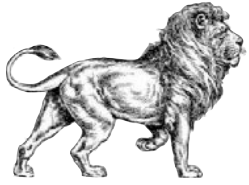


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America Lodge's mission is to celebrate our Italian culture and heritage by honoring our ancestors' visions of promoting, educating, supporting our members, and giving back to our communities. Joining together we create excitement, strengthen our bonds and advance the image of Italians everywhere.

President's Message

We can remember May by the 3 M's; **Mothers, Memorials and Marching**. This issue of your newsletter is dedicated to those 3 M's. As you will see, each page alternates between celebrating mom with special colors and flowers, to our nation's flag with red, white and blue. And for marching, why not get your "red" America Lodge shirt ready and join America Lodge in marching with the VFW to honor our nation's fallen in the Memorial Day parade. Please see the flyer in this issue of your newsletter and we'll talk more about it during our meeting on May 20th.



With the weather finally getting warmer, we can go out and start working in our gardens! I am holding my breath that my fig trees survived this year's harsh winter. Soon the newsletter will be publishing photos of our summer gardens. Audrey Hepburn once said, "To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow." There are also the jokes, "Gardening: where you pay hundreds of dollars to grow a 75-cent zucchini" or "Gardening is cheaper than therapy, plus you get tomatoes". Either way, May gets us excited to be outdoors again, gardening or...on the Bocce court!

During my installation speech, and at our April meeting, I said America Lodge's goal should be to reach **250 members in honor of Americas 250th anniversary**. I am happy to say that in furtherance of that goal we installed four new members and have more set for our May meeting. I am confident that we will meet our goal. But I also want to note how touching it is when we see our members' family return to America Lodge to honor someone's memory. So many of our Charter or lodge members families have returned to America Lodge to build on a legacy that began years ago. It's a beautiful tribute.

During our March meeting we continued our support for the St Vincent DePaul Society at St Catherine of Sienna Parish. Our members brought in Easter candy which was donated to create baskets for needy children in our community. At our April meeting, we held a drive asking our members to bring in baby diapers, wipes, formula, and other baby items which were also donated. It was overwhelming to see the generosity of our members. America Lodge is faithfully continuing a tradition that began 55 years ago of supporting those in our community who are in need.

We sold out our share the wealth board and selected the winning boxes at our April meeting. First prize went to **Nicole Battimelli**, the second prize went to **Kenny A**, and third prize to **Mark and Donna Johnson**. You may be asking who is Kenny A? He's my dog. When we were picking our numbers at home, I put the board on the floor in front of Kenny and had him walk on it, and the first box that his paw landed on was the second-place winner. A steak dinner for Kenny A!

In a past edition of your newsletter, we announced that Anthony Vasaturo was going to be an honoree at our 55th Annual Dinner Dance and that we would be announcing honorees from our lodge. I am happy to reveal that we chose four outstanding women for the work they have accomplished in starting clubs within in the lodge, and not only promoting the lodge, but increasing our membership. They are **Mary Sperrazza** who organized Il Dolce Libro book club, **Marie Geneva Frank** and **Cindy Lampasi** who started our Bocce club, and **Lisa Teitz** for putting together our Mahjonn club. Unfortunately Mary Sperrazza will be out of town for a family event and cannot make it so Mary will be honored at a future dinner. Is it too early to be looking forward to October?

Thank you for your continued support of America Lodge and all the things that we do. I hope to see you at our next meeting, or event, if not before. **Happy Mother's Day. Happy Memorial Day.**

Fraternally, Joe



La Festa della Mamma

Welcome to your May Newsletter!

This issue arrives at a meaningful seasonal crossroads, as we reflect on both Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Two observances that, in very different ways, speak to love, memory, and gratitude.

We begin by celebrating "**Mother's Day the Italian way**", where family, food, and tradition come together in expressions that feel both personal and timeless. In "**Love That Showed Up**," we look beyond flowers and cards to the quieter, steadier forms of motherhood: the women who held us together in ways that often went unspoken, but never unnoticed.



As we turn toward **Memorial Day**, we explore its deeper meaning and the enduring significance of the 21-gun salute and the flag folding ceremony...rituals that carry remembrance, respect, and national gratitude for those who served and sacrificed.

Finally, we step back in time with the story of **Adriano Olivetti**, whose vision of work and community reshaped how a **typewriter company** could reflect a different kind of world. One where purpose and humanity sat alongside productivity.

Together, these stories invite us to consider how we honor love, service, and legacy in everyday life.

May this time bring gratitude for the **mothers** who continue to shape our lives with their love, the mothers who are with us today, and a gentle remembrance of those who live on in our hearts and memories. Their love never truly leaves us.

As we honor service and sacrifice on **Memorial Day**, we hold close the quiet strength of the men and women whose sacrifice is never never forgotten.

Wishing you a peaceful and meaningful Mother's Day and Memorial Day.

Donna



Happy Memorial Day



Membership Corner

At our April 15th General Meeting, we installed 4 new members! Please welcome **Gary Montemarano, Tina Baio, Paul Colombi and William Morreale** to our America Lodge family!

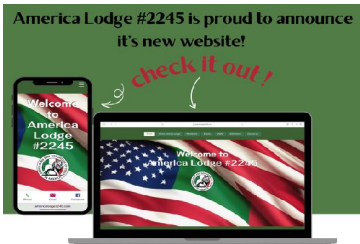
America Lodge #2245 is celebrating our Country's 250th birthday with a charge to our members....**Let's grow America Lodge #2245 to 250 members!** Honoring 250 years of the United States with Italian heart, rich heritage, and 250 proud members leading the celebration 🍷🇺🇸🇮🇹 From tradition to

togetherness, we're bringing the spirit of Italy to this historic American milestone—one unforgettable celebration at a time! 🇮🇹🇺🇸🎉

Let's keep the momentum going by spreading the word about America Lodge! Talk to your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers about joining our *famiglia*—new members are the heartbeat of a vibrant and thriving Lodge. If you know someone who may be interested, visit our website www.americallodge2245.com/Membership for a membership application!

And if you're feeling especially neighborly, we'd love for you to bring a friend to our May 20th General meeting—we can't wait to welcome them!

*Check out our [Website](#) and [Facebook page](#)! We post photos of our meetings and events, provide informative posts on our *Italian Culture and Heritage* and keep our members informed about Lodge and local events! Come log on and see what we're up to!*



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 5, America Lodge Mah Jongg, 3:30–6:00 pm. Franklin Square Library.
- May 5 America Lodge Council Meeting. 7:00 pm. Fr. Sq. Library.
- May 12, America Lodge Mah Jongg, 3:30–6:00 pm. Franklin Square Library.
- May 14, America Lodge Bocce official start date! 5:00 pm Rath Park.
- May 19, America Lodge Mah Jongg, 3:30–6:00 pm. Franklin Square Library.
- May 20 America Lodge General Meeting. 7:30 pm. Franklin Square VFW.
- May 25, MEMORIAL DAY PARADE! See flyer on page 16. Meet at the Fr. Sq. VFW
- May 26, America Lodge Mah Jongg, 3:30–6:00 pm. Franklin Square Library.
- June 2, America Lodge Council Meeting, 7:00 pm. Franklin Square Library.
- June 3, Il Dolce Libro/Bocce Crossover event for Book Club members! See flyer, pg. 16.
- June 25–28 NYS OSDIA Annual Convention, Albany, NY. America Lodge Delegates attend.
- July 15 America Lodge General Meeting/BBQ to celebrate America's 250th!
- July 25 America Lodge Annual Fishing Trip. See flyer pg. 20. SAVE THE DATE!
- September 19 America Lodge Annual Picnic in the Park. See flyer pg. 20. SAVE THE DATE!
- October 18 America Lodge Annual Anniversary Dinner Dance. See flyer pg. 20. SAVE THE DATE!

visit www.americallodge2245.com for Lodge events and details!



MAY 2026



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THANK YOU...

For reading and commenting on your Newsletter!

Oooh, this month's Lion's Roar of April is a mouth-watering one filled with so many dishes and delicacies of Easter that I remember when I was a little boy. Some of my favorites would include Pizza Rustica, Abbacchia alla Romana - (roasted lamb) and Casatiello - (bread filled with meats, cheeses and hard boiled eggs) ... and let's not forget all the beautifully wrapped chocolate Easter eggs. I remember growing up with all of these ... mmmm, what fond memories!"

~Anthony Spano

*Donna,
"Once again, an outstanding newsletter! Thank you for all your work. Great to see how you incorporate the Resurrection into it. Buona Pasqua to you and Mark."*

~Janis Parazzelli



"Always outstanding! No other lodges monthly newsletter comes close. Yours/ours is colorful, informative, easy to read, nice stories and wonderful pictures. Thank you Donna Giorandino Johnson"

~Andrew Monteleone

"I always enjoy the Newsletter and it is definitely deserving of awards. I laugh at myself because when I was President and editor, the paper would never have won any awards!"

In the Easter article about chocolate, Ferrero chocolate is mentioned. Here's a bit more on Ferrero. The founder of Ferrero chocolates was devoted to the Virgin Mary and wanted to honor her with his work. It is said that he named his company "Rocher" after the rock grotto where Mary appeared to St. Bernadette at Lourdes. Rocher means rock in French. At the 50th anniversary of the company, Ferrero said, "The success of Ferrero we owe to Our Lady of Lourdes; without her we can do little.""

~Gloria Maffettone



GOOD AND WELFARE

BUON COMPLEANNO!

Happy Birthday to our May "Maggio" celebrants!

Maria Battista, Kathy Beganskas, Philip Beganskas, Giuliano Brugellis, Vita Burdi, Donna Campanella, Christopher Cianciulli, Claudio Fabrizi, Richie Farruggia, Sharon Fressle, Carol Grassi, Michael Kelly, Jeanette Nicoletti Legrottoglie, Karen Mollish, Marie Monteleone, Theresa Steiner, Monica Tomasone, Rose Tusa.

GET WELL SOON!

Robert Goldmann, Lauren Kobler, Bryan Lynch, Karen Mollish, Maria Passalacqua.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Marco Sperrazza, son of Lodge sister, Mary Sperrazza, on his wonderful achievement of graduating "cum laude."

THANK YOU!

I'd like to thank everyone who attended and made the casino trip such an amazing event! A special thank-you to Jo Raia, Jo Maggio, and everyone who helped out on the bus; to Jo Falabella for calling our bingo game; and to all the wonderful people who brought food and goodies to share. Once we arrived at the casino, we had a fantastic time—highlighted by a big jackpot winner of \$67,000! Another Casino trip is being planned for November! ~Ellen Andrasick



Our condolences to America Lodge Immediate Past President, Andrew Monteleone on the passing of his father, Andy Monteleone.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Andy, Andrew, and the Monteleone family.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Amen.



Celebrate Mother's Day the Italian Way..

Simple, Heartfelt, and Full of Flavor!

If you're looking to slow things down and make Mother's Day feel more meaningful, take a cue from Italy—where the day is less about grand gestures and more about genuine connection, good food, and time together.

Start with Something Personal: In Italy, Mother's Day begins with a thoughtful touch. Skip the generic gift and go for something with emotional weight: a handwritten note, a bouquet of her favorite flowers, or even a small, meaningful keepsake. The key isn't the price—it's the intention. Italian families tend to value sincerity over spectacle, and that sets the tone for the entire day.

Make Food the Centerpiece: Food is the heart of any Italian celebration, and Mother's Day is no exception. Plan a long, relaxed meal—preferably lunch, as is traditional. If you want to go fully Italian-style, cook at home rather than going out.

Think simple but delicious: A fresh pasta dish like fettuccine or lasagna, a light salad with olive oil and crusty bread, and a classic dessert such as tiramisu or a fruit tart.

If the goal is authenticity, the most important rule is this: mom doesn't cook. The family takes over the kitchen, even if that means a little chaos along the way.

Slow Down and Stay Present: One of the most defining features of an Italian-style celebration is its pace. There's no rushing from one activity to the next. Meals stretch for hours, conversations wander, and phones are often set aside.

This is the moment to linger at the table, share stories, laugh, and reminisce. It's less about what you do and more about being fully there.

Include the Whole Family: Mother's Day in Italy is rarely a solo or small affair. It often includes extended family—grandparents, siblings, cousins—gathered around one table. If you can, widen the circle. Even a few extra chairs can transform the atmosphere into something warmer and more festive.

Add a Sweet Ending: No Italian celebration is complete without dessert and coffee. Bring out something indulgent, pour espresso (or coffee of your choice), and raise a toast. A simple "to mom" is often all it takes.

Keep It Grounded in Gratitude: Above all, the Italian approach is rooted in appreciation. There's no pressure for perfection—just an emphasis on expressing love in a way that feels natural and unforced.

In the end, celebrating Mother's Day the Italian way isn't about recreating a perfect scene from abroad. It's about embracing a mindset: slow down, gather close, eat well, and make sure she knows she's at the center of it all.

Memorial Day

The [Heroes project.org](https://www.heroesproject.org) reminds us that **Memorial Day** stands as a solemn tribute to the cost of freedom. The liberties we often take for granted were secured through the bravery and selflessness of countless men and women in uniform. Their sacrifices reverberate through history, serving as a testament to the resilience and unity that defines our nation.

Officially, Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May and honors members of the military who were killed in service or training for that service. Originally known as Decoration Day, Memorial Day was first designated after the Civil War as a day to visit the graves of troops who died in the conflict.

The Department of Veterans Affairs reports that not all states have dedicated national cemeteries. The VA National Cemetery Administration maintains 157 national cemeteries in 44 states and Puerto Rico. As of 2025, Connecticut, Delaware, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont are states which do not have a National Cemetery. And although a state may have a National Cemetery, they may not have additional burial space.

Men and women who were killed in service are typically interred in the same areas as all honorably discharged veterans, members of the Armed Forces who died on active duty, and their eligible family members (spouses and minor children).

Most honorably discharged veterans are entitled to military funeral honors, which include a three-volley rifle salute—often mistaken for a 21-gun salute—played by a firing party, along with Taps and a flag-folding ceremony. A flag-draped coffin is primarily for deceased military veterans, reservists, and active-duty service members to honor their service. Three shell casings are placed in a folded military funeral flag representing the three volleys of rifle fire in honor of the deceased. These casings, typically blank cartridges used by the honor guard, symbolize **Duty, Honor, and Country**.

The flag is folded 13 times into a tricornered hat shape, honoring the Revolutionary War, with each fold representing specific patriotic or religious values, such as life, faith, and the armed forces. Determining who receives the flag when a veteran dies, follows a specific hierarchy established by military tradition and federal regulations. The flag presentation follows this order of precedence: Surviving spouse receives priority as the primary next of kin, regardless of the length of marriage or whether they have children together. Eldest child becomes the recipient if there is no surviving spouse, taking precedence over other children and extended family members. Parents of the deceased receive the flag if there are no surviving spouse or children, with both parents having equal claim to the honor.

Memorial Day is Monday May 25th and there are many ways to honor the fallen: You can pay your respects at national cemeteries, war memorials, or local veterans' cemeteries. Many hold special services and wreath-laying ceremonies. Or join America Lodge members wearing their red shirts as we dutifully march with the VFW kicking off at 10:00 a.m. sharp, with a lineup on Lincoln Road.

[Link: Franklin Square VFW Post 2718](#) | [Franklin Square NY](#) | [Facebook](#)

Source:

[Eligibility For Burial In A VA National Cemetery | Veterans Affairs](#)

[The Heroes Project](#)

[Military Funeral Flag Etiquette | Life Remembered](#)





Love That Showed Up

Mother's Day isn't just about flowers or cards. It's about the people who held us together when we were falling apart... sometimes without us even realizing it.

It's about the woman who stayed.

The one who answered the late-night calls. The one who wiped away tears no one else saw. The one who kept loving, even when things weren't easy—especially when they weren't easy.

For some, that's Mom.

For others, it's someone who stepped into that role and quietly changed everything.

A stepmom who walked into a life that wasn't simple, and chose love anyway. Who learned your world, your hurts, your hopes, and never gave up on earning a place in your heart. Not because she had to, but because she wanted to.

A grandmother whose love felt like safety when everything else felt uncertain. An aunt who became a second home. A teacher who saw something in you worth fighting for. A woman who showed you, in a hundred small ways, that you mattered.

And for those whose mothers, or mother figures, are no longer here, Mother's Day can feel especially heavy.

Because their love didn't leave when they did. It lives on in the lessons they taught, the habits they passed down, the voice in your head that still guides you when you need it most. It's in the way you love others. The way you keep going. The way you remember.

Grief is just love with nowhere to go—and on days like this, we feel it a little more deeply.

These women don't always get the recognition they deserve. Their sacrifices aren't always seen. Their love isn't always easy. But it is real. And it is powerful.

Because being a mother, being a mother figure, isn't about perfection. It's about showing up, over and over again, even when it's hard. It's about choosing someone, every single day, and saying, "I'm here. I'm not going anywhere."

And for those of us who have been loved like that... we carry it with us forever.

So today, we don't just celebrate mothers.

We celebrate the women who chose us.

Who stayed.

Who still stay with us, in different ways.

Who loved us through every version of who we've been.

And if we don't say it enough—thank you....for everything.

Happy Mother's Day

Before Remote Work, There Was Adriano Olivetti

The Olivetti typewriter was one of the most influential writing machines of the 20th century – not just for how it worked, but for what it stood for. Models like the **Lettera 22** became famous for their sleek design, portability, and accessibility, earning global awards and a place in museums like MoMA. More than a tool, it came to symbolize a different vision of work: one where productivity and human well-being could coexist.

That vision began with Adriano Olivetti.

Born in 1901, Adriano inherited his father's small typewriter company but transformed it into something far more ambitious. He believed a business should serve society, not just profit from it. When he took over in the 1930s, his first changes weren't about machines—they were about people. He redesigned factories with glass walls so workers could see the outside world, and introduced libraries, housing, and cultural programs so they could live fuller lives.

At a time when most factories were rigid and hierarchical, Adriano imagined something radically different: a workplace that respected both labor and life. He wrote about these ideas too, arguing for communities where work, culture, and daily living were in balance.

This philosophy shaped Olivetti's products. In 1950, the company introduced the Lettera 22—a lightweight, portable typewriter designed not just for elites, but for teachers, writers, and everyday workers. For one of the first times, a work tool was truly portable. You didn't have to be tied to an office or a specific desk to write—you could take your work with you. It quickly became an icon, admired for both its beauty and its practicality.

That idea—work untethered from a single place—now feels completely normal. Laptops, remote work, and flexible offices all follow that same logic. The Lettera 22 didn't invent those trends, but it hinted at them: tools designed around mobility, independence, and individual use rather than centralized control.

Adriano never even learned to type. Yet his ideas reshaped how people thought about tools, work, and community.

In the end, the Olivetti typewriter wasn't just a machine. It was the physical expression of a belief: that technology should adapt to human life—not the other way around.

Today, as we carry our work in laptops and phones, the idea feels obvious. But it wasn't always. Long before “flexibility” and “work-life balance” became buzzwords, Adriano Olivetti built them into both his factories and his machines. The Olivetti typewriter wasn't just ahead of its time—it quietly helped define ours.

<https://www.italymagazine.com/featured-story/how-adriano-olivetti-and-one-typewriter-symbolized-keys-work-life-balance>



May in Italy:

A Season of Beauty, Tradition, and Renewal

There is something special about Italy in May. It is the moment when spring reaches its full expression—when the countryside is lush, the cities feel alive, and daily life begins to move outdoors once again. For many Italians, May is not just another month; it is a season of renewal, connection, and quiet celebration.

Across the Italian landscape, nature takes center stage. Rolling hills glow in vibrant shades of green, vineyards stretch across the countryside, and wildflowers bloom in fields and along winding roads. The air feels softer, warmer, and filled with the scent of blossoms and fresh earth. It is a time when even the most familiar places seem renewed.

In towns and cities, life shifts outward. Cafés open their terraces, and meals are enjoyed under the open sky. The evening stroll—the traditional *passaggiata*—returns as a daily ritual, with families, friends, and neighbors gathering in town squares to walk, talk, and enjoy the longer daylight hours. There is an energy in the air, not rushed, but quietly vibrant.

May is also a month rich in tradition. Local festivals celebrate the arrival of spring with music, food, and historical reenactments that bring entire communities together. In many regions, these events reflect centuries-old customs, blending history with a strong sense of local pride. At the same time, religious traditions continue throughout the month, with churches adorned in flowers and small processions honoring the season in meaningful and often intimate ways.

The kitchen, too, reflects the change in season. Heavy winter dishes give way to lighter, fresher ingredients. Markets fill with artichokes, asparagus, peas, and early fruits like strawberries and cherries. Meals become simpler and more seasonal, often shared outdoors and enjoyed slowly, in true Italian fashion.

What makes May in Italy so memorable is not any single event, but the overall feeling it creates. It is a time when past and present seem to blend effortlessly—ancient streets filled with spring air, traditions carried forward, and everyday life unfolding with warmth and ease.

In many ways, May represents the essence of Italy itself: a balance of beauty, history, community, and a deep appreciation for the simple pleasures of life. It is a reminder that sometimes, the most meaningful moments are found not in grand occasions, but in the rhythm of the seasons and the joy of being present within them.

America Lodge Mah Jongg



America Lodge Wind Creek Casino trip



America Lodge at the Loggia Glen Cove Dinner Dance



America Lodge supporting Cooley's Anemia Dine Around



America Lodge April General Meeting



2026 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

FRANKLIN SQUARE, KEEP OUR PATRIOTISM ALIVE!

May 25, 2026, Kick off 10:00 a.m. sharp

Parade Route: line up on Lincoln Rd.
West on Hempstead Tpke, South on Franklin Ave, East on Fenworth Blvd., south on Claflin Blvd., West on Naples Ave. Ending at Rath Park Veterans Memorial

Line the streets to show honor for the American Heros that lived & died to protect our liberties & freedoms!

2026 GRAND MARSHAL

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IL DOLCE LIBRO/ BOCCE CROSSOVER EVENT

Save the date!
Il Dolce Libro
Book Club members!!!!

Our next book club meeting is a bocce crossover!!!

Wednesday June 3 (rain date June 4)
Rath Park picnic area at 6 pm to play some cornhole, bocce and discuss our 2 next books which is a two-fer!

We are doing a "trash to treasure" read!
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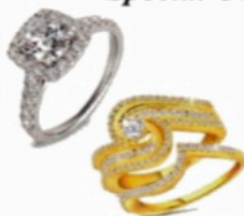


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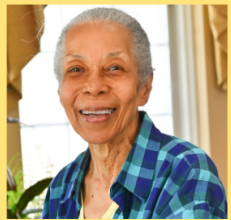


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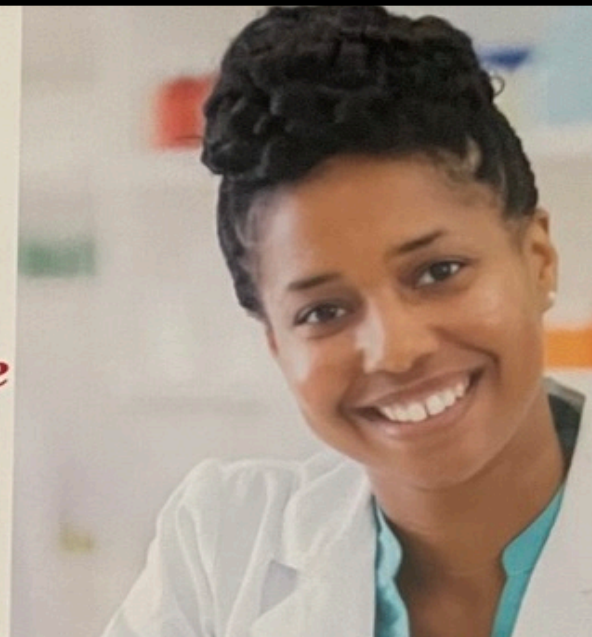
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