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Junior Deacon	Mike Brashear
Senior Steward	Cody Brown
Junior Steward	Bobby Alred
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The Masonic Calendar

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 an 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 Freemason documents.

The historical dates are symbolic of new beginnings, and should not be misconstrued as Freemasons believing that there was a Masonic lodge in the Garden of Eden.

Symbolically, they connect the creation of physical light in the universe with the birth of Masonic spiritual and intellectual light in the candidate. The only idea intended to be conveyed is that the principles of Freemasonry are as old as the existence of the world.

It is the spirit of the institution of Freemasonry which brings a candidate from intellectual darkness to intellectual light.

Each of the "Mason" calendars, below, begin with the word, Anno. In the Latin language, Anno means In the Year of. The English word, annual, is derived from the Latin word, anno.

C.E. means Common Era, (Christians sometimes call it the Christian Era)
B.C.E. or B.C. means Before Common Era

Ancient Craft Masons:

Anno Lucis - (A.L. or A.:L.:) In The Year of Light

Anno Lucis is Latin for 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.

1:1 - In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth.

1:2 - And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

1:3 - And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

1:4 - And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

Ancient Craft Freemasons in the York and French Rites, residing in Scotland, England, Ireland, France, Germany, and in America, use the words, Anno Lucis.

Math: Anno Lucis is found by adding 4000 years (from the creation of the world to the present date) (4000 B.C.E. + 2010 C.E. = 6010 A.L. (Anno Lucis)

Relevance: The Ancient Craft Masonic calendar celebrates the creation of the world, approximately 4000 years before the Common Era, or 6010 years ago. The word, "approximately" must be used, here, because, historically, there were many different calendars in use over the last 6000+ years.

Scottish Rite:

Anno Mundi - (A.M. or A.:M.:) In The Year of the World

Anno Mundi is Latin for 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.

The Hebrew calendar has several differences from the Gregorian calendar, one of which is that some months in the Hebrew calendar have 29 days and some have 30 days. (See Anno Hebraico, below.)

Math: Anno Mundi is found by adding 3760 years to the current year. (3760 B.C.E. + 2010 C.E.) After September of the current year, add 1 year more.

Therefore, if the current date is July, 2010, add 3760 years = 5770 A.M.

If the current date is October, 2010, add 3761 = 5771 A.M. (Anno Mundi)

Anno Hebraico: In the Hebrew Year

Anno Hebraico is Latin for In the Hebrew Year. It is sometimes abbreviated as A.H or A.:H.:

Historical Significance: Tishri; Tisri - tish'-re, tiz'-re: Tisri, or Tishri, is the 7th month of the Jewish ecclesiastical, and the first month of the Hebrew/Jewish civil year. (September-October). Tisri begins with the new moon in September. Tisri, or Tishri is called Ethanin in 1 Kings 8:2.

York Rite - Knights Templar Chivalric

Anno Ordinis: In The Year of The Order (A.O. or A.:O.:)
(1118 C.E.)

Anno Ordinis is Latin for In The Year of the Order.

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. With great humility, they assumed the title of the Poor Fellow Soldiers of Christ. The job of this brotherhood-in-arms was to protect the pious pilgrims in their passage to the holy city of Jerusalem.

King Baldwin assigned them residence in a part of his palace which stood near the former site of the Temple of Solomon. The Abbot and Canons of the Temple gave them a street between the palace and the Temple in which to store their arms and magazines. Thus, they derived the name of Templars.

Math: Anno Ordinis is found by subtracting 1118 from the current date, thus the year, 2010 minus 1118 = 892 A.O. (Anno Ordinis)

Relevance: The date 892 A.O. celebrates the operative and speculative existence of the Knights Templar from its origin in the year, 1118 C.E. over the last 892 years.

Royal Arch Masons: In The Year of the Discovery

Anno Inventionis (A.I. or A.:I:.) (530 B.C.E.)

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.

Little is known or written about Zerubbabel except that he was a famous man and that at all events, Zerubbabel was governor of Judah in the second year of Darius Hystaspis' reign in 520 B.C.E..

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 2010 C.E. + 530 B.C.E. = 2540 A.I. (Anno Inventionis)

Relevance: The date 2540 A.I. celebrates the building of the Second Temple, 2540 years ago, believed to be on or very near the site of Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem.

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From the West

As we begin our new year, I would like to thank each of you for trusting me with the duty as Senior Warden. As I assume the duties of the office, it reminds me that we should all read the duties of the lodge officers as printed in the officer installation section of the Tennessee Craftsman. Start by reading the duties of the Master and see how much we should each adhere to those duties. I also encourage you to read the Tennessee Masonic Code from time to time. It, along with our bylaws, outlines what we as Masons believe and practice.

I look forward to the coming year. It is an opportunity for each of us to participate in the working of the lodge. We will continue to have ritual practice on Tuesday evenings, and I encourage you to come and be a part of that. We will not practice on the Tuesday evening following our stated meeting, but every other Tuesday is in the schedule. We practice opening and closing the lodge, conferring degrees, and other rituals we need to be proficient in to keep the lodge moving in the right direction. I am proud of the way our officers have performed their duties in the past. It shows that they have studied and worked, and we need to continue to do the same this year.

There are a few things that I would like to see us do this year. This year marks 50 years in our current building, and we will want to do something to make that special. I want to make sure we have a "Widows Night" sometime early this year to honor and recognize our Masonic Widows. And as many of you know, we had a float in the Christmas Parade this past year, and we have preserved the basic float structure if we want to use it again in 2016.

I encourage each of you to attend lodge as regularly as possible. It is a great time of fellowship with your brothers. I look forward to seeing you at our stated meetings, degrees, and practice sessions as often as you can attend and help. The more the participation, the greater the year can be.

Charley E. Ray, Senior Warden

EVENTS AT UNION LODGE

Several masonic appendent bodies meet at Union Lodge, including:

Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter No. 405. Meets on the third Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Roane County Scottish Rite Club. Meets the second Thursday. Meal at 6 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.

Amaranth, Charity Court No. 17. Meets the third Thursday. Meal at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 pm.

Burlington Forest No. 207, Tall Cedars of North America. Meets the second Saturday of February, April, June, August, and November at Union Lodge No. 38, Kingston, Tennessee.

Widow's Sons. Meets the third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m.

January 19, 2016 - Two Entered Apprentice Degrees. Eat at 6 p.m. Degrees to follow.

Keep up with lodge activity at: www.union38.org or on Facebook.

Stated Meetings are held on the first Monday of every month. Meal at 6 pm. Meeting at 7 pm. We

OTHER NEWS

Please Note: The Cabletow will now be published bi-monthly in Jan-Feb, Mar-Apr, May-June, July-Aug, Sep-Oct, and Nov-Dec., beginning in January 2016 (this issue).

PAST MASTERS OF UNION LODGE NO. 38 F&AM

1821-22 John Brown *	1917 John W. Bowman *	1957 H. K. Deatherage *	1991 David M. Bunch
1823-24 R. Richardson *	1918 John G. Harding *	1958 E. E. Smith *	1992 Hoke S. Culbertson
1825 William G. Dunlap *	1919 A. H. Stegall *	1959 William G. Harvey *	1993 W. Dale Brown
1826-28 R.S. Gilliam *	1921 W. T. Ferguson *	1960 W.E. Pierce *	1994 J. Donald Bowers
1829-37,50-52 Lewis W. Jordon *	1923 O. N. McCallum *	1961 Kenneth E. Deal *	1995-96 Thomas Boduch, PGM
1838-49 Henry L. Welcker *	1924 William R. Ladd *	1962 William Seaver *	1997 Michael R. Mann
1853,55-56,59 Henry Liggett *	1925 William A. Smith *	1963 John A. Davis *	1998 Jerry L. Brackett
1854 Thomas A. Brown *	1926 John L. Fritts *	1965,71 Victor M. Hovis *	1999 John R. Carter
1857-58 Edward A. Yost *	1927,44 Janes C. Fly *	1965 A.T. Wallace *	2000 Eugene J. LaBounty *
1860-65 N. A. Patterson *	1928 Hugh E. Wyatt *	1966 John B. Arp, Jr. PGM *	2001 Ross L. Hickey*
1866-67 James W. McNutt *	1929-30,41,43 Robert S. Ladd *	1967 M.E. Wimberly *	2002 Johnnie C. Trivett
1868-69, 72-73 Evan E. Young *	1931 Martin L. Howard *	1968 Fred H. Rasco, Jr. *	2003,05 Terry W. Jones
1870, 78-79 H. Crumbliss, Jr. *	1932 A. Sl White *	1969 L.C. Hubbard *	2004 Daniel H. Morgan
1871 James Sevier *	1933, 45 Henry Parker *	1970 Ocee C. Cole	2006 Ronald B. Sales
1874-75,77,86 James M. Melton *	1934 Lewis E. Johnson *	1972 Leon A. Mead *	2007 Louis J. Scherf, Sr.
1876 J. M. Denning *	1935 James R. Heifner *	1973 K. C. Patterson *	2008 Eugene W. Livesay
1880-82,83 Evan E. Young *	1936 Thomas W. Pickel *	1974 Alvin Arthur *	2009 Joel M. Crowe
1881,85,87,91-92 H.Crumbliss Jr *	1937 Jessie R. Johnson *	1975 Fred J. Barger *	2010 Fritz Stevens
1884 W. L. Welcker *	1938 John R. Evans *	1976 C.G. Ruffner *	2011 John M. Parkinson
1888 W. C. Shelly *	1939 Clair W. Liggett *	1977 G.R. Jackson *	2012 Christopher Harris
1889 G. W. Henderson *	1940 Paul C. Henry *	1978 Roger L. Guinn *	2013 James Tucker
1890 R. W. Gambill *	1942 John G. Roberts *	1979 Robert L. Sneed *	2014 Louis J. Devillon
1893-95 J. C. DeArmond *	1946 S. L. Bowman *	1980 Charles L. Smiddy *	2015 Eric Windhausen
1896-97 J. Frank Corman *	1947 Thedor E. Howard *	1981 E.I. "Bill" Leach *	
1898-99 J. B. Goodwin *	1948 H. D. Wattenbarger *	1982 Eddie Parish	
1900-1,3,7 J. G. Crumbliss *	1949 Samuel S. Henley *	1983 E.T. Strunk *	
1902 Geroge L. Burk *	1950 Robt. H. Crowder *	1984 Alvin Pierce	*At Rest
1906 James C. Pope *	1951 Earl L. Loop *	1985 Howard M. Trapp *	
1908-9 W. M. Gambil *	1952 A. G. Spurgeon *	1986 C. C. McPheeters *	
1912 Edward A. Wyatt *	1953 Mack H. Smith *	1987 Russell O. Thornton *	
1913 Jehu C. Pope *	1954 Walton T. Hall *	1988 L. Dow Odum *	
1914 Dr. John Roberts *	1955 William B. Logan *	1989 Marion E. Zeigler	
1915-16,20,22 John S. Parker *	1956 Avery L. Bright *	1990 Evertt Massengill	