell Blanks-Cousin of PGK Joe Jones Joshua Studendorff - Son of Brother Michael Studendorff **Dorothy McDonald-** Grandmother of PDK Tim Tuttle

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Dotty Bartelson - Aunt of PGK Tim Tuttle
Julie Steeves - Sister of PGK Tim Tuttle
Mr&Mrs Peter Drummond - Friends of PGK Tim Tuttle

Kelli Machi-Wife of PGK Mike Machi, sr Katie Machi- Granddaughter of PGK Mike Machi, sr Chuck Muth- Father-in-Law of PGK Mike Machi, sr

Brother Tim Mullane's Nephew

Brother Michael Auer

Fr. Padraig Greene – Pastor and Council Chaplain

Brother Ron Johnson
Brother Jeff Tichenor
Brother Dan Hughes
Brother Richard Fredette
Brother Rich Goddu
Brother Paul Unpingco
Brother Scott Cumberland
Brother Paul Hill

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PGK Joe Jones
PGK George Leja
Brother Terry Gotowka
Brother "Deacon Dave"
Brother Larry Bell- Past Field Agent
Jesse Stansberry-Past Field Agent
Ray Fosse— A's Announcer, Friend of

Ray Fosse— A's Announcer, Friend of this Council, In gratitude for his support

For those who are deceased we pray that they will join in the love of God:

Brother John Santos

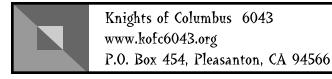
Marty Schibler - Father of Brother Michael Schibler

For all who are serving in the military we pray:

That the love of God will be with them. Especially those in harms way.

For the following special intentions we pray:

For All The Widows Of Our Brother Knights
For all of Our Religious Orders throughout the world.



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