



The Beacon

March 2008

Central District Masonic Newsletter



**R W Bro. John Alexander
District Deputy Grand Master
Central District**

Theme
Prove You Are A Mason

Do You Know This Canadian Mason



Perhaps this Mason's name is one of the most recognized names in Canada. His name is found in almost every city in Canada and in some areas it seems to be found on almost every street corner. It is even found in Kanadhar at the Canadian military base.

Need a hint? What does the words
"Double Double" bring to mind???

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Editor's Comments: The Red Deer Library recently hosted a month long Masonic Display of artifacts and information in conjunction with the local Lodges donating several Masonic books to the Library. The Display and Information handouts and books were very well received, as was the "Information Night" presentation at the end of the exhibit. The Information Night had approx 50 people in attendance, where three papers were presented. 1) The History of Freemasonry in Red Deer. 2) Secrecy In Masonry. 3) Why I Am A freemason. I hope to have the text from all three presentations, along with pictures of the exhibit, in the next newsletter.

Something New on the Internet:

Masonic Family Calendar

<http://www.masonicfamilycalendar.ab.ca/calendar/View.html>

A fantastic web page to show the Alberta Masonic Family in action.
Find out the date and time of meetings of all the Masonic organizations in Alberta.
Explore the different options (links) to see what is going on in your area.

Brother Miles Gilbert "Tim" Horton

Tim Horton is probably one of the most well known names in all of Canada, not for his career in the NHL or his affiliation with Freemasonry but as the founder of quite possibly the most famous coffee and donut chains in Canada. Tim Horton was a professional hockey player in the NHL for 22 years and knew that his career would not last for ever, this lead him to create the very first coffee and donut shop bearing his name "Tim Horton's" in Hamilton Ontario in 1967. Tim's business legacy is quite well known, but at the time of his death there was only about 40 locations compared to the current amount of over 1500. During his hockey career he was associated with four Stanley Cup winning teams and was an all star player six times. Out of interest the Stanley Cup was donated by **Lord Frederick Arthur Stanley, who was also a Freemason.**



Freemason Information:

Lodge: Kroy Lodge No. 676
Thornhill, Ontario, Canada
Initiated - 1962

Personal Facts:

1. Born - 12 January, 1930
2. Died - 21 February, 1974
3. Born City - Cochrane, Ontario, Canada
4. Buried - York Cemetery (Toronto, Ontario)
5. Buried Plot - Section 14, Plot 133
6. Died in car accident returning from a hockey game

Quotes About Tim Horton:

"No finer person, teammate or hockey player ever lived." -- George Armstrong

"Few players brought more dedication or honour to the game. He was my idea of a pro." -- Bobby Hull

Gordie Howe has called Tim Horton hockey's strongest man. In a fight, Horton was known to edge into the melee and "grab a couple" of players to help keep the peace. But despite his legendary strength, he was not a proponent of violence on the ice. Some claim Tim invented the slap shot, and he could always be counted on to get the puck out of his own end of the ice.

Tim Horton Links:

- http://www.timhortons.com/en/about/bio_timhorton.html
- http://www.legendsofhockey.net/html/spot_oneononep197702.htm
- <http://www.cbc.ca/lifeandtimes/horton.html>

Hockey Notes:

1. NHL for 22 years
2. Position: Defence
3. Regular Season Games: 1,446
4. Goals: 115
5. Assists: 403
6. Team 1: Toronto Maple Leafs - 17 Full Seasons, 3 Partial
7. Team 2: New York Rangers
8. Team 3: Pittsburgh Penguins
9. Team 4: Buffalo Sabres
10. All Star Player: 6 times
11. Sabres retired #2 in tribute after his death

Happenings Around The District



In February Apollo Lodge #27 visited Mountain View Lodge #16, in Olds, to present a paper on the 47th Problem of Euclid.

Pictured on the left W Bro. Nies Wm of Apollo, Bro. Anderson (who presented the paper,) from Apollo and W Bro. Phillips, WM of Mountain View

Photo courtesy of W. Bro. Hugh Robinson



On Saturday February 16th, the Brethren of Mountain View Lodge #16 hosted a post Valentine dinner for their ladies and ladies of Mountain View Chapter #1, Order of the Eastern Star. The highlight was the Mountain View Vocal Quintet serenading the ladies. The Quintet is made up of RW Bro. Roger Kinney, RW Bro. Russ Phillips, RW Bro. David Langley, Bro. Pierce Phillips, and W Bro. Wilson Redgwell.



Photos courtesy of
W. Bro. Hugh Robinson



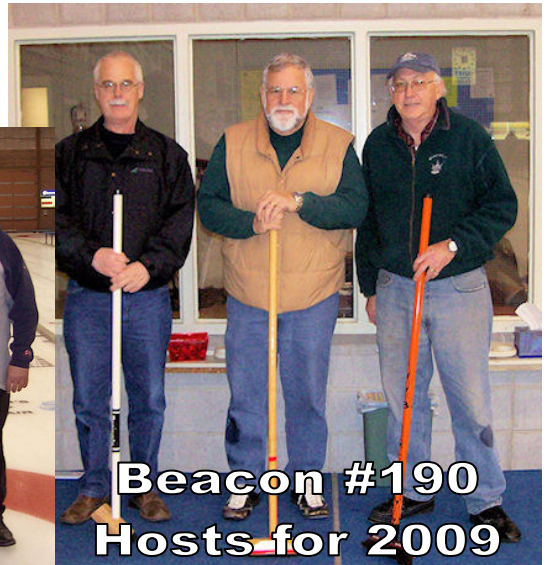
Annual District Bonspiel Rimbey, February 16th



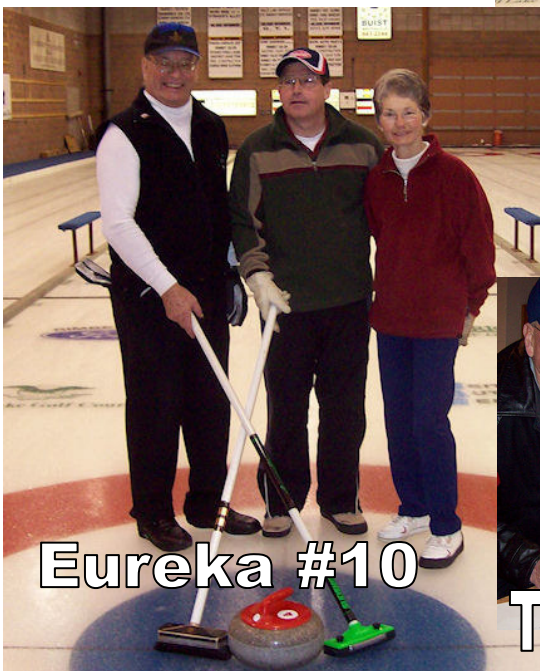
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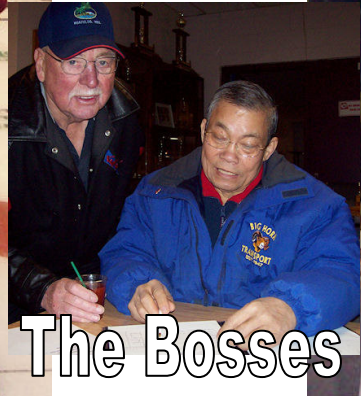
Kitchener #95



**Beacon #190
Hosts for 2009**



Eureka #10



The Bosses



Kenilworth #29

Photos courteous of Scott Hamilton, Apollo 27



Sweep - dam it - Sweeeeeeep

From The Past

From the Red Deer Express
Wednesday February 20, 2008
Author: Michael Dawe

One of the most highly respected long time residents of Red Deer, a man who was so involved in the community that many referred to him as "Mr. Red Deer", was W.J. (Bill) Botterill.

William J. Botterill was born on Oct. 8, 1876 in Galt, Ontario, son of Edward and Elizabeth Botterill. He moved with his family to Fleming, Saskatchewan in 1888.

After completing his schooling, he went into the grain business, working for such firms as the Winnipeg Elevator Company and Brackman Ker.

After living in Lacombe for two years, he moved to Red Deer in 1902.

He went into partnership with James Latimer in the farm machinery and grain business. He soon specialized in International Harvester equipment and sold the first International gasoline powered tractor in Alberta to James Bower of Red Deer.

In 1904, he married Nellie Freestad and they were to have four children, Ella, Phyllis, Lois and Norman.

The same year as Bill Botterill got married, he successfully ran for Town Council. He served as mayor in 1909 and then continued on as a councillor until 1916.

He became a member of the Board of Trade



William J. (Bill) Botterill, Grand Master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Alberta, 1919.

(Chamber of Commerce) in 1903 and served on the executive for a quarter of a century. He was president on three different occasions and was eventually made a life member.

In 1910, Bill Botterill first went into the real estate and insurance business. In 1911, he founded what eventually became Botterill, McKee and Anderson (Century 21), one of

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the oldest business firms in Red Deer, The insurance business of Ing and McKee also has its roots in Bill Botterill's firm.

In 1911, he helped to found and served as the first president of the Red Deer Real Estate Association. He later served as a founding executive member of the Alberta Real Estate Association

In 1916, Bill Botterill decided to serve "King and Country" in the First World War and became an officer in the 187th Battalion. He later became a gunner in the 175th Battery and served overseas with the Fifth Division Artillery.

After the War, he became very active with the Great War Veterans Association (the precursor of the Royal Canadian Legion) and was elected president of the Alberta Command. For many years, he also served on the national executive of the Dominion Command.

In 1923, Bill Botterill helped to found the Red Deer Rotary Club and served as the first president. He kept an impressive 36 years of perfect attendance in the Club.

Bill Botterill was an avid gardener and his home on Ross Street, east of 47 Ave., became one of the real beauty spots of Red Deer. He is credited with planting some of the first peony bushes in the community.

He was also well known for his work in encouraging the nesting of purple martins. He and his wife were key members of the Red Deer Horticultural Society for many decades.

Bill Botterill was very interested in the Central Alberta Pioneers and Old Timers Association. He served on the executive for many years, including a term as president and was eventually named a life member.

One of Bill Botterill's keenest interests was with the Masons. In 1907, he became a founding member of Kenilworth Lodge #29, A.F. & A.M. and in 1910, served as master of the Lodge. In 1913, he was elected District Deputy Grand Master.

In 1919, shortly after his return from the War, he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. In 1920, he was honoured with a life membership in the Kenilworth Lodge.

Nellie Botterill passed away in May 1957 and Bill Botterill passed away in January 1961. They are both buried in the Red Deer Cemetery. Botterill Crescent in the Bower Place subdivision is named in their honour.

Passing of RW Bro. Charles (Chuck) Newton
Apollo Lodge #19
Stettler, Alberta



It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of R.W. Bro. Charles (Chuck) W. Newton to the Grand Lodge Above on March 9th, 2008. Chuck was born September 27, 1927 in Didsbury, Alberta. He was Initiated, Passed and Raised in the Camrose Lodge #37 in 1954. He affiliated with Apollo Lodge #27, Stettler in 1956 where he served as W.M. in 1968. Chuck was elected DDGM for District #9 in 1981-82. At Apollo #27 he served as secretary from 1992 - 2004 and received his 50yr pin in 2004.

Funeral services were held at the Stettler United Church on Friday March 14, with 300+ friends in attendance including 30+ Masons, who marched to the church and took part in the service. Bro. Chuck will be greatly missed by Apollo Lodge and Masons throughout the District.

From the editor: Brethren of the District If you would like to recognize, in this newsletter, the passing of a Brother from your Lodge, please provide the necessary input.

From the DDGM Central District on his Theme - Prove You Are A Mason

Oh, yes we are all Masons
And very proud to be
We wear our pins and finger rings
For everyone to see
But let me ask the question
Even though the thought may sting
Would you know me for a Mason
If you couldn't see my ring?

It's not what we **SAY**, but what we **DO** that tells the world who and what we are.

Editor's Comment: The following paper was present in Beacon Lodge #190 on February 25th, 2008, by Bro. Jordan Sinclair. Although he is relatively new to the craft, he has probably visited more Lodges than most of us ever will., in fact I am told he visited some 15+ Lodges as an Entered Apprentice, before obtaining his Fellowcraft Degree. His enthusiasm shows in this paper . Keep up the good work Bro. Sinclair.

Worshipful Master, Visitors and Brethren all.

Many of us joined Freemasonry to get a Masonic education, and honestly after about six months did you begin to wonder when or if you were going to learn anything or if you had made an err in presenting yourself as a candidate for initiation to the Lodge? Yes we did see some excellent Ritual work performed by the brothers at our Degrees, and listen to lectures about ethics, tools and fidelity. Yet it did not really make any difference in the way we lived or thought. I in fact did go to a brother and asked him when I would start to receive the Masonic mentoring that lead me to the Craft. He just chuckled, then smiled and said "to give it time, and if I didn't feel I was progressing to come back to him in 6 months and we would speak again". Well last year after the Lodge Master handed me a sheet with a list of lectures to learn I began to understand how Freemasonry improves a man.

That brother never had to answer the question posed to him, as almost immediately after beginning to memorize the Ritual it became very clear how joining Freemasonry does make men better. It is the private journey of a Mason - personal research and study of Masonic rituals and with application of virtues they teach in ones life.

It is while memorizing the Rituals that the true beginning of a deeper knowledge of Freemasonry takes place. Yes there are many brothers one may go to for advice or to spend time in fellowship with, and while that fellowship and the Masonic community is a very important part of Freemasonry, it alone is only the tip of an iceberg when a man is on the personal quest of betterment in his life. As a man commits the time to memorize the work, something begins to happen to the way he thinks. The thought processes undergo a change. When thoughts change, so does behaviour and actions, and from a change in actions, men benefit from a change in their life's results. It is these subtle changes that enrich the man, and as a result every part of his life. All men need to understand that their thoughts are the tools that they use to make decisions that govern their lives. Are they using them as productively as they can? Are their thoughts serving them? Or are they a slave to them? Thoughts are ideas and can be both

good or bad. However if our thoughts are Ideals, positive things will come from them and permit men to make advances in life. It is the lectures, tools and symbolism the Craft teaches that if memorized and embraced, studied and applied in ones life that change their thoughts into ideals to better serve them, thus allowing themselves to better serve God and their fellow creatures.

Every lecture in the Ritual book contains important life lessons, You can listen to them all you like, yet until you fully understand them, something you can only accomplish by memorizing them, they really can't do a tremendous amount for you. Once however a man has mastered the Rituals, the teaching they contain seems to filter through every facet of his life. Not enough time in your day? The 24 inch gauge will help to plan your hours to be more fruitful. Something been keeping you down? Pick up the chisel and gavel, persistently chip away at it and soon it is a small manageable issue. Not happy with your life's results? Run the working tools of the Second or Third Degree by your thoughts and intentions. The speed you will see change in the way you think and more importantly your actions and results will surprise you. Do you feel something lacking in your life? Recall to your mind the three great pillars from the tracing board lecture of the first degree, Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty and you will begin to see goodness and love abounding in people, places, and things you'd never dreamed you would find them. One of the charges in the first degree directs us to study and meditate on the Volume of Sacred Law which the lessons of Masonry are based. Doing so will also further refine a man and draw him closer to, and into a deeper relationship with the Almighty.

Brethren our ritual contains too many life lessons to cover them all here today, the Tracing Board lectures, the Charges and Working Tools all contain far too many important things to cover in one brief lecture. We likely all joined this wonderful fraternity to improve ourselves, can it happen if we sit here in Lodge and do not work at learning the rituals and studying their deeper meanings? Maybe it can, maybe it cannot. Will a man improve if he learns and embraces the lessons taught in the Crafts work? Most assuredly, it is only by having an intimate knowledge of our Craft and its Rituals that men will find personal growth and improvement.

I have heard an older wiser brother say many times, "that a man will only take from Freemasonry what he puts into it". Truer words I have not heard. If we commit to learn the work, it will apply itself in our lives and change the way we think. If we embrace the teachings in the Craft, it necessarily follows that personal growth and enrichment in every aspect of ones life will take place. How much we choose to allow change in our lives is up to us.

Bro J Sinclair
Beacon Lodge 190 GRA
AASR Central Alberta Valley

Only **great minds** can read this

This is weird, but interesting!

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A young Mason was in his front yard mowing grass when his neighbour, an elderly Past Master, came out of the house and went straight to the mailbox. He opened it then slammed it shut and stormed back in the house. A little later he came out of his house again went to the mail box and again, opened it, slammed it shut again. Angrily, back into the house he went. As the young Mason was getting ready to edge the lawn, here he came out again, marched to the mail box, opened it and then slammed it closed harder than ever. Puzzled by his actions the young Mason asked,

'Is something wrong?'

To which he replied, 'There certainly is!' (Are you ready? This is a beauty..) My stupid computer keeps saying, 'YOU'VE GOT MAIL!'

Editor's Comment: The following paper was presented by Bro. Don Anderson from Apollo Lodge #27 on their Lodge visit to Mountain View Lodge # 16 in Olds Alberta, on February 4th , 2008, as part of the Central District Education Challenge. Check out the DDGM web page for information on future Challenge dates. The next one is March 20th when Eureka #10 visits Innisfail #8.

www.mastermason.com/Beacon190/ddgm.htm

The 47th Problem of Euclid as it Relates to Masonry.

There are so many symbols, words and phrases in Freemasonry used both as part of the rituals as well as part of the vocabulary, that studying and trying to understand the “meanings” of the symbols, words and phrases can be both a frustrating and a worthwhile and a rewarding journey. In Masonic education we often find that the authors refer to the allegory of the symbols and rituals, the idea that the meaning is not explicitly set forth in the story of the symbol or ritual and that the reader or listener will need to participate in an interpretive process with himself and/or others to understand the meaning of the story, symbol or ritual.

One such prominent allegorical symbol and phrase, is the 47th problem of Euclid, which is one of the main symbols introduced in the Third Degree and is reflected in the symbol of the square, one of the 3 great lights in Masonry. Yet, there is doesn't seem to be, at least in my limited experience, a deeper explanation of the importance of the 47th problem of Euclid, hence my desire to delve into the symbolism that we about in the Master Mason degree.

We learn from the Master Mason degree lecture that:

“ 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." This celebrated design, the most important element in mathematics, should inspire us to be lovers of the Arts and Sciences.”

In asking what it was that caused him such joy we need to understand that Euclid, a Greek mathematician who lived in the time between 325-265 B. C, wrote a set of thirteen books, which were called “Elements”. These

books brought together many of the Theorems of the Sciences, proving some and certainly putting them in a collected form that has stood the test of time for over 2000 years. Each book contained many geometric propositions and explanations, and in total Euclid published 465 problems. The 47th problem, which is also known as “The Pythagorean Theorem”, was set out in Book 1. Why is it called by both these names? Although Euclid published the proposition, it was Pythagoras, who lived 580 – 572 B.C. who is credited with discovering it.

Actually, it was not Pythagoras who directly discovered the rule, as the Egyptians used the same principle for a very long time before Pythagoras, whereby they re-measured their fields after the annual flooding of the Nile washed out their boundary markers. Hence, Pythagoras is probably here referred to as being the one who proved that the process works.

What does the 47th problem of Euclid say?

The proposition states that: “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.”

Or the words of your high school math teacher - $A^2 + B^2 = C^2$.

For an Operative Mason the importance of the proposition seems fairly obvious and is especially important in architecture. Builders have since ancient times used the theorem in constructing buildings by a process known as “squaring a room.” As the theorem states that 3 squared + 4 squared = 5 squared, a builder starts by marking a spot and drawing a line, say line A. This line is given the value of 3. The builder then marks another point, say point B and draws a line from it at a right angle to line A, and it is given the value of 4. The distance between line A and B is then measured, and if the distance between A and B is 5, then the room is squared. By inverting the process, a “squared” (or rectangle) room can be obtained.

Engineers who tunnel from both sides through a mountain use the 47th problem to get the two shafts to meet in the center. The surveyor who wants to know how high a mountain may be ascertains the answer through the 47th problem. The astronomer who calculates the distance of the sun, the moon, the planets, and who fixes "the duration of times and seasons, years, and cycles," depends upon the 47th problem for his results. The

navigator traveling the trackless seas uses the 47th problem in determining his latitude, his longitude, and his true time. Eclipses are predicted, tides are specified as to height and time of occurrence, land is surveyed, roads run, shafts dug, bridges built, with the 47th problem to show the way.

And thus the allegory is achieved. The question then becomes how does this relate to our Speculative Masonic teachings and the answer can only come through discussions and sharing of thoughts, hopefully these thoughts will lead to some discussions.

The 47th problem of Euclid is often mentioned in Masonic publications. In Anderson's "Constitutions" published in 1723, it mentions that "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...". Being mentioned in one of the first "official" speculative Masonic publications clearly indicates that the 47th problem of Euclid must be important. This importance is reinforced since it is also mentioned in the Third Degree lecture, as noted previously.

For the speculative mason the relationship is obviously less clear. In some lodges, using this principle, a candidate symbolically "squares the Lodge" by being escorted around the Lodge three times during the Entered Apprentice ritual, four times for a Fellowcraft ritual, and five times for a Master Mason ritual, which completes his journey or proves him to be a Master Mason.

The "Square" is introduced to the Entered Apprentice as one of the three Great Lights of Freemasonry, to the Fellowcraftsman as one of the working tools of his Degree. It is also one of the Jewels of the Lodge, and the special Jewel of the Master of the Lodge. It is probably the most important tool of a Mason, whether an Operative or a Speculative one, for it connects and more or less includes the Level and the Plumb Rule, and it is the only tool by which the rough Ashlar can be prepared and the finished Ashlar tested; and unless the Ashlars are perfect the building cannot be built after any wise plan, or with strength, or with beauty. Therefore it is of the utmost importance that an implement on which so much depends shall be itself perfectly correct.

The craftsman employs the square to form the rude mass; the Master to prove the work; but whose duty is it to see that this most important tool is itself correct? The most suitable person would seem to be the Past Master, he, having passed through the stages of using it and testing with it, would be most impressed with the necessity of its being correct. By what mode can he ensure the correctness of the Square? How can he ensure that the angle between the two limbs of the Square shall be truly a right or square angle?

It is this last consideration especially, which ties the 47th Problem of Euclid to Masonry and renders it so appropriate an emblem for the Past Master.

Of course the allegory of the Ashlars and the Square are topics for another day but for the purpose of this discussion can we agree that for the Speculative Mason they represent the idea of the imperfection of man and how he strives toward perfection before being judged by the Great Architect of the Universe?

“In Freemasonry the Square is the Symbol of moral perfection: it is the Master’s duty to apply the perfect square of **right** and **truth** to the work of the subordinates; but the far higher and greater responsibility rests on the Past Master of setting out, pointing out, and in himself exemplifying what Right in itself is, and what Truth is.”

True Speculative Masonry teaches a man, by the industrious application of the principles of Eternal Truth and Right to the untaught material of humanity, to shape its thoughts and actions so as to erect from it a spiritual building, on sure foundations, with intelligent purpose, and admirable to contemplate.

The Past Master represents one who has erected such a building; but his having done so places him under the responsibility of ensuring that those who are working for the same end shall not fail. By precept and example, principles which have been put to the test and found to be those of absolute truth and correctness he becomes the Square that is used as a measure for those that follow.

In the Craft Lodge, it is considered a great honor to be elected and serve

as the Master of a Lodge. It shows that the individual has attained maturity, leadership, charisma, and motivation, but above all, knowledge to be able to lead others. It is an initiation by itself, as the position brings with it a completely new set of responsibilities that are often not appreciated when accepting the position. The Master looks to the Past Master to be sure that the construction of the Lodge during his tenure continues to be square and true to the Masonic foundations laid down by the Masters before him. Allegorically speaking the Past Master is the proof, the Pythagorean Theorem, of the Masters' building of the Lodge.

Clearly, the 47th problem helps us look at the universe, and all that is in it, through a system that we can understand clearly, for it is measurable. The Master's jewel is the square, the base needed for the 47th problem (in many jurisdictions the square has the dimensions of 3:4 - the Pythagorean dimensions). As the Master serves his position, he becomes more complete, and therefore the 47th problem of Euclid is dedicated on his jewel when he leaves office to become the Past Master.

As the Egyptians used the 47th Problem of Euclid to re-measure their fields after the spring floods so does the Past Master assist in the "re-squaring" of the Lodge after the yearly elections, to assist the newly elected officers as they learn their respective offices and to see that the Lodge continues to flourish in its time of re-growth. In other words he is the one who ensures the correctness of the square, he is the 47th Problem of Euclid.

Presented by ; Bro. Don Anderson
Apollo Lodge #27
Feb. 4th 2008

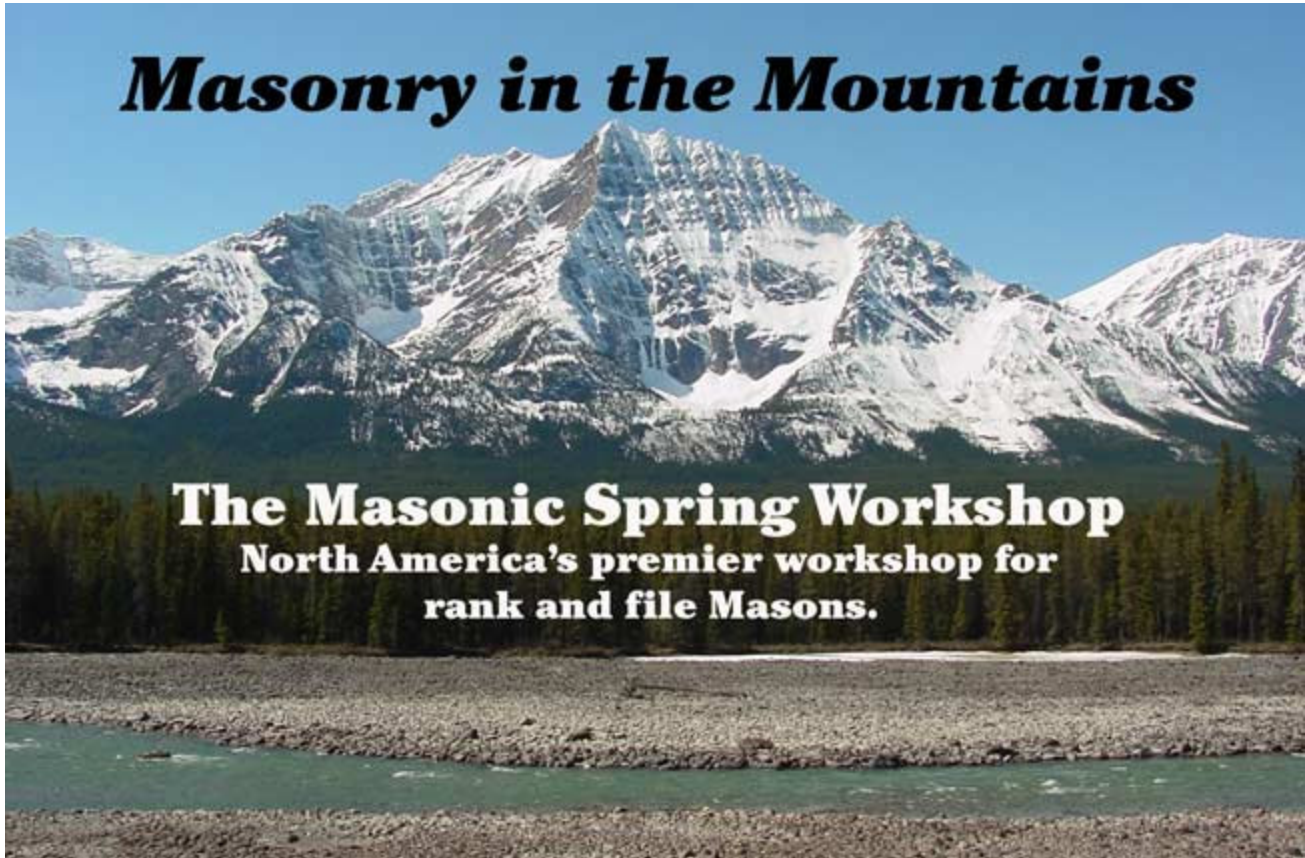
(Adapted from the works of Bro. H. Meij, Master, Harmony Lodge #18, August 2000
www.freemasoninformation.com/esoterica/47thproblemofeuclid.html

and from Bro. Thomas Greene's -

THE 47th PROPOSITION OF THE 1ST BOOK OF EUCLID AS PART OF THE JEWEL OF A PAST MASTER. - <http://freemasonry.bcy.ca/aqc/1901/euclid.html>)



Masonry in the Mountains



The Masonic Spring Workshop
North America's premier workshop for
rank and file Masons.



Theme

Freemasonry: What Do We Have To Offer

Delta Lodge at Kananaskis - April 11-13 2008

Keynote Speaker: Christopher L Hodapp

Author of

- Freemasons For Dummies
- Solomon's Builders: Freemasons, Founding Fathers and the secrets of Washington, DC

Co-author with Alice Von Kannon;

- The Templar Code For Dummies

Coming March 17th also co-authored with Alice Kannon

- Conspiracy Theories & secret Societies For Dummies

Editor and Co-author with Knights OF The North:

- Laudable Pursuit: A 21st Century Response To Dwight Smith

(Can be read via link on MSW web page)



To Register go to Masonic Spring Workshop Home Page at:

<http://www.masonicspringworkshop.ab.ca/>



Kenilworth Lodge #29 A.F & A.M.
Centennial Celebrations

Saturday May 3rd 2008

Re-Consecration of the lodge will be at Freemason Hall, 4811 52 Street, Red Deer, Alberta commencing at 2.30 pm. All Masons are cordially invited to attend.

The centennial Dinner will be at the Black Knight Inn, Gaetz Avenue, Red Deer, Alberta. All Masons and non Masons and their ladies are cordially invited to join us in celebrating this auspicious event. Social hour from 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm., a table service dinner to commence at 6.30 pm. Keynote address by Mr Michael Dawe. Entertainment will be supplied by the pipes and drums of the Red Deer College and Jim Dandy Comedy Productions.

Tickets for the event are available from Bill Douglas, 43, Opal Avenue, Red Deer, Alberta, T4P 1S9 Telephone 403 343 6068, cell 318 8047 e-mail - alazar2@telus.net and Douglas Tubb, 93, Nash Street, Red Deer, Alberta, T4P 1P1 telephone 403 342 5351 e-mail - dwtubb@telus.net, at a cost of \$40.00 (forty dollars) per person. A cheque to the correct amount must accompany the order for tickets. As the meals will be ordered according to the number of tickets sold, only ticket holders will be admitted to the dining room, therefore paying at the door cannot be permitted. There will be a block of rooms reserved at the Black Knight Inn at a cost of \$120.00 per night for a double room. Attendees who intend to stay over night are strongly advised to book their rooms early.

Should you require further information, please call or e - mail any of the two brethren named above. We look forward to welcoming you and your ladies at our centennial celebrations.

Yours Fraternaly

W.B. Bill Douglas
Worshipful Master



Apollo Lodge #27

1908 - 2008

May 31, 2008

Rededication Ceremony - 2:00 p.m.

Deputy Grand Master/Grand Master Elect – R. W. Bro. John Hart will be doing the Ceremony of Rededication accompanied by Grand Lodge Representatives including DDGM R. W. Bro. John Alexander.

Ladies Program - 2:00 p.m.

Your events will include an introduction to Spring Fashions, local artists, and a Spring Tea

(Please meet at Stettler Community Center)

(The Community Hall has a dressing room for the use of the ladies prior to the banquet)



Cocktails - 5:00 p.m.

Banquet - 6:00 p.m.

Tickets \$40.00 per person

Tickets available from Apollo Lodge Members or by contacting the Secretary of Apollo Lodge #27 – W. Bro. Andy Jones - ajones@telusplanet.net (403-742-2201) or W. Bro. Hal Neis (403-788-2126)

Please plan on joining the members of Apollo Lodge #27 as they celebrate this very special occasion.

Upcoming District Events



Red Deer #12 to host Saturday Coffee Drop-in

March 15th, & 29th, April 4th & 28th - 9 am to 11 am

Freemason Hall, 4811 - 52 Street, Red Deer

- *an informal opportunity for fellowship and solve the world's problems*
- *Friends and members of Concordant Bodies welcome*

Cost - Free

Scheduled to be a bi-weekly event - Confirm dates via contacts
Jeb Carroll (Sec) Mitch Thompson (WM) 403-357-8915



Kitchener 95 Rimbey Ladies Night

April 26th - Rimbey Drop-in Centre

Refreshments 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Dinner 6:30 PM - Dance 9:00 PM

Usual speeches in between

Tickets \$25 per person

Visit Kitchener #95 on the web:

www.mastermason.com/Kitchener95/



Kenilworth #29

100th Anniversary Celebration

May 3, 2008

For details and tickets see
letter of invitation on page 17



Apollo #13

100th Anniversary Celebration

May 31, 2008

For details and tickets see
letter of invitation on page 18



Central District Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday June 21st - Rimbey Golf Course

Tee Time 10:00 AM

\$55.00 per player, which includes; 18 holes of golf, cart & lunch

Format will be best ball - Registration deadline June 17th

Note: there are only 12 carts available—so register early

Registration at: Rimbey Golf Course 403-843-2724

Or

Bro. Allan Tarleton 403-843-4515 email artaton@telus.net



Apollo #27 Coffee Club

1st 2nd & 3rd Saturdays in March - 10 am to 12 noon

Masonic Hall, 5001—52nd Street, Stettler, Alberta

Why not drop in for a coffee and some friendly conversation

All are Welcome

Visit Apollo #27 on the web:

www.mastermason.com/apollolodge27/

Editor's Comments:

- This newsletter is not an official Masonic publication and does not express the policies or opinions of any specific Masonic Lodge, District or Grand Lodge.

So go ahead and enjoy it as my gift to you. If you have any ideas or suggestions to improve it let me know - I will always listen, I may not do anything about it, but I will listen. I would love to publish some of the stories from around the District or even Alberta. Stories about individuals, Lodge happenings or histories of Lodges.

This newsletter will not be published in paper format, but feel free to print it out and pass on to a brother.

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**A Beacon never goes anywhere
It's just helps points the way**

Are you your brother's keeper? Several Masons in the District do not have access to computers &/or the Internet. If you know of such a Bro. And you think this newsletter is worth while, why not print off a copy to pass on. Another idea—if you would like a copy, but do not have a computer, ask your son or grandson to print it for you—he may get an idea of what it is you do at that secret Lodge!

District Lodge Meetings

March 2008

1st Monday - March 3rd	Mountain View #16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 pm Happy Hour • 6:30 pm Dinner • 8 pm Lodge Tyles 	Stated Meeting:
1st Tuesday - March 4th	Kenilworth 29, Red Deer	Regular Meeting:
1st Wednesday - March 5th	Britannia 18, Ponoka	Stated Meeting: District Challenge Presentation by Kenilworth #29 “The Working Tools of an Operative Mason”
2nd Tuesday - March 11th	Red Deer #12, Red Deer	Stated Meeting:
2nd Tuesday - March 11th	Kitchener #95, Rimbey	Stated Meeting:
2nd Thursday - March 13th	Lochearn #151, Rocky Mountain House	Stated Meeting:
3rd Thursday - March 20th	Innisfail #8	Stated Meeting: District Challenge Presentation
3rd Thursday - March 20th	Apollo #27	Stated Meeting:
4th Monday - March 24th	Beacon #190, Red Deer	Regular Meeting:
4th Tuesday - March 25th	Eureka #10, Lacombe	Stated Meeting: District Challenge Presentation by Innisfail #8

April 2008

1st Monday - April 7th	Mountain View #16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 pm Dinner • 8 pm Lodge 	Stated Meeting:
1st Tuesday - April 1st	Kenilworth 29, Red Deer	Regular Meeting:
1st Wednesday - April 2nd	Britannia 18, Ponoka	Stated Meeting:- Step-up Night
2nd Tuesday - April 8th	Red Deer #12, Red Deer	Stated Meeting: District Challenge Beacon #190
2nd Tuesday - April 8th	Kitchener #95, Rimbey	Stated Meeting: District Challenge Presentation by Beacon #190
2nd Thursday - April 10th	Lochearn #151, Rocky Mountain House	Stated Meeting: District Challenge Presentation by Kitchener #95
3rd Thursday - April 17th	Innisfail #8	Stated Meeting:
April 11th - 13th	Masonry In The Mountains	Masonic Spring Workshop www.masonicspringworkshop.ab.ca/
3rd Thursday - April 17th	Apollo #27	Stated Meeting:
4th Monday - April 28th	Beacon #190, Red Deer	Regular Meeting: 3rd Degree
4th Tuesday - April 29th	Eureka #10, Lacombe	Stated Meeting:



District Lodge Meetings

May 2008

1st Monday - May 5th	Mountain View #16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 pm Happy Hour • 6:30 pm Dinner • 8 pm Lodge Tyles 	Stated Meeting:
1st Tuesday - May 6th	Kenilworth 29, Red Deer	Regular Meeting: District Challenge Presentation by Lochearn #151
1st Wednesday - May 7th	Britannia 18, Ponoka	Stated Meeting:
2nd Tuesday - May 13th	Red Deer #12, Red Deer	Stated Meeting: Past Master's Night
2nd Tuesday - May 13th	Kitchener #95, Rimbey	Stated Meeting:
2nd Thursday - May 8th	Lochearn #151, Rocky Mountain House	Stated Meeting:
3rd Thursday - May 15th	Innisfail #8	Stated Meeting:
3rd Thursday - May 15th	Apollo #27	Stated Meeting:
4th Monday - May 26th	Beacon #190, Red Deer	Regular Meeting: District Challenge Presentation by Red Deer #12 "The Gordon Towers Project"
4th Tuesday - May 27th	Eureka #10, Lacombe	Stated Meeting:

June 2008

1st Monday - June 2nd	Mountain View #16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 pm Dinner • 8 pm Lodge 	Stated Meeting:
1st Tuesday - June 3rd	Kenilworth 29, Red Deer	Regular Meeting:
1st Wednesday - June 4th	Britannia 18, Ponoka	Stated Meeting: Installation Night "Contributing One's Stone"
2nd Tuesday - June 10th	Red Deer #12, Red Deer	Stated Meeting:
2nd Tuesday - June 10th	Kitchener #95, Rimbey	Stated Meeting:
2nd Thursday - June 12th	Lochearn #151, Rocky Mountain House	Stated Meeting:
3rd Thursday - June 19th	Innisfail #8	Stated Meeting:
3rd Thursday - June 19th	Apollo #27	Stated Meeting:
4th Monday - June 23rd	Beacon #190, Red Deer	Regular Meeting: Installation Of Officers
4th Tuesday - June 24th	Eureka #10, Lacombe	Stated Meeting:

