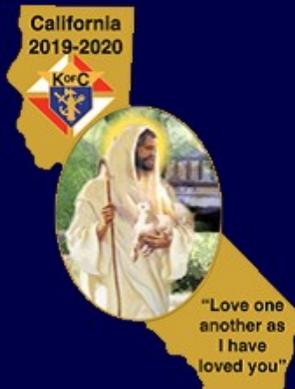


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# Golden State Knightletter

## Columbus Day — 2019

Monday October 14



*First Landing of Columbus on the Shores of the New World;*  
painting by **Dióscoro Puebla** (1862)

Father McGivney and his Knights understood that using Columbus as their Order's namesake asserted an important truth: that not only was there a place for Catholics and immigrants within American society, but that such a person had already played a part in creating the young, free world around them.

Today, there are those who contest Columbus' achievements and protest the national holiday held in his honor. However, we Knights celebrate his holiday, knowing that Columbus gave voice and representation to generations of Catholics, helping pave a path for the diverse society we have today.

from "Honoring Our Namesake" K of C Website Press Release 10/6/2017  
<http://www.kofc.org/en/news/releases/honoring-our-namesake.html>

### Upcoming Dates / Events — November 2019

**Special Olympics - Feed the Athletes**

**Pacific Daylight Time Ends Sunday November 3, 2019**

**Soccer Challenge (State) Sunday November 10, 2019**

**Veteran's Day Monday, November 11, 2019**



## STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

### ***KNIGHTS OF ACTION!***

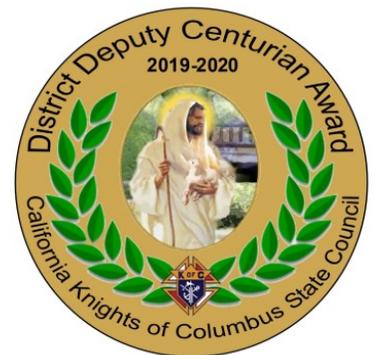
My Brothers,

October is finally here with shorter days and cooler weather. Children are back in school and Halloween will be here before we know it. Congratulations to the winners in the first round of the "Fall Feast" membership contest for the month of September! Brother Thomas Nino of San Benito Council 1792 in Hollister was the top recruiter for September bringing in 7 new members. DD135 Jaime Arnold had the high recruiting district with 13 new members overall. It comes as no surprise the high recruiting council is San Benito Council 1792 in Hollister with 9 new members in all. Congratulations to Grand Knight David Fears and the rest of the September winners. All will receive \$100 gift cards to a restaurant in their local area.

The "Fall Feast" membership contest will continue into the month of October recognizing top membership achievers. Again, for purposes of the contest, the count will reset to zero and only monthly intake will count toward the awards. The top recruiter, district deputy and council bringing in the most members during the month of September will win \$100 gift cards good at a restaurant in their area. Scan and email all Form 100s for newly initiated candidates to [membershiprecords@kofc.org](mailto:membershiprecords@kofc.org) by noon on Thursday, October 31 for them to count toward the contest, or have them join online at [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus).

October is traditionally a month for membership recruiting as the first of two statewide membership drives occurs on Columbus Day weekend. Have you scheduled a church recruitment drive during the month of October? If you would like further information on how to conduct a church recruitment drive contact Supreme Trainer Ken White at [ken.white@kofc.org](mailto:ken.white@kofc.org). It is also traditionally the month for the fund drive for people with intellectual disabilities. If you have not already done so please schedule a weekend to solicit funds for ARC, Special Olympics, Camp Recreation or another organization in your community benefitting people with special needs.

I am pleased to announce creation of a new award for District Deputies called the "Centurion Award." To earn it District Deputies must reach or exceed 100% on a monthly Centurion Report which aggregates achievements in membership, insurance, ceremonials and round tables. More on this will be announced at the upcoming mid-year District Deputy meeting, January 3 through 5, 2020 in Ontario. The award features a lapel pin shown to the right which will be presented to qualifying District Deputies at the State Convention in Sacramento in May.



Please join me in welcoming California's newest council, St. Mels 17376 in Woodland Hills, and newly reactivated All Souls Council 14356 in Alhambra. My congratulations to the new council Grand Knights and officers, and all those who worked so hard to make these happen.

In all that you do, be **Knights of Faith – Knights of Charity – Knights of Action!**

May God Bless,

Dave Abbott

State Deputy

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## Columbian Retirement Home, Inc.

230 8<sup>th</sup> St., Marysville, CA 95901

Worthy Grand Knight and Brother,

Your Columbian Retirement Home needs your support to continue helping the senior knights and widows who call on us for help with housing, financial, and health service needs.

With only three months remaining, response to this year's Annual Appeal is falling far short of not only minimum goal, but also short of previous Appeals. For those of you whose councils have already donated, my sincere thanks to you for your leadership, and to your council for their support. For all councils, please find the resources to donate to help our seniors.

My brothers, in my both March appeal letter to individual knights, and in my July email appeal to all grand knights, I stressed the increasing financial need we face and reported on those cost savings measures we have been able to take. In spite of these looming pressures, I assure you we continue all efforts to help our brothers in need.

Just recently, through the efforts of our counselors at the Columbian Senior Advisory Service and the outreach of our Marysville staff, we welcomed one new resident to our Columbian Center in Marysville, and are currently working to place yet another – both senior knights facing most dire housing needs. But our resources are limited - and dwindling.

And so, I am making this last appeal to you to help ensure we can continue our mission. I ask that you lead your Council to approve a donation to this year's Appeal.

Finally, please accept my gratitude for your kind consideration. I look forward to receiving your Council's donation of support, which you can mail to:

Columbian Retirement Home Inc.,  
P.O. Box 4338  
El Monte, CA. 91734-0438

Fraternally yours,  
Ross W. Willour, PSD  
President



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## SPECIAL OLYMPICS SUPREME FEATURED PROGRAM



The Knights of Columbus believe that Special Olympics programs are nearly unparalleled in their ability to show the worth and dignity of every single human being. Special Olympics programs do not just build strength and character in the athletes and participants, it is a support system for the entire family.

Our State Special Olympics Program is a balance between **Voluntarism** and **Charity**.

**Voluntarism:** In Service to One, In Service to All. A simple and powerful statement! The Knights of Columbus are committed to making our communities better. To volunteer at a Special Olympics Event is one of the most rewarding things a person can do. These opportunities are open to everyone – Knights, their families, Councils and even potential Knights and their families. Do it, and it will change your life! The best place to find current information on upcoming events is your area's website. For Northern Cal the site is [www.sonc.org/](http://www.sonc.org/) and for Southern Cal the site is [www.sosc.org/](http://www.sosc.org/). For information on getting involved with your local Special Olympics organizations, please contact your State Committeemen for Special Olympics for more information.

**Charity:** Charity is the first principle of our Order. Raising funds to support Special Olympics is one of the featured programs in California. Since the largest supporter of people with Intellectual Disabilities is Special Olympics and the largest program in California is the Campaign to Support People with Intellectual Disabilities, it only makes sense for the Feed the Athlete program to be associated with the Campaign. See the **Campaign to Support People with Intellectual Disabilities** for specific information.

**Feed the Athletes:** The Knights of Columbus' rich legacy of serving others has long extended to the support of the Special Olympics. This year the State Council has rolled out the "Feed the Athletes" program. Through your efforts we will raise specially earmarked funds so the Knights of Columbus can be the major sponsor of meals for athletes at Special Olympics events throughout the state. Raising funds to sponsor the meals at these events will help our local councils provide lunches to the athletes, because after all we the Knights of Columbus know how and love to cook! You can contribute to this program two ways. When filling out your Campaign to Support People with Intellectual Disabilities Distribution Form-201 simply designate, "Special Olympics Feed the Athletes" as a recipient and then state the percentage for distribution. Or use the new state form [[LINK here](#)].



### Goals:

- To have the Knights of Columbus provide meal support for a minimum of two major Special Olympics events in every Chapter in 2019-2020.
- To raise a minimum of \$45,000 throughout the calendar year of 2019-2020 that will be managed by the Frank Nigro foundation and presented to equally to Special Olympics Southern California and Special Olympics Northern California at the State Convention in May 2019 to sponsor and pay for meals in the 2020-2021 Columbian year.
- To track and measure Knights of Columbus participation at Special Olympics events throughout the 2019-2020 calendar year for a measuring progress of implementation of the Feed the Athlete initiative.
- To encourage and increase local Knights of Columbus Councils in filling out and submitting Supreme's Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics.

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SUBMITTED BY:

Brother **Oscar Martinez**  
Northern California Committeeman Ultrasound Initiative  
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California State Council

Second Friday Rosary Luncheon Report for Council #3474

## THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL #3474 & THE GUADALUPE HOPE SOCIETY

### MONTHLY ROSARY LUCHEON AND CATHOLIC FAITH TALK

The Guadalupe Hope Society and the Knights of Columbus, Council #3474 invite everyone to attend a Second Friday Rosary Luncheon and Catholic Faith Talk. This is a beautiful way to pray for the Child in the Womb and learn more about our Catholic Faith



**Fr. Eric Piczon**



**Fr. Rudy Ruiz**

We meet at Santa Maria Hall, 2211 Shamrock Drive, Campbell, CA 95008. Gathering at 11:00 A.M. and ending at 1:30 P.M. Seating is limited, no cost to attend, donations are always welcome. So register at,

[https://  
guadalupehopesociety.org/  
ghs-events/](https://guadalupehopesociety.org/ghs-events/)

or call 408 447-5344 and leave your contact info and we will confirm your reservation.

This month Fr. Gary Thomas, Sacred Heart Saratoga will lead a Rosary Prayer for the Children in the Womb and then will talk about Exorcism. Afterwards everyone is invited to a wonderful fish or vegetarian dish prepared and served every month, by our local Knights of Columbus, Council #3474.

This past June, Fr. Eric Piczon of Saint Leo the Great Parish gave us compelling insights and Church teaching on the "The Church as the Bride of Christ". "Thank you, Fr. Piczon."

In July, Fr. Rick Rodoni of The Immaculate Conception of St. Mary's Parish in Los Gatos, captivated us with teachings about Catholic Spirituality. "Thank you, Fr. Rodoni."

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## The Path Up

*We Touch the Sky When Our Knees Hit the Ground*

by James Aitchison

When facing one of the many difficult challenges of life, we learn about the nature of resilience –about picking ourselves up when we fall. Resiliency means we learn to embrace and partner with discomfort in a way that enables us to bounce back quickly from any setback, whether physical, mental or emotional. In order to help us not only survive, but handle them with a little more refinement, God wonderfully made our human brain to be kind of like a tireless, eager cartographer to constantly create and revise maps to help us navigate our way through this complex and ever-changing world.

During a crisis or time of intense difficulty, trouble, or danger, we easily empathize with Henry Kissinger who while serving as Secretary of State in the 1970s exclaimed, "There cannot be a crisis next week. *My schedule is already full.*" Published in 1999, **George Weigel's** magnificent biography of **St. Pope John Paul II**, *Witness to Hope*, detailed how in his final years, John Paul II dealt with his own barrage of issues –all needing to be addressed–as they presented challenges for the Church and for the elderly man who led it. Chronicling the tumultuous last years as the once avid sportsman gradually succumbs to Parkinson's and old age, Weigel details John Paul's remarkable courage and resilience as the eyes of the world were upon him. "Through his own suffering, wrote Weigel, he bore

witness to the inherent dignity of the human person and came to embody the trials of billions of people across the globe."

Everyone has challenges in life, but not everyone handles them well. Many of us look back on some of our life's most difficult moments and wish we had handled them with grace as did St. John Paul II. Jim Collins, author of *Good to Great*, reminds us that "we are not imprisoned by our circumstances, our setbacks, our history, our mistakes, or even staggering defeats along the way. We are freed by our choices." He suggested that the most successful people see adversity or a crisis not as a stumbling block, but as a stepping-stone or catalyst to spur greatness. Other studies have borne this out; in fact, suggest the earlier we face difficulties and drawbacks, the better prepared we are to deal with the inevitable obstacles along our path. All told, every challenge requires a decision and a response which begins with an "I Am Here" point. Subsequently, the most successful decisions come when we are thinking clearly and creatively enough to recognize all the paths available to us. There are two immediately recognizable paths. One that keeps circling around where we currently are and a second path leading to further negative consequences. The problem is that when we are stressed or in crisis, many of us miss the most important path of all: the path up. For lack of a better term, let's call this the third path that leads us from failure or setback to a place where we are even stronger and more capable than before the fall. Turning tragedy into triumph, who can forget **Candace Lightner**

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## *The Path Up ... continued*

who after her 13- year old daughter Cari was killed by a drunk driver, formed MADD, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, a non-profit's public advocacy work that has helped save more than 300,000 lives. **Shawn Achor**, author of *The Happiness Advantage*, describes another salient example of this path up where soldiers heading to combat, are commonly told by psychologists they will return either "normal" or with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. PTSD is a well-documented and serious consequence of war; yet while soldiers are presented with only two paths, another large body of research proves the existence of a far better path: Post-Traumatic Growth. This third path we have trouble seeing as it appears hidden. However, it is the one we should be looking for to make the difference between being crippled by struggle or rising above it. As Catholics, we have a wonderful resource, a shortcut if you will, to help in this process of seeing the path up and ensuring we have sufficient strength and courage to take it: the grace of the Holy Spirit. He dwells within us and is present, ready and willing to give us an eye to see and the wisdom we need to be successful in life. Grace is an absolute necessity in our day-to-day activities and is a free gift from God. Grace has been defined as a supernatural 'help' of God. According to the Catechism of

the Catholic Church, "Grace is favor, the free and undeserved help that God gives to us to respond to His call to become children of God, adoptive sons, partakers of the divine nature and of eternal life." There is one condition, however. If we want more grace as with wisdom, we must go to God in humility and ask for it. We must realize there is a need for more and more grace in our lives. Brazilian intellectual and Catholic Activist, **Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira** wrote in one of his most significant works *Revolution and Counter-Revolution* "the role of grace consists precisely in enlightening the intelligence, strengthening the will, and tempering the sensibility so that they turn toward good." How many of us, when things get difficult in our lives, fall down on our knees in tears to acknowledge God as our loving Father over our own strength and power, and ask Him to fix things? A lot, and this is what God means when He says, "my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

*"My heart beating, my soul breathing  
I found my life when I laid it down  
Upward falling, spirit soaring  
I touch the sky when my knees hit the  
ground."*

Lyrics from the song, Touch The Sky by Hillsong United.

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James Aitchison is a 25-year corporate marketing professional having consulted a broad array of clientele from independent small-and-medium size enterprises to Fortune 500 companies including The Home Depot, Shaw Industries Group, a Berkshire Hathaway Company, Saint-Gobain Group, and MS International. James is a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight of Columbus and co-architect of the Portolá 250 and statewide unity of prayer movement, The Year of Prayer which is anchored by the Prayers in the Pew program. He and his wife, Hélène live in Carlsbad, California and have three children and two grandchildren.

If you're passionate about making the world a better place for our children and grandchildren, please have your council join The Year of Prayer by contacting James Aitchison directly at 626-627-1318 or via email at [james@aitchison.us](mailto:james@aitchison.us).

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**ROSARY ATTENDEES at SANTA MARIA HALL**

### LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR UPCOMING ROSARY SCHEDULE

<b>October 11, 2019</b>	Fr. Andrew C. Nguyen	Confession
<b>November 8, 2019</b>	Fr. Mark Arnzen	The Holy Family, a Model for our Faith and Family
<b>December 13, 2019</b>	Fr. Michael Hendrickson	Our Lady of Guadalupe

This collaboration between the Guadalupe Hope Society and Knights of Columbus, Council #3474. It is truly a special way to spend a Friday afternoon. Gathering together with the devout faithful, our local clergy leading us in prayer, learning about our beautiful faith and sharing a meal together.

We are working together to encourage the Faithful to gather monthly and Pray for the Unborn. Our local Priests lead a Rosary and then give an insightful talk about a specific aspect of our Catholic Faith. Council #3474 members prepare and serve an outstanding fish or vegetarian lunch after the Faith Talk. Number are increasing as the word is getting out about our 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Rosary Luncheon's.

The Guadalupe Hope Society is a Non-Profit Faith Based Organization that operates the GHS Women's Center, a Pregnancy Medical Clinic, licensed by the State of California Department of Public Health in 2016. [www.guadalupehopesociety.org](http://www.guadalupehopesociety.org)

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## “Empowering Programs that Empower People”

### Why we support people with intellectual disabilities!



The Gospel of Jesus Christ is a radical invitation to get beyond our own self-centered worldview. Jesus announced that we are all children of God and we need to do our part to protect and liberate the most vulnerable children of God. In doing this, it is also important to remember that some of God’s most vulnerable children are people with intellectual disabilities. Jesus teaches us, “Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40). If we truly believe that people with intellectual disabilities are God’s children, how would we behave differently?

### Campaign Supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities

Supporting and assisting people with intellectual disabilities have been an ongoing program supported by the Knights of Columbus for many years. **This is the largest program that California Knights are involved in and every council should make an effort to participate.** This program unites Knights throughout California in charity and love of our bothers. We are what we do.

Through annual fundraising, Knights have been able to successfully collect donations for the Intellectual Disability Program outside stores, on street corners, in their parishes, and through appeals to local businesses. In appreciation, the donor is offered a Tootsie Roll.

The high visibility of this program has led to the campaign being referred to as the “Tootsie Roll Drive.” This year’s Drive will take place October 18, 19 & 20, 2019 and we need you to help support people with intellectual disabilities.

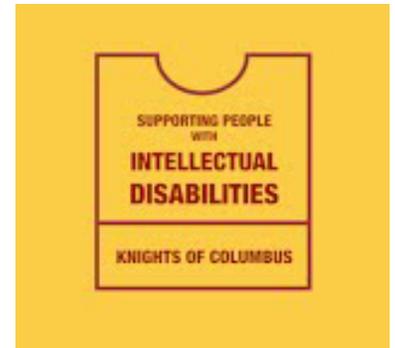
**The drive handbook, publication materials and all forms are available on the Columbian Foundation website, <http://www.columbian-foundation.com> and were emailed to your Financial Secretary.**

The Drive Handbook is designed to provide as much assistance as possible. It has been written to carry you through the Annual Fund Raising Drive, from the selection of the Council’s Chairman to the final accounting, reporting and distribution of funds.

The success of any fund raising venture is predicated on planning, organization, setting goals and people. These four ingredients will help you achieve your goals.

We sincerely request that each Council work with us and should there be any questions pertaining to the above, please do not hesitate. We are here to assist you, and we are anxious for your success.

**Ray Warriner**  
**Intellectual Disabilities, Chairman**  
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## Should Catholics Celebrate Halloween

Worthy District Deputies,

I listen to Catholic Radio and many times this week, different shows discussed “Should Catholics celebrate Halloween”. All the shows had a common answer. It was yes if you understand the meaning of the observance. Halloween or Hallowe'en, also known as Allhalloween, All Hallows' Eve, or All Saints' Eve, is a celebration observed in several countries on 31 October, the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Hallows' Day. It begins the three-day observance of Allhallowtide, the time in the liturgical year dedicated to remembering the dead, including saints, martyrs, and all the faithful departed. (Encyclopedia Britannica).

I know that many Parishes have sponsored something call “Trunk or Treat”. I am going to my first one tomorrow, thanks to an invitation from our Brother Knights in Orange Chapter. This is a great way to show the community our values and to present a positive image of Knights and Faith in Action. Jerry Trost, a District Deputy use the event at his parish to decorate his truck to highlight Catholic Superheroes and to had out prayer cards and rosaries. Great Job, Jerry.

I am continuing to work on the 2019-10 Reports. This week I have added a summary of the Chairman Forms received. These forms are important because they provide the insurance coverage for the Councils Drive and the ability for me to email them the Drive material. I think it is all correct so please look and point out any errors.

On behalf of all those programs, I thank you and ask you to help your Councils be successful with this program.

**Ray Warriner**  
**Intellectual Disabilities, Chairman**  
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## Some REMINDERS to Close Out your ID Drive Event

### DONATIONS COLLECTED

Columbian Foundation Board of directors has established the following procedures for handling of Public Funds:

1. **Council Chairman for the drive:** This person is responsible for collecting the funds from the volunteers and submitting the funds to the Financial Secretary. In addition the chairman will:  
Record the names of volunteers and the can numbers assigned to them on a separate sheet of paper. Make sure there are a sufficient number of cans so volunteers will not be passing a can to a volunteer who is relieving them
2. **Financial Secretary:** Will count the money, give the Council Chairman a receipt and submit the funds to the Council Treasurer.
3. **Council Treasurer:** Will count the money and give the Financial Secretary a receipt. In addition the treasurer will:  
After your council completes its drive, obtain a money order or cashier's check from the bank and submit it to the Columbian Foundation.
4. **Checks received as donations:** All checks received for the ID Drive, i.e., made out to Columbian Foundation, Council, etc.

MUST NOT be deposited into a council account. They must be sent along with the form ID 200 to the Assistant Treasurer in order to allow the donor to claim a tax deduction.

**NOTE: ALL FUNDS MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE FOUNDATION WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FOLLOWING THE DRIVE.**

### ID Drive Form Link:

<https://www.californiaknights.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/ID-Drive-Forms.zip>

All forms will be downloaded in compressed folder, including:

**Chairman Form 206**  
**Drive Report Form 200**  
**Distribution Form 201**

Information From ID Drive 2019\_Handbook 7-11-18.pdf

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## District Deputy REMINDERS-

- ◆ Form Admission Degree programs for your Councils, and Formation Degree Team for your District
- ◆ Make sure NEW COUNCIL OFFICERS PROGRAM LEADERS are **SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANT** as needed
- ◆ Check your "STAR TRACKER" Reports
- ◆ Soccer Challenge Finals
- ◆ Prepare for Basketball Free Throw

### Calling Out to All Chapter Presidents and State Committeemen

The **GOLDEN STATE KNIGHTLETTER** would like to offer article space for your noteworthy accomplishments, events and notices. Please submit your materials or encourage your councils to do so.

Worthy **DISTRICT MASTERS** are also invited to submit noteworthy events or materials for statewide distribution.

- Editor

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### Worthy Brother Knights All,

**PLEASE** send me your comments, stories, events, successes, awards, recognitions, celebrations... and photographs to proudly show our California Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism!

**Submission deadline**– 10th of every month for current newsletter

Please indicate "GSK Article" in your subject line. If you are including photos please try to make sure participants are identified, and photo credits provided.

**PLAN AHEAD**– If you wish to promote a program, please submit your information for publication the issue month **PRIOR** to your event dates, as publication will be in the 2nd half of the calendar month.

**EXAMPLE:** Program Event in **DECEMBER**; submit for publication by **NOVEMBER 10**.

**Roark Galloway, PGK**

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