



# MASONIC YEARS

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## **ANNO BENEFACIONIS (A. B.)**

In the year of the passing; used in the Order of High Priesthood and representing a chronology dating from the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Meichizedek, thus 1913 BC plus present year.

## **ANNO DEPOSITIONIS (A. DEP.)**

Meaning in the year of the deposit, the date used by Royal and Select Masters and dating from 1000 BC plus the current year.

## **ANNO INVENTIONIS (A. I.)**

Meaning in the year of the discovery, used by the Royal and Select Masters by adding 530 BC plus current year.

## **ANNO LUCIS (A. L.)**

Meaning in the year of light, computed by adding the formerly supposed age of the world 4000 BC plus present year.

## **ANNO MUNDI (A. M.)**

Meaning in the year of the world, used by the Scottish Rite and computed by adding 3760 BC to the present year. This is the same as the Hebrew year, Anno Hebraico.

## **ANNO ORDINIS (A. O.)**

Meaning in the year of the order, used by the Knights Templar, the original medieval order having been founded 1118 AD. Therefore it is the current year minus 1118.