

1717 - Premier Grand Lodge of England formed, the first GL in the world on 24 June 1717

1721 - First Book of Constitutions prepared by Dr. Anderson

1725 - Third degree introduced

1725 - Grand Lodge of York formed

1725 - Grand Lodge of Ireland formed, second GL

1730 - First of several exposures on Freemasonry printed in the press

1736 - Grand Lodge of Scotland formed, third GL

1741 - Royal Order of Scotland degree recorded being worked in London

1743 - First reference to a Royal Arch at Youghal in Ireland

1745 - Oldest known Royal Arch Chapter formed at Stirling in Scotland

1751 - Grand Lodge of the Antients formed

1753 - First lodge of Royal Order of Scotland formed in Scotland at Edinburgh

1753 - Oldest known Royal Arch minute recorded at Fredericksburg, VA, USA

1754 - Scottish Rite degree formed at Claremont in France

1758 - Oldest Royal Arch minute in England recorded at Bristol

1760 - Lodges began using names other than that of their meeting place

1761 - Grand Lodge of All England revived at York

1766 - Grand and Royal Arch of Jerusalem formed by the "Moderns"

1767 - Grand Lodge of Royal Order of Scotland formed at Edinburgh

1769 - Oldest known Mark minute recorded at Portsmouth in England

1770 - Oldest known Mark minute in Scotland recorded at Dumfries

1772 - Alleged date of the formation of the Grand Lodge of the Society of Masons of the Diluvian Order, or Royal Ark and Mark Mariners

1773 - "Moderns" Grand Lodge purchase property in Great Queen Street, London

1773 - Order of Jonathan & David & Jesus Christ being worked in the Netherlands

1776 - First Freemasons Hall built in Great Queen Street, London

1779 - Grand Lodge of England South of the River Trent formed

1780 - First known record of Royal Ark Mariner degree at Portsmouth, England.

1782 - First reference to the Rose Croix degree (AAR) in British Isles is found in Ireland

1788 - Royal Cumberland Freemasons' School (later the Royal Masonic Institute for Girls) formed by the "Modems"

1789 - Grand Lodge of England South of the River Trent ceased

1791 - First known record of a Grand Conclave of Knights Templar being held

1792 - Grand Lodge of All England at York ceased

1793 - First known record of the Rose Croix degree in England at Bath

1798 - Institution for Clothing and Educating the Sons of Indigent Freemasons (later the Royal Masonic Institute for Boys) formed by the "Antients"

1799 - First known record of the 'Old Mark' or Red Cross of Babylon degree at Haworth in England

1799 - Act of Parliament passed declaring all Societies to be unlawful that require members to take an oath not required by law. Freemasonry made exempt

1809 - Lodge of Promulgation formed by the "Moderns"

1810 - The "Antients" resolve that a union of the two Grand Lodges would be expedient

1811 - Lodge of Promulgation makes recommendations for combining the ceremonies and ritual of the 2 Grand Lodges (Moderns - PGLE & Antients - AGLE)

1813 - United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) formed on the 27 December 1813.