

2013 Commission Report

BAJA CALIFORNIA

There continues to be two groups that claim to be the legitimate Grand Lodge of Baja California. After further review, we would like to see both sides reconciled, however the Grand Lodge of Baja California, under Grand Master Jose' Guzman currently meets the standards for recognition.

BOLIVIA

Groups of Masons in two states in Bolivia have declared the existence of the Grand Lodges of Cochabamba and La Paz. However, the Grand Lodge of Bolivia, a national Grand Lodge, has territorial jurisdiction over the country of Bolivia and is the only Grand Lodge that meets the standards for recognition in Bolivia.

BULGARIA

After a lengthy review of the information available on Masonry in Bulgaria, the Commission is of the opinion that a reasonable course of action to consider is to suspend fraternal relations with both the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Bulgaria and the United Grand Lodge of Bulgaria until such time that a resolution is perfected between these two Grand Lodges.

GRANDE LOGE NATIONALE FRANCAISE

Progress is being made in the Grande Loge Nationale Francaise (GLNF). New elections were held last fall resulting in the installation of Jean-Pierre Servel as Grand Master. Civil authorities have relinquished control back to the Grand Lodge.

MEXICO

Due to a split that occurred in the early 1990's, there are two Grand Lodges in the state of Coahuila Mexico using the name Gran Logia "Benito Juarez" del Estado de Coahuila. We will continue to monitor this matter and report in the future.

PARAGUAY

Matters of recognition in Paraguay are still in question. One Grand Lodge led by Grand Master Quinonez is reported to be closely connected with the Supreme Council of Paraguay. The Interamerican Masonic Confederation recommends and the United Grand Lodge of England recognizes the Grand Lodge led by Grand Master Euclides. The Commission will continue to study this mater and report in the future.

OTHER

The International Free & Accepted Modern Masons, Inc. of Detroit is a "Masonic" organization covering Craft Masonry, Order of Eastern Star, Scottish Rite and Shrine admitting both men and women. They were self-chartered in 1950 and have recently created a web page providing information about itself. They meet none of the standards for recognition.

1. A reminder from last year, the deadline for reports filed with the Commission is December 1. We will not accept any new material for consideration after this date.