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Greetings from the East!

Brothers, summer is upon us and you all know what that means, Hawaiian Shirts and Shorts are allowed in Lodge for the Stated Meetings of June, July and August, even the officers!

It also means we will soon be hosting our Outdoor Master Masons Degree, this year at a New Venue. WB Gary Mohn has graciously offered up his place for us to hold the 2nd section of the Master Masons Degree where we gatherer like our brethren of old, outside.

The first section will still be at the lodge and Suits and Tux's will still be required but then it is out in the sun, where after we set up the "Lodge" we will have lunch and put on the degree, with cigars if you have them and all have dispensation to wear hats!

Before all that though we will be hosting the winners of this year's Scholarship awards at dinner before the June Stated Meeting. This is an important night for the lodge and would be great to see some of those Brethren we may not always see as we support our youth and our future.

I know summer brings vacations and time up at the cabin, but being the lodge we are we do not go dark and there is still so much going on that we will need your assistance with!

Just a few of those are of course the 300th Anniversary Celebration we are hosting here at the lodge. An important date in the history of our gentle craft and one I hope you will all be a part of. (See Flyer for more info)

We still have those 3rd Sunday Pancake Breakfasts which our Stewards need help with and of course or newest fund raising event of cooking at the Flea Markets held every 2nd Saturday next store. Please, Please, Please, sign up to work a shift for one or both of these events sometime this year... Just one month, one 3hr or 4hr shift is all we ask Brothers!

We have more going on as the summer goes on, but I will remind you of those next month, for now I just hope to see you at these select events for June!

Terrance M Schaffer
Worshipful Master



Our Newest FC's at Anoka Lodge

Greetings from the West!

We have more going on as the summer goes on, but I will remind you of those next month, for now I just hope to see you at these select events for June!

As I sit down to write this month's article it is still a bit gloomy outside but the forecast is calling for 80's and sunshine by the end of the week.

Another Memorial Day has come and gone, we as Americans have paid respect to all of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for the good of the country, without you we wouldn't be where we are today as a Nation.

On May 20th The Bones Brothers BBQ held the second annual BBQ sampler. What an exciting event this has turned into. We served 4 types of meat, 2 slaws, baked beans, mac n cheese, cornbread, and blueberry cobbler. We served a full house of guests and I heard nothing but compliments from the crowd! If you missed this event you will hear about it so get your ticket reservations in early next year. I want to thank each and every person that attended this event and your continued support for Anoka lodge's BBQ team because without you, we wouldn't be able to do our good works within the community.

June is turning out to be a very busy time of year for me. From the stated meeting on June 7th, the pork chop and hot dog stand on the 10th for the Big White House, the charitable committee on the 12th, the outdoor degree on the 17th, crab boil on the 22nd, the 300th Anniversary of Masonry on the 24th, and Grand York Rite Session on 22nd-24th. Minnesotans always jam as much as we can into our 3 months of summer so this looks like it is the start of summer for me.

My theme for this month's article will be:

A Good Story...

A young man passed a pawnbroker's shop. The money lender was standing in front of his shop, and the young man noted that he was wearing a large and beautiful Masonic emblem.

After going on a whole block, apparently lost in thought, the young man turned back, stepped up to the pawnbroker and addressed him: I see you're wearing a masonic emblem, I am a Freemason too. It happens that I'm desperately in need of \$25 just now, I shall be able to repay it in 10 days.

You don't know me, but I wonder whether the fact that you are a Freemason and that I am a Freemason is sufficient to induce you to lend me the money on my personal note.

The pawnbroker mentally appraised the young man, who was clean-cut, neat and well-dressed. After a moment's thought, he agreed to make the loan on the strength of the young man being a Freemason. Within a few days the young man repaid the loan as agreed and that ended the transaction.

About four months later the young man was in a Lodge receiving the Entered Apprentice Degree; he had not really been a Mason when he borrowed the \$25. After he had been admitted for the second section of the degree, the young man looked across the Lodge room and saw the pawnbroker from whom he had borrowed the \$25. His face turned crimson and he became nervous and jittery. He wondered whether he had been recognized by the pawnbroker.

Apparently not, so he planned at the first opportunity to leave the Lodge room and avoid his benefactor. As soon as the Lodge was closed he moved quickly for the door, but the pawnbroker had recognized the young man, headed him off and, to the young man's astonishment, approached him and greeted him with a smile and outstretched hand.

Well, I see you weren't a Freemason after all when you borrowed that \$25, the pawnbroker commented.

The blood rushed to the young man's face as he stammered, No, I wasn't, but I wish you'd let me explain. I had always heard that Freemasons were charitable and ready to aid a Brother in distress.

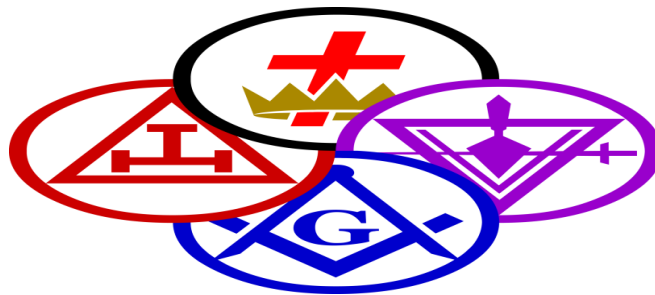
When I passed your shop that day I didn't need that \$25. I had plenty of money in my wallet, but when I saw the Masonic emblem you were wearing, I decided to find out whether the things I'd heard about Freemasonry were true. You let me have the money on the strength of my being a Freemason, so I concluded that what I had heard about Masons was true, that they are charitable, that they do aid Brethren in distress. That made such a deep impression on me that I presented my petition to this Lodge and here I am. I trust that with this explanation you will forgive me for having lied to you.

The pawnbroker responded, don't let that worry you too much. I wasn't a Freemason when I let you have the money. I had no business wearing the Masonic emblem you saw. Another man had just borrowed some money on it, and it was so pretty that I put it on my lapel for a few minutes. I took it off the moment you left. I didn't want anyone else borrowing money on the strength of my being a Freemason.

When you asked for that \$25, I remembered what I had heard about Masons and that they were honest, upright, and cared for their obligations promptly. It seemed to me that \$25 wouldn't be too much to lose to learn if what I'd heard was really true, so I lent you the money and you repaid it exactly as you said you would. That convinced me that what I'd heard about Masons was true so I presented my petition to this Lodge. I was the candidate just ahead of you.

From the January 1977 New Mexico Freemason

**Tony Heimer
Senior Warden**



Anoka York Rite Bodies:

Anoka Shekinah #104 put on its first ever mark Masters Degree at our own Lodge. We welcome our two new companions, Connor Fabio and Seth Pavlak.

Lots coming up this month with the Grand Rite Rite session the weekend of June 22nd – 24th up in St. Cloud. With the Royal Arch on Thursday, Cryptic on Friday and Commandry on Saturday. Our own Joe Anderson of Shekinah #104 going in as Grand High Priest!

On July 25th there is the Annual Richard F. Hunt, York Rite Picnic at the Minneapolis River Park. This is always a great event and all Masons are invited, so don't think you have to be a York Rite member for you and your family to attend. (Though you are all York Rite Masons!)

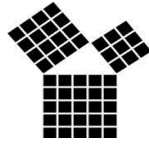


Mark Master Degree and the New Companions!

Greetings from the South!

Why the 47th Problem of Euclid part 3.

Here is the rest of the story...



The Forty-Seventh Problem of Euclid in Today's World

With this simple geometric 3:4:5 ratio of how to create a 90 degree, Right Angle:

1. Man can reach out into space and measure the distance of the stars...in light years!
2. He can survey land, mark off boundaries and construct every single thing on Earth.
3. He can build homes, churches and buildings, and with the knowledge of this simple ratio...he can begin digging on opposite sides of a mountain and dig a straight tunnel through the center of it...that meets exactly at the center!
4. He can navigate the oceans and be able to locate himself in the middle of the water (with no land in sight)...AND is also able to calculate how far he has come and how much farther he must go!

The 47th Problem of Euclid, also known as the 47th Proposition of Euclid...or the Pythagorean Theorem teaches each of us to not only be general lovers of the arts and sciences, but to stand in awe of the God-given knowledge with which you can take a piece of string and 4 sticks...and be able to find your way home from anywhere on Earth, on the Sea or in the Heavens.

The 47th Problem of Euclid represents such a perfect symbol of Freemasonry...encompassing both art and science, that the simple knowledge of it demands a breathtaking awe to which we may only bow our heads in reverence at the perfection, the universality and the infinite wisdom of that which has been given to us by God.

With the knowledge of this simple geometric ratio, (provided by the 47th Problem of Euclid), the word "Eureka!" almost palls in expressing the fundamental powers which our Creator has bestowed upon us!

...AND it all begins by simply learning how to Square your Square.

Oh!..., and one last thing you have also learned (but may not have realized it)...

This is why the old antique, wooden carpenter squares which you have seen or have heard about have one longer leg. Their "legs" were created using the "3" and "4" part of the 3:4:5 ratio (the 5 is the hypotenuse) using the 47th Problem of Euclid. Equal length "legs" on modern day (carpenter) squares are relatively "new" technology..



Now, take another look at the Masonic symbol for the 47th Problem of Euclid, above. You will see that the square on the top-left measures 3 units on each of its sides; the square on the top-right measures 4 units on each of its sides and the bottom square measures 5 units on each of its sides.

You can now see the right triangle (white space in the middle) which is surrounded by the 3 "boxes".

From this day forward, when you see this graphic image denoting the 47th Problem of Euclid,...this Masonic symbol, it will not just look like 3 odd-shaped black boxes to you. You will see the 3:4:5 ratio and the square (right angle) within them and know that you have the power to square your square within your own Middle Chamber.

...And THAT is the Rest of the Story!

Jeremy Hill
Junior Warden



Some Anoka Lodge Events in Pictures!



Receiving a Gold Rating from the Grand Lodge!



Anoka Lodge members in attendance!



Anoka Lodge at the Spring Reunion at the Scottish Rite, with three new members becoming Masters of the Royal Secret!



Bones Brothers Sampler!



Anoka Lodge winning at the Scottie Awards!



Upcoming Anoka Lodge Events:

Wednesday, June 7th – Coffee Clutch 9am
Wednesday, June 7th – Anoka Stated Meeting
Monday, June 11th – Bethel #48 Installation
Saturday, June 17th – Outdoor MM Degree
Sunday, June 18th – Pancake Breakfast
Wednesday, June 21st – Coffee Clutch 9am
Saturday, June 24th – 300th Anniversary UGLE



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 official 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!

June 7th – For our Stated Meeting the Jobies of Bethel #48 will be holding a Baked Potato Bar!

June 17th – For the Outdoor MM Degree we will be having Cold Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Chips and Cookies!



**Tim Galvin
Senior Steward**



Job's Daughters of Bethel #48:

As this term comes to a close the Jobies prepare to have their Installation on Saturday, June 11th, beginning at 4pm. Ariana Pope, Daughter of Brother Charles Pope will be crowned Honored Queen and we hope you can all attend as these young ladies accept their new positions in the Bethel!

They of course have been busy with many other events and activities, just some of a few are pictured here.



Masonic Honoring for the Mason of Anoka Lodge and the Members of the Martha Chapter OES.



Bethel #48 Escorting the winners at this year's Scottie Awards at the Minneapolis Valley!



Anoka Chapter DeMolay:



Going to see Gaurdians of the Galaxy II



**Honorary DeMolay Degree!
It was great to have the support of our Anoka Masonic Family as 7 Masons became honorary members of the Anoka Chapter!**

Order of the Eastern Star, Martha Chapter #32



Greetings from Martha Chapter:

A very cool rainy May 20th as I write this article.....and the heat is on!

Eastern Star Grand Chapter has come and gone and Peg Oliver is our new Worthy Grand Matron. Her Worthy Grand Patron is Roger Taylor. I'm sure there are many of you who know him. It will be a great year!

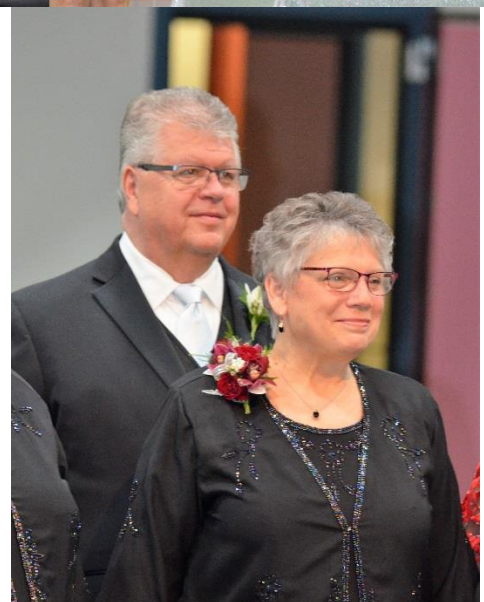
At our May 18th meeting we honored mother's by playing a game of how many words can you make out of Happy Mother's Day. Two teams worked hard and with lots of excitement to come up with 50 plus words! Lots of fun and both teams received Dove candy.

Remember our Annual Salad Luncheon is Friday, June 9th from 11:00 to 1:00. The cost is \$8.00. Please join us for great salads and social enjoyment! A portion of this fundraising luncheon will go to the Masonic Home Project.


We look forward to seeing you along the Masonic trail.

**Sharon Barlow
Worthy Matron**

**Brody Martin
Worthy Patron**



A few shots of the OES Grand Chapter Installation!



Please join us for our

Salad Luncheon

Martha Chapter #132, O.E.S.

1908 3rd Ave S

Anoka, Mn

Friday

June 9, 2017

11am-1pm

\$8.00



UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND

*Brethren of Anoka Lodge #30 and our entire Masonic Family,
your presence is requested to attend this milestone celebration!*

When: Saturday, June 24th, 2017 at 1pm

Where: Anoka Lodge #30, 1908 3rd Ave. South, Anoka, MN, 55303

*It is our thought that with the forming of the United Grand Lodge of England
300 years ago this year, we should celebrate this historical event of our past.*

*To do so we have invited the Grand Master of Minnesota Masons, MWB John
Studell and other Special Guests to come and speak. (30min total or so)*

*We will have several photo shoots (With Jewels, Aprons and in Suit and Tie)
After which we will have a pot luck picnic in the parking lot, Hot Dogs for all will
be provided but we ask that all those in attendance bring some sort of dish to
share and lawn chairs to sit on.*

*We have invited all Metro West Lodges to Attend as well but either way we will be
putting on this event, even if it is just Anoka Lodge and it's appending bodies.*

Please RSVP to Sweetidiot@Aol.Com so we have a headcount for hotdogs.

We Really hope you will come out and support this event!



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. We meet at Anoka Lodge #30.

May 11th we had our first ride of the year and Followed Reggie over to Cowboy Jack's in New Brighton. What a fun Time and good food.

The May 20th ride was canceled due to rain!

June 8th we have our Stated Meeting and then go out for a ride after. You don't have to be a member to go on a ride with us, so break out that bike, your best Pink Helmet and join us!

There is a \$10 Donation for all rides which goes into the Widows fund to assist those Widows and orphans in need.

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



Our First Ride of the year!

Scottish Rite:



Brothers, Greeting from the Scottish Rite.

The Scottish Rite Spring Reunion has come to a close with the Consistory Feast and Scottie Awards, with Anoka Lodge having three members becoming Masters of the Royal Secret. Congrats to Brother Aaron Brendel, Ron Stewart and William Sandoval.

Anoka members received three Awards from our 10 nominations this year, and the winners were, Thomas Senenfelder II for production, WB's Larry Jenson and Steve Bernu for Degree of the Year, with our own 20th Degree, and I was honored to receive the Lodge of the year award for Anoka Lodge having the most new members!

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



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Grand Chapter Officers for 2017-2018, including our own Peg Oliver as Worthy Grand Matron!