

# MASONIC CALENDARS

**A Masonic calendar is based upon the date of an event or a beginning.**

# Craft Masons and different appendant bodies

- ▣ within Freemasonry utilize different Masonic calendars to celebrate a historical inception date such as the creation of the world or an historical event specific to that Masonic order or body.
- ▣ These dates are used upon official Freemasonry documents.

# Some Calendar notes:

- ▣ C.E. means Common Era, (Christians call it the Christian Era)
- ▣ B.C.E. or B.C. means Before Common Era or before the Christian era.
- ▣ In Latin, Anno means “In the Year of.”
- ▣ The English word, annual, is derived from the Latin word, anno.

# Numbers used in determining Masonic Dates by Masonic organizations for the year 2022 A.D.

Ancient Craft Masons	Scottish Rite Masons	Royal and Select Masters	Royal Arch Masons	Knights Templar	Present Day
B.C.E 4000	B.C.E 3760	B.C.E. 1000	B.C.E. 530	C.E. 1118	C.E. 2022
A.:L.: 6022	A.:M.: 5782	A.:Dep.: 3022	A.:I.: 2552	A.:O.: 904	A.D. 2022

# Ancient Craft Masons:

- ▣ Anno Lucis - (A.L. or A.:L.:) In The Year of Light
- ▣ Historical Significance: The Year of Light signifies the date of the creation of the world (approximately 4000 years before the Common Era), as we read in the third verse from the Book of Genesis in the King James version of the Bible as well as in the Torah.
- ▣ Math: Anno Lucis is found by adding 4000 years (from the creation of the world to the present date) (4000 B.C.E. + 2022 C.E. = 6022 A.:L.: (Anno Lucis))

# Scottish Rite Masons:

- ▣ Anno Mundi - (A.M. or A.:M.:) In The Year of the World
- ▣ Historical Significance: Anno Mundi also begins with the date of the creation of the world, but is based upon the older, Hebraic (Hebrew) calendar, which begins the civil year in September rather than the Gregorian calendar in use by us, today which begins the new year in January.
- ▣ Math: Anno Mundi is found by adding 3760 years to the current year. (3760 B.C.E. + 2022 C.E.) After September of the current year, add 1 year more. (current, 5782)

# Royal and Select Masters:

- ▣ Anno Depositionis (A.:Dep.:) Anno Depositionis is Latin for In the Year of the Deposit.
- ▣ Historical Significance: Anno Depositionis dates from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed in 1000 B.C.E.
- ▣ Math: Anno Depositionis is found by adding 1000 to the current year; thus, the current year , 2022 C.E. + 1000 B.C.E. = 3022 A.:Dep.:

# Royal Arch Masons:

- ▣ Anno Inventionis (A.I. or A.:I.:) Anno Inventionis is Latin for In The Year of the Discovery.
- ▣ Historical Significance: King Solomon built the first temple. Zerubbabel built or caused to be built, the Second Temple. The Masonic calendar used by Royal Arch Masons dates from the year of the second temple having been caused to be built by Zerubbabel in 530 B.C.E.
- ▣ Math: Anno Inventionis is found by adding 530 years to the current date, thus 2022 C.E. + 530 B.C.E. = 2552 A.:I.:

# Knights Templar:

- ▣ **Anno Ordinis:** In The Year of The Order (A.O. or A.:O.:)
- ▣ **Historical Significance:** In the year, 1118 C.E. (Common Era), 9 French knights, followers of King Baldwin, the King of Jerusalem, and at his behest and in his presence, took vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.
- ▣ **Math:** Anno Ordinis is found by subtracting 1118 from the current date, thus the year, 2022 minus 1118 = 904 A.:O.: