

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONRY

Commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it **ANNO LUCIS (A.L.)**, "In The Year of Light." Add 4,000 years to the common era. Thus 2002 plus 4,000 would be 6002 A.L.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

Date from the year the construction of the Second Temple was commenced by Zerubbable, **ANNO INVENTIONIS (A.I.)**, "In the Year of the Discovery." Add 530 years to the common era. Thus 2002 plus 530 would be 2532 A.I.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

Date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed. **ANNO DEPOSITIONIS (A.Dep.)**, "In the Year of the Deposit." Add 1,000 years to the common era. Thus 2002 plus 1,000 would be 3002 A. Dep.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

Date from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchisdek, **ANNO BENEFACIO (A.B.)**, "In the year of the Blessing." Add 1,913 years to the common era. Thus 2002 plus 1,913 would be 3915 A.B.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR

Commence their era with the organization of the Order, **ANNO ORDINIS (A.O.)**, "In the year of the Order." Subtract 1,118 from the common era. Thus 2002 minus 1,118 would be 884 A.O.