

Masonic Notable Dates

January

- January 4–8, 1808 – Grand Lodge of Ohio was established
- January 9, 1844 – Grand Lodge of Iowa Founded
- January 12th, 1886 – Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 Consecrated in London
- January 13, 1818 – Grand Lodge of Indiana established
- January 14, 1892 – The beginning of the Allied Masonic Degrees in America
- January 17, 1706 – Ben Franklin born. Statesman, Diplomat, Past Grand Master
- January 17, 1865 – Grand Lodge of Nevada was founded in Virginia City, Nevada
- January 17, 1872 – Grand Lodge of Utah was established
- January 23, 1910 – SCIOTS adopted their name (originally Boosters from 1905)
- January 25 1759 – Robert Burns born (d. July 21 1796)
- January 26, 1866 – Grand Lodge of Montana was founded
- January 27, 1756 – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart born (d.5 December 1791)

February

- February 7, 1981 – Grand Lodge of Alaska was established in Anchorage, Alaska
- February 19, 1811 – Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia founded
- February 22, 1732 – George Washington born, first President of the United States
- February 24, 1853 – Grand Lodge of Minnesota founded

March

- March 6, 1775 – Prince Hall, was made a Master Mason in Irish Constitution Military Lodge No. 441
- March 12, 1807 – Albert Gallatin Mackey – d. June 20, 1881 – Masonic Author, notably of the Masonic Dictionary
- March 17, 1856 – Grand Lodge of Kansas established, Wyandotte County, Kansas
- March 18, 1919 – Order of DeMolay founded in Kansas City, Missouri, later to become DeMolay International
- March 25, 1882 – Grand Lodge of Arizona was established in Tucson

Maundy Thursday

A Feast Day that commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles. Maundy Thursday moves between March 19th and April 22nd with the Easter holiday. Celebration is held on the Thursday before Easter.

April

- April 6, 1922 – International Order of the Rainbow for Girls founded in McAlester, Oklahoma
- April 8, 1790 – Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was founded
- April 16, 1838 – Grand Lodge of Texas established in Houston, Texas
- April 17, 1787 – Grand Lodge of Maryland was founded
- April 20, 1884 – Pope Leo XIII published an encyclical, Humanum Genus against Freemasonry based upon the hoax by Leo Taxil
- April 21, 1821 – Grand Lodge of Missouri was founded in Columbia, Missouri

May

- May 6, 1850 – Grand Lodge of California was established in Sacramento, CA
- May 11, 1865 – Grand Lodge of West Virginia was founded
- May 17, 1921 – High Twelve founded, Sioux City, Iowa

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May 20, 1989 – Grand Lodge of Hawaii founded

May 31, 1801 – Ordo ab Chao, Founding of the The Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, USA

June

June 1, 1820 – Grand Lodge of Maine was founded

June 6, 1806 – Grand Lodge of Delaware Established

June 11, 1821 – Grand Lodge of Alabama was established in Cahawba, Alabama

June 13, 1889 – Grand Lodge of North Dakota was established at Mitchell, South Dakota

June 13, 1890 – Grotto, or the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm was founded, Hamilton, New York

June 14, 1873 – Order of the Amaranth organized in New York City, New York

June 20, 1812 – Grand Lodge of Louisiana was established

June 20/21

Saint John the Baptist Day / Summer Solstice

St. John the Baptist Day as a religious holiday is celebrated on June 24

June 22 1867 – Walter Leslie Wilmshurst born (d. July 22 1939)

June 23, 1868 – Grand Lodge of Idaho founded

June 24, 1717

Proto Grand Lodge, Grand Lodge of London and Westminster forms at the Goose and Gridiron alehouse in St. Paul's Churchyard, London, England.

June 27, 1791 – Grand Lodge of Rhode Island founded

June of 1826 – Grand Lodge of Michigan was established (Bessel suggests September 14, 1844)

July

July 3, 1863

The meeting of Armistead and Hancock on the battlefield. Union Captain, and brother, Henry H. Bingham coming to the aid of Confederate Brigadier General, and brother, Lewis Addison Armistead. Said to be “one of the greatest examples of the ideals of Freemasonry in action” leading to the dedication of the Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial statue at the Gettysburg National Cemetery.

July 6, 1830 – Grand Lodge of Florida Founded

July 8, 1789 – Grand Lodge of Connecticut founded.

July 21, 1875 – Grand Lodge of South Dakota was formed

July 24, 1783 – Simón Bolívar (d. December 17, 1830) – Venezuelan military and political leader.

Like Washington and the American founding fathers, Bolívar played a key role in Latin America's successful struggle for independence from the Spanish Empire. Bolivar was initiated in 1803 in the Masonic Lodge Lautaro which operated in Cadiz, Spain and was given the 33rd degree of Inspector General Honorary in April of 1824.

July 27, 1818 – Grand Lodge of Mississippi was founded

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July 30, 1733 – Grand Lodge of Massachusetts founded

August

August 2, 1861 – Grand Lodge of Colorado founded

August 5, 1813 – Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite founded

August 7, 1742 – William Preston born – d. April 1, 1818. Author of the revised Masonic Ritual

August 7, 1877 – Grand Lodge of New Mexico was founded

September

September 11, 1826 – the beginning of the Morgan Affair and the rise of the Anti Masonic Party – William Morgan arrested (and then abducted on September 12, 1826) in Canandaigua (city), New York

September 15, 1851 – Grand Lodge of Oregon was established (Bessel lists August 16)

September 21, 1880 – Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis consecrated

September 23, 1857 – Grand lodge of Nebraska was founded.

September 26, 1872 – founding of the Ancient Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

September 26, 1786 – Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was established in Philadelphia, PA.

Feast of Tishri

15th day of the 7th month – though the date moves with the Jewish Calendar (7th Month of the Jewish calendar somewhere between September and October).

The origin of the Feast of Tishri is described in the book of Leviticus where it is said that the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying that on the fifteenth day of the month of Tishri of the Hebrew civil calendar, “ye shall have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the Lord.” The Feast of Tishri is the Hebrew equivalent of Thanksgiving or Harvest festival.

The origins and significance of the Feast of Tishri make it the most Scottish Rite of festivals. No other occasion epitomizes the character and purpose of the Feast of Tishri more wholly than the dedication of King Solomon’s Temple. The rich legend of the Temple's dedication, celebrated during the Feast of Tishri, is an essential part of the Fourteenth Degree.

By observing the Feast of Tishri, Scottish Rite Masons share the fraternal spirit and reaffirm our dedication to human concord and the brotherhood of all men. As Brothers, we resolve to build, as King Solomon did, peace for all mankind.

October

October 5, 1874 – Grand Lodge of Oklahoma was established

October 13, 1778 – Grand Lodge of Virginia was founded

October 15, 1794 – Grand Lodge of Vermont was established

October 16, 1800 – Grand Lodge of Kentucky established (founded 1788)

October 18, 1911 – Corner Stone laid in the Construction of the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction house of the Temple in Washington

October 20, 1920 – The Order of Job’s Daughters, founded in Omaha, Nebraska

October 23, 1894 – White Shrine of Jerusalem was incorporated

October 30, 1771 – Thomas Smith Webb, (d. July 6, 1819) author of Freemason’s Monitor or Illustrations of Masonry, the foundation text of the York Rite American system of Freemasonry and the Founding Father of the York or American Rite

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November

November 6, 1876 – Order of the Eastern Star first General Grand Chapter formed in Indianapolis, Indiana.

November 21, 1838 – Grand Lodge of Arkansas Founded

November 30, 1835 – Samuel Langhorne Clemens, aka Mark Twain, – d. April 21, 1910.
Author, humorist lecturer, and father of American literature.

November 30 – Saint Andrews Day – The Feast of Saint Andrew

December

December 8, 1858 – Grand Lodge of Washington was established.

December 9, 1787 – Grand Lodge of North Carolina was established.

December 11, 1822 – Grand Lodge of Illinois founded.

December 15, 1782 – Grand Lodge of New York was established.

December 15, 1874 – Grand Lodge of Wyoming was formed.

December 16, 1786 – Grand Lodge of Georgia founded.

December 18, 1786 – Grand Lodge of New Jersey

December 18, 1843 – Grand lodge of Wisconsin established.

December 21st/22nd

Saint John the Evangelist Day/Winter Solstice. Saint John the Evangelist Day as a religious holiday is celebrated on December 27.

December 25: Christmas and Freemasonry

December 27, 1813

United Grand Lodge of England established, the proto Grand Lodge, Grand Lodge of London and Westminster forms on June 24, 1717

December 27, 1783 – Grand Lodge of South Carolina was established.

December 27, 1813 – Grand Lodge of Tennessee was formed.

December 29, 1809 – Albert Pike, author of Morals and Dogma born, d. April 2, 1891 (aged 81)

December 31 – New Years Eve-Auld Lang Syne