

Line 1 (Germany)

(May 29, 1992) UGLs Germany start to accept Bulgarians in the craft lodge number 700 (GL AF&AM Germany part of the UGLsG) and later the Bulgarian brothers are to form 3 craft lodges in Bulgaria.

(Jun 24-25, 1994) The GL AF&AM of Germany as part of the UGLs Germany installs 3 craft lodges in Bulgaria with Bulgarian Brethren – 1001, 1002, 1003.

(1996) The GL AF&AM of Germany as part of the UGLs Germany installs 2 more craft lodges in Bulgaria with Bulgarian Brethren – 1012, 1013

(Nov 10, 1996) UNITY – the Bulgarian Freemasons from the 2 lines have a GRAND MEETING and Board of Grand Officers for the formation of the future GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS IN BULGARIA (GL AF&AM in Bulgaria). They elect for GM MW Bro. Ivan Stavrev.

(Apr 26, 1997) – The UGLs of Germany at a meeting in Hamburg takes a decision to install the GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS IN BULGARIA (GL AF&AM in Bulgaria).
(Apr 26, 1997) – The GM of the UGLs of Germany MW Bro. Rainer J. Schicke in written form informs the newly elected GM of the future GL AF&AM of Bulgaria the MW Bro. Ivan Stavrev for the decision of the UGLsG.
(June 23, 1997) – The UGLsG with a memorandum inform all regular freemasonic entities in the world that it is to install a regular and independent Grand Lodge in the state of Bulgaria.
(Aug 23-24, 1997) – The GM of the UGLsG MW Bro. Rainer J. Schicke visits orient Bulgaria in order to oversee the preparations for the installation of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient Free & Accepted Masons i Bulgaria
(Sep 20, 1997) – in its own Freemasonic Hall, the 5 Bulgarian lodges announce their UNITY in a freemasonic union named Grand Lodge of the Ancient Free & Accepted Masons in Bulgaria. First Grand Master is installed the MW Bro. Ivan Stavrev. The ritual is presided by the MW Bro. Rainer J. Schicke – GM of the UGLsG and MW Bro. Klaus Honneffer – GM of The Grand Lodge of the Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Germany. Official delegations are from Germany, Austria, Italy and Greece.

(Beginning of 2000) The Grand Lodge of the Ancient Free & Accepted Masons in Bulgaria adopts a decision to construct the Supreme Council 33 of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Bulgaria.
(Jul 1, 2000) The Supreme Council 33 of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Orient NATO visits Bulgaria and starts to work with Brothers from the GL AF&AM in Bulgaria.
(Nov 21, 2000) The GL AF&AM of Bulgaria has a Grand Meeting (Annual Communication). Due to serious violations of the rules of the procedures the Grand Brotherly Court adopts a decision to have a revote. The 2 nominations are the MW Bro. Ivan Stavrev and the Bro. Borislav Sarandev. At that time 38 craft lodges (by the signature of 38 RW Craft Lodge Masters) codemn the actions of Bro. Sarandev with a notary signed document. The document is due to the reason that Bro. Sarandev states what he is going to do - to split from the GL AF&AM in Bulgaria and solely claims to be GM of a GL that does not exist. However Bro. Sarandev registers a non-profit organization with the same name as the GL AF&AM in Bulgaria with a little change – GL AF&AM of Bulgaria.

(Jan 7, 2001) - Bulgaria's Supreme Council 33^o is re-installed. The ceremony is personally directed by the Deputy Supreme Commander of the Supreme Mother Council of the NATO member States - the Mighty and Honorable: Robert Woodward, 33^o, in the presence of the Personal Representative of the Supreme Mother Council of the World: Bro. S.B. Hall, in the presence of the Most Powerful and Honored Sovereign Supreme Commanders of Turkey and Greece, and representative delegations of the Supreme Council of Russia and Hungary. Ceremonial Master of the Ritual is the Sovereign Supreme Lieutenant-Commander of the SC of Portugal – MP Bro. Mario Gia, 33^o. A formal greeting to the ceremony sends the Most Powerful and Honored Sovereign Supreme Commander of the SC of Germany Br. Hubert Coop, 33^o. The essence of the ceremony is to proclaim, on behalf of the Supreme Council, the 33^o of the South Jurisdiction of the United States - the Supreme Mother Council of the World, the installation of the Supreme Council, 33^o of the AASR in Orient Bulgaria, and the proclamation of its regularity and equality of all Supreme Council in the Masonic world.
(Mar 22, 2001) - The newly elected GM is the MW Bro. Petar Gornovski who is to take office on June 24, 2001. During this period many craft lodges signed brotherly binding and twinning treaties with other craft lodges: c.l. "Svetlina" 002 with c.l. "Pikanze di Ponza Hot" in Orient Rome (Italy); c.l. "Serdika" 004 with c.l. "Lessing zum flammenden Stern" in Orient Munich (Germany); c.l. "Zora" 001 with c.l. "Zur Kette" in Orient Munich (Germany); c.l. "Zarya" 004 with c.l. "A.S. Pushkin" Orient Russia.
(Apr 24, 2001) - In conduct with the freemasonic principals the GL AF&AM in Bulgaria does not communicate with non-masonic entities and does not want to communicate with other GLs on the matter of Borislav Sarandev's actions since they are irregular and are part of profane nonprofit activities.

(Jun 24, 2003) - The GL AF&AM in Bulgaria officially has a new GM in office: the MW Bro. Rumen Ralchev.

(Jun 24, 2005) - The GL AF&AM in Bulgaria officially has a new GM in office: the MW Bro. Nikola Alexandrov.

(Feb, 2007) - The CGMNA Commission on Information for Recognition states "The status of Freemasonry in Bulgaria has not materially changed since the report last year. The United Grand Lodge of Bulgaria offered a plan to "regularize" those members of the Grand Lodge AF&AM in Bulgaria who wished to reunite with the United Grand Lodge of Bulgaria. This offer was rejected. The Grand Lodge AF&AM in Bulgaria subsequently offered a plan to create an umbrella organization called the United Grand Lodges of Bulgaria, which would encompass both Grand Lodges. The United Grand Lodge of Bulgaria refused to consider such a plan, and has stated they do not intend to share the jurisdiction with another Grand Lodge. It does not appear that unification of Freemasonry in Bulgaria will occur in the foreseeable future."
(Sep 20, 2007) - The GL AF&AM in Bulgaria officially puts a postage stamp in circulation to recognize 10 years of the installation of the only regular GL in Bulgaria.

(Jun 27, 2009) - The GL AF&AM in Bulgaria officially has a new GM in office: the MW Bro. Volodya Lozanov.

(Feb, 2010) - The CGMNA Commission on Information for Recognition states "A new Grand Master, Volodya Lozanov, has been elected and installed in the Grand Lodge AF&AM of Bulgaria. On behalf of his Grand Lodge, he is urgently requesting assistance in equitably removing the obstacles for unification of Freemasonry in Bulgaria. The Commission has been advocating action from both Grand Lodges toward their unification for the past five years, but to no avail. Grand Master Lozanov is requesting the appointment of international mediators to facilitate the process. For this to occur, the United Grand Lodge of Bulgaria, now led by Grand Master Grigoriy Vazov must agree to engage in such a process."

(Feb, 2011) - The CGMNA Commission on Information for Recognition states "There continues to be no progress in the unification of Freemasonry in Bulgaria. Since they have previously been determined to meet the standards for recognition, there is no interest on the part of the United Grand Lodge of Bulgaria in entering discussions with the Grand Lodge AF&AM of Bulgaria, either for unification or for establishing a treaty to share the jurisdiction. Both of these Grand Lodges appear to practice regular Masonry, and both were of the same origin until they split in 2001."

(Jun 22, 2013) - The GL AF&AM in Bulgaria officially has a new GM in office: the MW Bro. Valeriy Mitkov.

(Oct, 2014) - Brothers from many craft lodges asked for the resignation of the GM MW Bro. Valeriy Mitkov, due to his profane work and engagements (On Oct 1, 2014, a weapons factory owned by him blew and killed 15 people. It was noted that the safety measures were not met even at a minimal stage).
(Dec 14, 2014) – At a GL GA some craft lodges vote for the unification with UGLB. However this voting procedure by Constitution has to be approved with a 2nd revote at a 2nd GL GA (consecutive). Such is not carried out and thus the motion fails. Some brothers leave the GL and move to other GLs.

(May 30, 2015) - An Extraordinary GA of the GL AF&AM in Bulgaria takes place in Plovdiv after the resignation of the GM MW Bro. Valeriy Mitkov from office and from Freemasonry as a whole on April 20, 2015. Among the decisions is the plan for a formation of a Shared United Bulgarian Orient with a GL union named "Nationally United Grand Lodges of Bulgaria". Newly elected GM is MW Bro. Plamen Mateev.

Line 2 (Yugoslavia)

(Dec 5, 1992) GM of GL Yugoslavia MW Bro. Nenezich solely (without the GLY) forms the GL of Bulgaria (GlofB) with first GM MW Bro. Georgi Krumov. The GLY does not recognize this new entity and later in time expels MW Bro. Nenezich.

(Nov, 1994) First annual communication of the GlofB at the St. Kirik Monastery, Plovdiv. The majority of Brethren do not approve the irregular actions of the MW GM Bro. Georgi Krumov and the fact that MW Bro. Nenezich from the GLY supports the profane actions of MW Bro. Georgi Krumov.

(Mar, 1995) At an Extraordinary annual communication of the GlofB the GM Bro. Georgi Krumov refuses to resign and together with 2 master masons leaves the gathering. The rest of the Grand Lodge members – 36 master masons elect a new Grand Officers board presided by the new GM the MW Bro. Ivan Stavrev. Then in May, 1995 MW Bro. Stavrev has a 2 meetings in Belgrade and Sofia with the current GM of GLY MW Bro. Nenezich. MW Bro. Nenezich still supports the irregular actions of the PGM Bro. Georgi Krumov who continues to pretend to be the GM of GlofB. Having that in mind the GlofB led by the MW Bro. Ivan Stavrev initiates contact relations with the German lodges in Bulgaria – 1001, 1002, 1003.

(1995-1997) The GlofB exists from now on only as a profane organization (basically not a freemasonic entity, but as a non-profit organization with the name duplicating GlofB) and conducts irregular actions as the PGM Bro. Georgi Krumov continues to pretend to be the GM of GlofB and initiates rituals and conducts gatherings of non-masons, but lists them as freemasons.

(1997) The so-called Grand Lodge of Bulgaria (GlofB – profane nonprofit organization) has 2 annual meetings in 1 year with 2 consecutive so-called GMs elected in the following order: Stoyan Raychevski and Yanko Bonev.

(Dec 31, 2000) . Bro. Sarandev refuses to obey the court decision and together with 50 brothers from 600 leave the GL AF&AM in Bulgaria and on December 31, 2000 form a profane nonprofit organization with the same name as the GL AF&AM in Bulgaria with a slight difference: the official GL is GL AF&AM IN Bulgaria and the nonprofit organization is GL AF&AM of Bulgaria. The nonprofit organization named GL AF&AM of Bulgaria is condemned several times as illegitimate and proclaimed INVALID by the UGLs of Germany. The so called GL AF&AM of Bulgaria prohibits high-degree freemasonic entities in it work – something still valid. Reason – UNKNOWN.

(Mar 22, 2001) . Bro. Sarandev with a couple of Master Masons self-proclaims the GL AF&AM IN Bulgaria and self-installs himself as GM of the same – this is no GL since it is only registered as a nonprofit organization and is also unrecognized by nobody. However many information letters were sent to all GLs worldwide claiming that he is the GM of GL AF&AM of Bulgaria, though that is not true and he is only a so called GM of the NPO "GL AF&AM in Bulgaria".

(Summer 2000) The so-called Grand Lodge of Bulgaria (GlofB – profane nonprofit organization) manages to communicate with RW Bro. James Daniel (GS of UGLE) and MW GM Bro. Alfred F. Koska (UGLsG) about the situation in Bulgaria and successfully leads them to believe that GlofB has to receive a recognition from UGLE. The UGLE representative asks the so-called GM of the profane nonprofit organization GlofB to first have a unification of Bulgarian Freemasonry and later to receive a recognition from UGLE.

(Apr 23, 2001) . Bro. Sarandev and Yanko Bonev sign a treaty in order to unite the 2 profane nonprofit organizations in 1 entity. The NPO GlofB seizes to exist since it unites with the NPO GL AF&AM of Bulgaria (due to the reason that the same NPO GL AF&AM of Bulgaria has managed to obtain new copies of the recognitions that the real regular GL AF&AM in Bulgaria has but with the changed names of the GM and GS).

(Mar 10, 2004) – The profane nonprofit organization named GL AF&AM of Bulgaria changes its name and the new name of the profane nonprofit organization is United Grand Lodge of Bulgaria and the 1st so-called GM is again Bro. Borislav Sarandev.

(Nov 23, 2007) – The profane nonprofit organization named United Grand Lodge of Bulgaria has an general assembly and reelects for a 2nd term for the so-called GM position the person Yanko Bonev – when was his first election is not known since the UGLB website does not state that information.

(Nov 27-28, 2008) – The profane nonprofit organization named United Grand Lodge of Bulgaria has an general assembly elect for the so-called GM position the person Grigoriy Vazov.

(May 17, 2010) - Three craft lodges part of the GL AF&AM in Bulgaria fulfill the freemasonic procedure and go by the book (the Constitution) and ask for the restart and re-installment of the Grand Lodge of Bulgaria by the Grand Lodge of France (installed in Bulgaria on June 9, 1917 and seized to exist in 1940 due to the fascist regime). First GM is Bro Savino Batanov – a Bulgarian national who started his freemasonic affiliation in UGLsG. The installation was on 17 October 2010 by the GLF.

(May 13, 2011) – The profane nonprofit organization named United Grand Lodge of Bulgaria has an general assembly elect for the so-called GM position the person Ivan Sariev.

(Mar 09, 2013) - The Grand General Assembly of the GLB expels the GM MW Bro. Savino Batanov for profane activities that are against the Constitution of the GLB. The new GM of GLB is MW Bro. Atanas Yalamov. The GLF recognizes Bro. Atanas Yalamov

(2013) - Having being expelled MW Bro. Savino Batanov self-proclaims the GLinB. He is later succeeded by the person Slaveyko Gospodinov. He is succeeded by the person Momchil Karamitev.

(Jan 24, 2014) - The GM of the GlofB MW. Bro. Atanas Yalamov recognizes the GL AF&AM in Bulgaria, UGLB and GL AASR of Bulgaria (3 months later) and all Brethren part of it.

(May 30-31, 2014) – The profane nonprofit organization named United Grand Lodge of Bulgaria has an general assembly reelects for the so-called GM position the person Ivan Sariev.

(Jun 06, 2013) - Brothers part of 4 craft lodges split from GL AF&AM in Bulgaria and proclaim that they will restore the GL of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Bulgaria.

(Nov 11, 2013) – The GL AASR of Bulgaria is proclaimed by the 4 craft lodges. GM is MW Bro. Nikolay Stanchev.

(Jun 18, 2016) - The GL AF&AM in Bulgaria, The GL AASR of Bulgaria and the GL of Bulgaria unite in an GL union named "National United Grand Lodges of Bulgaria". The entity is open for the UGLB to join.

(2015) - The GLinB and the UGLB try to form a union but it is rejected by the majority of Brothers.