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A N O K A M A S O N I C L O D G E # 3 0 A . F . & A . M .

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Greetings from the East!

Brothers, I know it has felt like Spring here and there all winter, but it is truly around the corner and we can all look forward to the warmer days!

There is so much going on in April, beginning with the Grand Lodge Communication of course, with a couple of motions being brought before. The Three Principle Officers will be voting on these and we would love to hear your thoughts on them before we vote.

With that in mind we will be reading them at the April 5th meeting and taking a few minutes to find out how you all think our lodge would be best represented, so please come out.

Of course you should have all received you ticket's for the 22nd Annual Shrimp Dinner on April 14th, and I hope you will all take the time to come out. It is most helpful if you can make your reservations prior to the date so the committee is well prepared and we don't run out!

Our New Cycle of Degrees begin with the EA Degree on April 15th, so come and help these men become Brothers!

Going a little out of order we next have the Lynnhurst Turkey Dinner on April 18th at the Lost Spur. If unfamiliar with this event, it is the 1st official outing of the new Grand Master and a wonderful event with a tasty meal. Currently Anoka will have two tables, our Past Masters and Officers Tables, but feel free to sign up and participate in great event by contacting the Secretary of Templar Lodge and taking some of the individual seating they usually have.

The last and in many senses the most import event of the month is our Honored Ladies Luncheon on April 29th. Here we will honor the widows of those Brethren who have passed to the Celestial Lodge. Please feel free to contact me if you wish to assist in this event or just wish to attend and show your support, as it is so very important they know they are not forgotten by the lodge and we will continue to be here for them!

Terrance M Schaffer
Worshipful Master



Anoka Lodges Newest Master Masons!

Greetings from the West!

As I sit down to write this article I find myself in a great mood solely based on the nice weather outside! The birds are migrating back to Minnesota after escaping the cold of the winter, flowers start to bloom, the kids can play outside more, time of renewal, Easter and it is only a short time until summer arrives again. Spring is a special time of year for me since 2 of my siblings and myself were born in April and I hope you are able to get outside and enjoy the weather.

My article this month is going to be themed as renewal.

The standard definition of the word is: the replacing or repair of something that is worn out, run-down, or broken.

I see much renewal at Anoka Lodge every week! We renew our dues cards every year, we renew our involvement with the lodge every meeting we attend, we have renewed our kitchen and dining hall with the help of the brethren, and we renew our obligations to our family every day.

I saw a quote online the other day about how to kill your lodge, although most it doesn't pertain to Anoka lodge, I thought it's worth a sharing:

- 1. Don't come**
- 2. When you do come, come late**
- 3. Never accept an office. It is better to stay outside and criticize**
- 4. The officers asked for the job, let them do all of the work**
- 5. Never pay your dues in advance. Wait until you get your money's worth and then wait a little while longer**

- 6. It is good to tell your officers failings to visitors, they might be a long time finding them out**
- 7. If there are a few zealous workers in the lodge inform everyone that the lodge is run by a clique**
- 8. Disagree with established rules and regulations, let people know you have a mind of your own**
- 9. Keep talking to the brother next to you in lodge makes for good fellowship**
- 10. If one brother has said or done something you don't like, be mad at the entire**

I hope that these 10 things renew your awareness how to keep Anoka lodge great!

I would like to say Happy 75th Birthday to WB Al Nemchik and Happy Birthday to our secretary Scott Franz.

**Tony Heimer
Senior Warden**



Greetings from the South!

Why the 47th Problem of Euclid part 1???

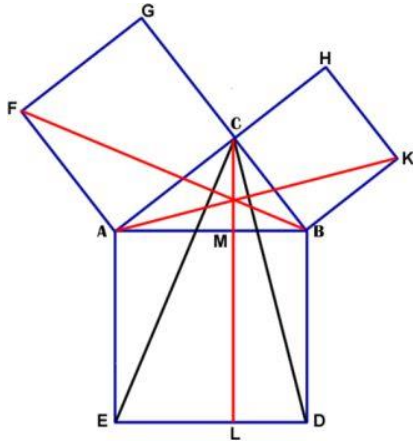


Figure 1 - The figure of proof upon which the original 47th Problem of Euclid is based. This figure is also called "The Bride's Chair". The outline of this figure is used Symbolically in Freemasonry.

This might, at first blush, seem to be obvious. After all, masons are taught in the lecture of the Second Degree that Geometry is the first and noblest of sciences, the foundation upon which the superstructure of Freemasonry is erected. In the third degree, we are also taught that the 47th Problem of Euclid, also known as the Pythagorean Theorem, teaches us to be great lovers of the arts and sciences.

So it makes sense, on the surface, we would look to Euclidian mathematics as operative Masons. So, let's first take a look at what the 47th Proposition states mathematically:
In right angled triangles the square on the side subtending the right angle is equal to the squares on the sides containing the right angle.

Using this formula, we can prove a circle and a right angle, a square and much more, all of which are essential for the operative mason. This formula is essential in any construction effort, hence is obvious importance to operative masons.

But, we are *not* operative masons, we are speculative only. That being the case, why is the 47th Problem of Euclid important to us? Or is it?

Anderson's "Constitutions" published in 1723, mentions

"The Greater Pythagoras, provided the Author of the 47th Proposition of Euclid's first Book, which, if duly observed, is the Foundation of all Masonry, sacred, civil, and military..."

In the Third Degree lecture: *"This wise philosopher (Pythagoras) enriched his mind abundantly in a general knowledge of things, and more especially in Geometry, or Masonry. On this subject he drew out many problems and theorems, and, among the most distinguished, he erected this, when, in the joy of his heart, he exclaimed Eureka, in the Greek language signifying, "I have found it," and upon the discovery of which he is said to have sacrificed a hecatomb (100 head of cattle). It teaches Masons to be general lovers of the arts and sciences."*

Masonry, as a speculative science concerns itself with morality, upright behavior and the brotherhood of man. Since we are speculative masons, there must be a more significant reason for the 47th Problem of Euclid, a meaning within a meaning. The thinking man must ask himself, what relationship does geometry (the square is an emblem of truth and morality) have to morality that it would be an emblem of morality?

The answer is right before us, but as with all things Masonic, one must go back to the foundation. At the time the first grand lodge was founded, the 47th problem of Euclid was more commonly known as the Pythagorean Theorem. So why did those early ritualists chose to use the 47th Problem of Euclid?

First, it was not Pythagoras who discovered the rule that is referenced by his name. The Egyptians used this principle long before Pythagoras set it down to measure their fields after the annual Nile floods washed away the boundary markers. Pythagoras is the man who proved that the process works.

History records that Pythagoras established a society with philosophical, religious and political aims. Shrouded in secrecy, they believed that only by truly understanding the universe could one achieve salvation of the soul, and as Divinity created all things, studying it over a period of several lifetimes, could bring one closer to

Divinity itself. As such, it was believed that through study and reason could one start to understand Divinity. Clearly, reason is based on measurable things (such as through numbers and objects), and is easier to understand if expressed in that matter by a larger number of people.

Hence the society devoted much of its time to the mathematics, including Geometry to try to explain and express matters using numbers. Being able to explain many unknowns using reason (and numbers) was incorporated in Freemasonry, which sets it opposite to the Church, which emphasizes faith over reason. Indeed, Pope Pius IX, in his encyclical, *Qui Pluribus*, dated 9 November 1846, attacked those who “put human reason above faith, and who believe in human progress.” Many people consider this to be a reference to Freemasonry.

This is interesting, because in the Book of Wisdom 11:20 we read:
Even apart from these, men could fall at a single breath when pursued by justice and scattered by the breath of thy power. But thou hast arranged all things by measure and number and weight. So the very “measurement of things” the Church objects to is mentioned in Scripture as being a universal "standard" that allows men to understand their world and their surroundings. Geometry is about measuring and creating standards, understanding and reasoning. These things were opposed by the early church leaders, so it is understandable that Freemasonry, as a bastion of reasoning and moral philosophy would conceal its secrets within geometry. This still leaves us with the question, “Why the 47th Problem of Euclid and not the 1st or the second? The reason it was chosen was to conceal the greater truth!

In the 18th century, there was another philosopher, a moral philosopher, who presented his moral philosophy in the same format that Euclid used to present his geometrical problems. More than that, he titled his book: “Ethics,” and based his ethics upon the format used by “Euclid” to present his mathematical formulas. This philosopher was Benedict Spinoza (1632-1677), and strangely enough, the 47th Problem:

PROP. XLVII. The human mind has an adequate knowledge of the eternal and infinite essence of God.

Jeff Peace once wrote:

“When you consider that the early speculative Freemasons considered Freemasonry to be 'a peculiar system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols,' it seems logical to conclude that hidden somewhere within the Masonic system lay hidden a system of morality that was peculiar (unique). Slightly before speculative Freemasonry appeared on the scene a famous philosopher wrote a book of ethics (morality) that was truly peculiar (unique), it was so unique that he was labeled a heretic and copies of his book were burned. His book was peculiar in more ways than just his ideas, it was written in the same format as Euclid’s 'Book of Elements,' it was a moral philosophy based on the logical format of Geometry.”

Freemasonry is about morality, and the 47th problem of Freemasonry is about morality... Masonic symbolism is the building of a moral edifice... perhaps the two Euclidian problems, having the same name, influenced the use of the symbol of geometry to represent both... mathematics and morality.

Stay tuned next month for part 2 of this 3 part series.

For more in-depth research on this please visit the source of this work.
<http://beaconofmasoniclight.blogspot.com/2007/10/why-47th-problem-of-euclid.html>

Jeremy Hill
Junior Warden



Some Anoka Lodge Events in Pictures!



Anoka Brothers Prove Up in the 3rd Degree!



Anoka Brothers attend the Membership Seminar



The Cast of the Past Masters Degree

Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

Wednesday, April 5th – Coffee Clutch 9am
Wednesday, April 5th – Anoka Stated Meeting
Wednesday, April 7th, 8th & 9th – Grand Lodge
Friday, April 14th – Annual Shrimp Dinner
Sunday, April 16th – Pancake Breakfast
Tuesday, April 18th – Lynnhurst Turkey Dinner
Wednesday, April 19th – Coffee Clutch 9am
Wednesday, April 19th – MM Degree
Saturday, April 29th – Honored Ladies Luncheon



Anoka Coffee Clutch:

Please join us on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month for coffee, donuts and fellowship at the lodge. We will be meeting at 9am and stay till the last one leaves.

It is our hope to meet up and perhaps take care of some of those lodge duties that need to get done, including vacuming and dusting upstairs.

Since we no longer have offical cleaners, it's up to us, it's members to pitch in and keep our home clean. Please come join us for some morning fun.

Please contact WB Dave Emery at 763-755-2431



For more info see lodge calendar or Facebook

Bones Brothers Upcoming Events:



Father Thomas is the Anoka Lodge Chaplain and Chairman of the Sunshine Committee. If you or someone you know in our Masonic Family is in need of support, please contact him at (612) 702-4770



Stewards Corner!

April 5th – For our Stated Meeting we will be having Tatar Tot Hotdish, Rolls and Strawberry Creampuffs.

March 15th – For the EA Degree we will be having Ham Steak, Cheesy Potatoes, Vegetable Medley and Cake for dessert.



Tim Galvin
Senior Steward



Job's Daughters of Bethel #48:
The Daughters of Bethel #48 are all about town, here are just some of our activities!



Hosting the WM of Anoka Lodge and the Worthy Matron Elect of Martha Chapter!



Enjoying Sewer Pipe Sundeas after the meeting



Helping serve dinner at the Scottish Rite!



Anoka Chapter DeMolay:

Thanks to all who came out to eat as we made dinner for the lodge, raising funds for the Frank Marshall Event!



Performing some Ritual work for the members of Anoka Lodge, prepping for the Frank Marshall Event!



Performing the Arch of Steel along with the Jobie's of Bethel #48 doing the "Triangle" for the Martha Chapter #132 Installation of Officers.

Order of the Eastern Star, Martha Chapter #32



Greetings from Martha Chapter:

Martha Chapter had their installation of new officers on Saturday, March 18th... and another year begins.

This year is dedicated to the memory of Jo Bornholdt, Past Grand Matron of MN. Our theme is "Did you read the book", which could mean any number of things! We are looking forward to a fun and interesting year. Please join us if you can.

April 1st is our Craft / Vendor show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the lodge. Come have a snack and check out all the vendors and spring crafts.

April 6th is a stated meeting.

At our April 20th meeting we will be honoring Junior Past Matron and Patron, Janet Gilbertson and Curt Speller. Please join us on this special night as we thank them for a great year.

May 4-6 is our Grand Chapter in St Cloud and so Martha Chapter will be dark. We will be attending Grand Chapter to hear the results of our fundraising to support the Grand Chapter projects.

On Saturday, May 6th, we will see our own Peg Oliver be installed as Worthy Grand Matron.

May 18th we will be honoring mother's. Please join us if you are able we would love to see you.

It will be an exciting and busy year for Martha Chapter. Please join us in wishing Peg a fabulous year and safe travels.

We look forward to seeing you along the Masonic trail.

**Sharon Barlow
Worthy Matron**

**Brody Martin
Worthy Patron**



Our Worthy Patron and Matron of 2017-2018!



Installing Officers!



Mizpah Circle!

22nd Annual Shrimp Dinner



**All you can eat shrimp (peel & eat)
with sides of cole slaw, potato salad and bread**

Anoka Lodge #30 - Friday, April 14th, 4:30 - 7pm

**\$15 Per Person or \$50 per group of 4
Tickets may be Purchased in advance (preferred)**



Widows Sons, Cryptic Master:

Hello from Chop, President of the Cryptic Master Chapter of the Widows Sons.

We are an appended body, an organization of men that love motorcycles, it shall be our obligation as Widows Sons Motorcycle Association of Minnesota to contribute to the relief of widows and orphans of Master Masons within the boundaries of our jurisdiction.

We also hold charitable events and long rides during the summer months. We meet at Anoka Lodge #30 second Thursday of every month. (We are accepting petitions at this time), social hour is at 6:00 p.m. A closed meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m.

March meeting, we initiated Big-E and Feisty to the group-welcome brothers! Thanks, to all who came out. And we voted on two more petitions.

Summer is fast approaching, can't wait to start our ride schedule! May starts our ride meetings. Rides start at 6:30 p.m., 2nd Thursday of the month. May 20th is our short ride, kickstands up at 10:00 a.m. sharp. So, mark your calendars! Just a reminder-if you have a motorcycle please come join us, all are welcome on the rides.

**Widows Sons Cryptic Master
President Chop
763-746-6720**

Scottish Rite:



Brothers, Greeting from the Scottish Rite.

The Spring class is coming to a close with the Grand Lodge Communication taking up the first Thursday of the month, and we are also dark the second due to Maundy Thursday, but we are back in full swing for the 28th and 29th Degrees on April 20th.

The 29th Degree is the Knights of St. Andrew, and teaches the virtues of Love of God, Loyalty to Superiors, Faithful Adherence to promise and Resistance to Unfair Judgement.

The spring reunion 3 day is coming soon: April 27th, May 11th and 13th, please contact me if you need a petition.

**Darren Swenson
Double Eagle, Anoka Lodge #30
Minneapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite.**



Anoka Lodge members at the Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal!

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