



The Lebanon Light

Today in Masonic History it is 6018 Anno Lucis (A.L.)!

The year is 6018 Anno Lucis, or Year of Light.

Why does masonry add 4000 years to the current date?



Anno Lucis was adopted by Freemasonry sometime in the 18th century. It was taken from the Anno Mundi or "In the Year of the World," which was first implemented in the 17th century by an Irish Monk.

The idea of Anno Mundi (A.M.) was to begin counting from the date of creation. The date of creation according to the Bible has been often debated. It is believed in the Jewish tradition that the date of creation was October 17th, 3761 B.C. So, in Anno Mundi the current year is added to 3761. This would make the year 5779 A. M.

For Freemasonry the year in Anno Lucis, like Anno Mundi, has a relationship to creation. However, that is where the similarity ends for Anno Mundi and Anno Lucis. Where Anno Mundi is meant to bring an actual date into focus for the creation of existence; for Freemasonry it is meant to represent the symbolic moment that light came into the world. In Freemasonry light is a metaphor for knowledge. It could also be said that it relates to enlightenment. This would make sense since at the time that speculative Masonry was gaining ground in the world, the age of enlightenment had begun. It is from the idea that knowledge is equated to light that most likely Freemasonry adopted the idea of Anno Lucis and the moment of creation. This would come from the book of Genesis and the description of the creation of the Universe.

Light is something that is incorruptible, it can be split into its parts, as it can be through a prism. It can even be brought back together through a similar process. When you break it down to its parts, it is still light. Light can be blocked though, can be kept from shining through. It can be filtered, in the end though the original light is still in its incorruptible form.

Knowledge in Freemasonry and in general is the same. It can be broken down into its parts, it can be pulled apart and dissected and put back together; it is still knowledge. Whether we choose to bask in that light or study how it functions, it is still meant to be used for the betterment of all who see it and are touched by it. When it is blocked or filtered, it causes darkness or ignorance to spread and when it reaches those who chose to dwell in that "darkness" or who only see the filtered light it brings hate, injustice and sorrow.

We as Freemasons, have the responsibility to make sure that light, or knowledge shines forth. At times the light comes through the metaphoric prisms and we only see a part of the light. It is up to us as Freemasons to find all the pieces of the light and put it back together for those who have lost the light or can only see that one part of the spectrum that comes through the prism of our own bias.

Wishing all of you a Happy 6018! May this truly be a Year of Light

UPCOMING INSPECTIONS



Blue Lodge

January 18, 2018

Dinner: 6:00

Open: 7:00

Degree: Master Mason

Inspecting Officer: District Deputy Ray Fosnot



Lebanon Council #134 Royal and Select Masters

January 15, 2017

Light Dinner: 6:30

Inspection Open: 7:30

Degree: Select Master

Inspecting Officer: Right Illustrious Michael Smith

He is currently the Grand Captain of the Guard



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Happy New Year Sisters and Brothers!

This is a time when we reflect on 2017 and look forward to a great 2018!

Speaking of new... We welcomed our newest member Joanna MacCutcheon who was initiated during our December 19th stated meeting. I planned to have a short conversation with Joanna to run a feature of her in our New Member Focus. I discovered that "a few minutes" of her time turned out to be an hour and a half! Joanna is a very interesting person and I encourage you to spend a few minutes getting to know her yourself. Learn more about Joanna below in our *New Member Focus*.

At our Harmony Circle meeting on the 12th, Sheila Horner prepared a pasta bar for dinner and husbands were also invited. We enjoyed a fun evening. The food was very good and following our meeting, Sheila provided a fun activity of making ornaments for our Christmas tree. Everyone had a great time letting their creativity flow. Most people made more than one ornament and hung them on the tree at the end of the evening.

We have been invited to a "Winter Wonderland Celebration and Grand Appointment Dinner." This event will replace the visitations by grand officers we have had in the past and will be the only opportunity to show our appreciation to the grand appointments from our district. Those who will be honored are: Sandy McCollum, Grand Representative to Idaho; Ola Mosbacker, Grand Representative to Saskatchewan; Jennifer Maynard, Grand Representative to Tennessee; Adrienne Noggle, District Charities Director; Robyn Redfern, Deputy Grand Matron; and Michelle Howell, Past Grand Matron.

The celebration will take place February 8th at Miami Chapter in Waynesville. Registration will start at 5:30. Presentations and Instructions from the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron will start at 6:30 followed by a "Whodunnit" mystery dinner at 7:00! To attend, email reservations by February 2nd to our own Joyce Horner at jacnjoy@zoomtown.com. The cost is \$15 to be paid at the door.

To all of our Sisters and Brothers, we wish everyone of you and yours a happy New Year from your 2018 chapter officers.





Schedule - Upcoming Dates

Blue Lodge meets on the first Thursday of every month. Dinner starts at 6:30. Meeting starts at 7:30

Upcoming Blue Lodge Meeting - **January 4th**

Next Blue Lodge Meeting - **February 1st**

Eastern Star has Harmony Circle on the second Tuesday of every month. Dinner is at 6. Meeting starts at 7.

Upcoming Harmony Circle Meeting - **January 9th**

Next Harmony Circle Meeting - **February 13th**

Eastern Star has their stated meeting on the third Tuesday of every month. Dinner at 6:30. Meeting at 7:30

Upcoming Eastern Star Meeting – **January 16th**

Next Eastern Star Meeting - **February 20th**

Royal Arch meets on second Monday of every month. Dinner starts at 6:30. Meeting begins at 7:30

Upcoming Chapter Meeting – **January 8th**

Next Chapter Meeting - **February 12th**

Council meeting on the third Monday of every month. Dinner is at 6:30. Meeting starts at 7:30

Upcoming Council Meeting – **January 15th**

Next Council Meeting - **February 19th**

Commandery has their meeting on the fourth Friday of each month. Dinner at 6:30. Meeting begins at 7:30

Upcoming Commandery Meeting – **January 26th**

Next Commandery Meeting - **February 23th**



New Member Focus

Joanna MacCutcheon

The first time you speak with Joanna, you will hear a distinct “Southern accent.” Coming from Mississippi not only explains the accent she brought with her but her Southern charm as well.

She was born a farm girl and studied horticulture and even opened her own greenhouse before moving to Ohio with her now husband, Roy. She has always loved the outdoors. “I love nothing better than being on my hands and knees, digging in the dirt.” In addition to owning her own greenhouse in Mississippi, she was a park ranger for the Corps of Engineers for 10 years. If Joanna looks familiar in the picture with her “Big Sis” Joyce Horner, Joanna was director of The Chamber of Commerce in Lebanon in the early 1990s. More recently, you may see her at the Black Barn; owned and ran by her and Roy. It was at the Black Barn, she met Susan Bauman, our secretary.



Joanna reflected back to when she was growing up. She recalled her grandmother tried to get her to join Rainbow Girls. As a girl with friends and activities, she didn’t feel the need to make room in her busy schedule to join an organization that she wasn’t real familiar with. In addition to her grandmother being active in OES, her grandfather and his brother were masons. Not many others in her family seemed to pursue masonry or the OES.

It was an OES pin that Susan was wearing when Joanna recognized it. “When I asked Susan about the pin, she just beamed,” Joanna said. She continued that it was through Susan she felt a sense of belonging and that Susan was put there for a reason. Joanna believes that reason was so that she could have the opportunity to help the community and to help set an example for others to also help the community.

When asked what about Eastern Star appealed to her, she shared that as the only girl, she grew up without a sister and missed out on having a sisterhood. Coming from a big family in Mississippi, she also misses the opportunity to receive wisdom from the matriarchs of the family. She said she already feels that she belongs.

Since this was the first initiation for the line officers in their current positions, I asked about her thoughts regarding her initiation. “There was a lot of information. I would like to read the stories to learn more. I realize this was the first time and I felt there was a camaraderie between the women that ‘We are in this together and we will get through it.’ I didn’t feel any anger or frustration when it wasn’t perfect.”

Joanna said that the spirituality of the ceremony was very important, but also the ceremony was performed with such love and respect. “I almost teared up when my Bible was handed to me. I know it’s not good to be prideful, but I was very prideful at that moment. I don’t think I usually take a good picture, but when I saw the picture with Joyce and me, I could just see how happy I was right then.”

She and Roy have three boys (two are twins), a granddaughter and a grandson arriving January 2nd!

Joanna shared much more than this with me. When you see Joanna, take a moment and tell her, “Hello.”

Welcome Joanna. We are blessed to have you with us.

Did you know?

Famous Mason Birthdays in January

Tom Mix (January 6, 1880 - October 12, 1940) One-time bartender, cow hand and Texas Ranger, Thomas Edwin Mix was a superb marksman and rider who went on to become arguably the most important cowboy film star in Hollywood's history. Mix's career in movies famous for quick action and dare-devil stunts spanned 26 years from 1909 through 1935. Making 336 feature films, producing 88, writing 71 and directing 117, he made only nine sound feature films and the 15 chapter serial *Miracle Rider* before leaving film to tour with the Tom Mix Circus from 1936 to 1938. Dying in an auto accident in 1940, he remained popular on radio and in comic books for more than a decade after his death.

David Llewelyn Wark Griffith (January 22, 1875 - July 21, 1948) film director, perhaps best remembered for his film, *The Birth of a Nation* (1915). He also directed the films *Abraham Lincoln* (1930), *Orphans of the Storm* (1921), *Way Down East* (1920), *Broken Blossoms* (1919), *Intolerance: Love's Struggle Through the Ages* (1916) and *An Unseen Enemy* (1912).

Ernest Borgnine (January 24, 1917 - July 8, 2012) Born Ernes Efron Borgnino in Hamden, Connecticut, Borgnine's career—with appearances in over one hundred feature films and three television series—began with his acting debut on Broadway playing a male nurse in *Harvey*. His film career took off in 1953 when he was cast in the role of Sgt. "Fatso" Judson in *From Here to Eternity* (1953). Generally cast as a villain, he played against type in 1955 as Marty Piletti, a shy and sensitive butcher, in *Marty* (1955), winning an Academy Award for Best Actor. Between 1962 and 1966 he played Lt. Commander Quinton McHale in the popular TV series *McHale's Navy*. In 1984 he returned to television as Dominic Santini in the action series *Airwolf*, and in 1995 he was cast in the comedy *The Single Guy* (1995) as doorman, Manny Cordoba.

When not acting, he actively supported numerous charities and spoke tirelessly at benefits throughout the country. From 1970, he periodically performed as the "Grand Clown" for The Great Circus Parade in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. An active freemason, Borgnine was also the honorary chairman of a program to support the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center in Richmond and was a Fifty-year Member.

W.C. Fields (January 29, 1880 - December 25, 1946) Vaudevillian, juggler, writer and star of stage, radio, silent film and talkies, William Claude Dukenfield created a lasting American comic persona: a misanthrope on the edge of buffoonery, an egotist blind to his own failings, a charming drunk; and a man who hated children, dogs, and women. Although the impression that this persona was a reflection of his real life was maintained by movie-studio publicity departments and further established by Robert Lewis Taylor's 1949 biography, *W. C. Fields, His Follies and Fortunes*, the publication of Fields' letters, photos, and personal notes in grandson Ronald Fields' book *W.C. Fields By Himself*, has shown a far more caring person.



A rich man is nothing but a poor man with money.

W. C. Fields