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Canon of Samos

Flourished Alexandria, (Egypt), 3rd century BCE

Conon was an Alexandrian court astronomer and also a friend of Archimedes. He collected eclipse records and studied conic sections. Conon added one of the few new northern constellations since Eudoxus (Coma Berenices). The tale of how this supposedly happened is well told by David Levy et al. A crater on the Moon is named Conon.

Selected Reference

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