



Supreme Councils, 33°

Romania, Germany, Bulgaria, Serbia and Montenegro

Common Ritual Class 4°-14° A.A.S.R., 9 April 2005, Timishoara, Romania



Sovereign Grand Commander Bro. Popovic, 33°, Bro. Srdan Stankovic, 33°, Supreme Council and Grand Lodge of Serbia and Montenegro with Bro. Kalpaktchiev, 33° and Bro. Hristov, 33°.



Bro. Nikolaev, 32° took part in international team, that performed Ritual 14° together with Romanian, German, Serbian and Hungarian Members of A.A.S.R.



Grand Commanders of Germany, Romania and Bulgaria, Brothers Schmidt, Iancu and Kalpaktchiev.



Romania and Bulgaria - together towards EU.



My memories from my trip and my meetings in Bulgaria ARE WONDERFUL

On 4 March 2005, in the central Temple of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Mother Council, the Southern Jurisdiction of the USA, I had the honour of meeting and talking with the Sovereign Grand Commander Ronald Seale, 33°, Honorary Member 33° of the Supreme Council, 33° for Bulgaria.



SVilen Spassov, 32° and Ronald Seale, 33° in the anteroom of the House of Temple, Washington, 4 March 2005

Following the advice of the Sovereign Grand Commander in Bulgaria Peter Kalpakchiev, 33°, I presented the Sovereign Grand Commander Ronald Seale, 33° and each of the five other major officers in the central Temple, whom I have the honour to have personally met, with a calendar and the first issue of "Scottish Rite" Journal.

Sovereign Grand Commander Ronald Seale thanked for the presents, and

shared that his memories from his trip and meetings in Bulgaria are wonderful. He has been extremely impressed by the work of the brethren-members of the Scottish Rite in Bulgaria and expressed his personal thanks for this to Sovereign Grand Commander in Bulgaria Peter Kalpakchiev, 33°. He appreciates highly the work on the Rite from 1-33°, in compliance with the Rite applied in the Southern Jurisdiction in the U.S., and as we know - the Rite is a symbol of regularity. >>>



*House of the Temple of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite,
Southern Jurisdiction, Washington*

>>> We discussed the issues of uniting the masons in Bulgaria, who follow the canons and rituals of the Grand Lodge and the Scottish Rite. The Commander expressed a strong stand, that this process has not yet been completed and that about 2,000 brethren - 1,000 on each side - should hold out their hands and should not forget that it is not the personal EGO, which is the basis of the FRATERNITY. Of course, the broad international recognition granted separately to the United Grand Lodge and to the Supreme Council, 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, should be the grounds for this unification.

Together you will accomplish a lot more - were the words of Sovereign Grand Commander Ronald Seale, 33°.

The Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge Penkov, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Alexandrov, and Sovereign Grand Commander Kalpaktchiev should give the brethren what they deserve and should achieve a fair and worthy agreement for both sides, because the present proposal is not workable. The United Grand Lodge and Supreme Council, 33° achieved a lot and they have to find a way not to delete all their results and to start from zero.

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But Bulgarian problems, has to be solved by Bulgarians.

Nobody in the Masonry world is against the unification of Bulgarian masonry.

It is not acceptable that Bulgaria poses a problem for more than 5 years. The time has come that it demonstrates an example in building the values of FRATERNAL attitude and DIGNITY. Otherwise the fear and the endless self-destructive battles will corrode the soul of masonry in Bulgaria.

Ronald Seale, 33° shared some thoughts about the general development of Masonry in the world, about some changes both in the USA, and in other countries as well, about the significance of a united and strong mason community in Bulgaria, as a geo-strategic region, and specified steps for unification of the Bulgarian masons and the support for this from the Grand mason communities in the world.



The monument of Bro. George Washington

At the end of my meeting Sovereign Grand Commander Ronald Seale, 33° sent special greetings to the Sovereign Grand Commander in Bulgaria, Peter Kalpakchiev and looks forward to meet him at the World Congress in Australia.

Svilen Spassov, 33°

Director

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Meetings within the Supreme Council, 33° of England and Wales

Fundamental Masonic Rule

Grand Lodge or Grand Master cannot prohibit a Master Mason from working in the Perfection

In February and March 2005 at the Supreme Council, 33° of England and Wales I had the opportunity to meet with Robin Furber, 33° Grand Secretary General. The meeting took place at the Supreme Council, 33°'s office in the Saint James's area in London.

The history of the Supreme Council, 33° of England and Wales covers many centuries and has gone through numerous difficulties, so that the different hindrances on the road of the mason movement in Bulgaria cannot surprise anyone. Of course the mere existence of problems, sometimes serious, is not rewarding for the Bulgarian masons and even more important - for Bulgaria in general.

The possibilities for cooperation are big, but certain canons need to be followed.

The style of the building and the work in the Supreme Council, 33° for England and Wales differ from that of the Mother Council of the Southern Jurisdiction in USA.

The one in England follows a more strict and at the same time - working-style atmosphere. The rite halls are saturated with so much history and tradition, but still radiate a certain modesty and discretion. A uniqueness of style we can learn from.

The Regular meetings of the 32°, 31° and 30° are held at the Grand East.

- 32° and 30° - March, June, September, December

- 31° and 30° - January, February, May, July, October

- 30° - April, November

- rehearsals of 18°, every month

The information for the meetings is well known to the brothers one year before.

The style of correctness and predictability build trust!

The topic about the unification of the Bulgarian masonry, and the roots of masonry on Eastern Europe were one of the main topics of the conversation. A firm attitude was expressed that this unification is indispensable and has not yet been completed. There has been a certain lack of information, but it is being gradually filled. The two sides in the unification process should suppress personal dissatisfaction and should build a self-improving



*Svilen Spassov, 32°, Director of N.R.S. and Grand Secretary General Robin Furber, 33°
London 2005*

freemason model, and most of all - they should not forget that the major feeling should be that of BROTHERHOOD. Success is accomplished by each of the parties, but it belongs to the brethren, and not to only few.

Bulgarians and especially Bulgarian masons has to prove to the world that they can do the team work and to stop using the disinformation and fight against each other.

"Balkan question is still alive, unfortunately". Masons in Bulgaria has to wake up and to unite by themselves.

The freemasonry in Bulgaria do not belong to one person or to the few, it is a responsibility. The word "expel" for 1000 masons is strange. The "fear" is not part of the masons' dictionary.

At this meetings it was once again proven that voicing openly, and without fear problems as well as success, is a demonstration of strength.

It was agreed that the Sovereign Grand Commanders of England and of Bulgaria will meet in May 2005, at the World Conference in Australia.

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