



NATIONAL GRAND LODGE OF GREECE
of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

◆Established 1986◆

MWBro. Ioannis Benetatos
Grand Master

Annual Report

FROM THE NATIONAL GRAND LODGE OF GREECE

35th European Grand Secretaries & Grand Chancellors Conference

Edinburgh, Scotland

Friday 11th October & Saturday 12th October 2024



NATIONAL GRAND LODGE OF GREECE of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

◆Established 1986◆

MWBro. Ioannis Benetatos
Grand Master

TABLE OF CONTENTS	PAGE
CRAFT	3
LODGES.....	3
MEMBERS.....	3
FEES.....	3
SECRETARIAL DOCUMENTARY 2024	4
MASTER MASON CERTIFICATION.....	4
APPOINTMENT OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.....	4
APPOINTMENT to GRAND RANK.....	4
GOOD STANDING.....	4
ORIGIN AND REGULARITY booklet.....	4
RELATIONSHIPS	5
DOMESTIC.....	5
INTERNATIONAL.....	5
MASONIC BODIES IN AMITY.....	8
GOVERNMENT.....	8
CHURCH.....	8
MEDIA.....	8
COMMUNICATIONS	9
EDUCATION	9
CHARITY	10
BLOOD DONATION.....	10
NATURAL DISASTERS.....	10
HOMELESS.....	10
CHILDREN - ORPHANS.....	10
PERSONAL SUPPORT.....	11
ELDERLY.....	11
SOCIAL PRESENCE.....	11
MONTHLY UPDATE.....	11
ADMINISTRATION	11
FREEMASONS' HEADQUARTERS	11
FUTURE EVENTS	12



NATIONAL GRAND LODGE OF GREECE of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

◆Established 1986◆

MWBro. Ioannis Benetatos
Grand Master

CRAFT

LODGES

The National Grand Lodge of Greece has 77 Lodges under its jurisdiction. In 2023 there were 65 lodges. During 2024 we have accepted -affiliated- brothers from the Grand Lodge of Greece. Particularly, we have accepted -affiliated- brothers who constitute and continue the history of lodges Isotita, Europe, Spyridon Nagos that operate in Athens, lodge Dodoni that operates in Ioannina, lodge Aristomenis that operates in Kalamata and lodge Alexandros Romas that operates in Zakynthos.

They are divided in:

- Four Provincial Grand Lodges (PGL of Athens, PGL of Piraeus & Islands of the Aegean Archipelagos, and PGL of Ionian Islands, the PGL of Peloponnese & Western Greece)
- One District Grand Lodge (DGL of Cyprus), and
- Two Regional Groups of Lodges (Northern Greece and Central Greece).

Amongst them are:

- Three English-speaking Lodges (Parthenon No 3, in Piraeus, Saint George's Lodge No 52, in Athens, and Rudyard Kipling No 85, in Corfu) operating the **Emulation Ritual**.
- One German-speaking Lodge (Sokrates No 31, in Piraeus) operating the **Schröder Rite of 1801**.
- Two French-speaking Lodges (La France No 58, in Athens, and La Paix No 95, in Corfu operating the **French Ritual of 1785**).
- Two Italian-speaking Lodges (Fratelli Bandiera No 86, in Corfu and Garibaldi n.13 in Athens) operating the **Emulation Ritual**.
- Most of the Greek-speaking Lodges operate the **Emulation Ritual**.

MEMBERS

The total number of active Brethren is 1580. The candidates have an average age of 40. During the period 2023 - 2024, were initiated as Entered Apprentice, 192 new brethren through 36 Lodges.

FEES

Each Member pays a per annum fee of € 200, while the Registration Fees (Initiation to Raising) are Entered Apprentice :250€ & Fellow Craft : 200€ & Master Mason : 200€.

These fees are reviewed every year and adjusted to budgetary and social conditions so that they can be covered by the members of the Craft and by new members who wish to initiate.



NATIONAL GRAND LODGE OF GREECE of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

◆Established 1986◆

MWBro. Ioannis Benetatos
Grand Master

SECRETARIAL DOCUMENTARY 2024

MASTER MASON CERTIFICATION

Each Master Mason receives the certification of Master Mason in English and Greek with the seal of the Grand Lodge.

APPOINTMENT OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVE

NGLG receives the suggestion of the GM of the recognized Grand Lodge whom to appoint as Grand Representative near this Grand Lodge. The Grand Secretary edits and prints this special certification in English with the seal of the Grand Lodge.

APPOINTMENT to GRAND RANK

GOOD STANDING

The Grand Chancellor edits and prints this special certification in English with the seal of the Grand Lodge upon request to any Master Mason in good standing for the intervisitation. This document is sent by the Grand Chancellor of NGLG to the Grand Secretary / Chancellor of the visiting Grand Lodge following strictly the international masonic protocol.

ORIGIN AND REGULARITY booklet

The Grand Chancellor edits and prints this special BOOKLET explaining and reporting all needed data updated up today for the origin and the regularity of the NGLG in English with the seal of the Grand Lodge and usually is used for the general presentation during the mutual recognition procedure.

NGLG's SPECIAL JEWELS 2024



**Grand Master's Order of
Service to Masonry**



**GRAND REPRESENTATIVE
from NGLG near...**



**HONORARY MEMBER OF
NGLG**



NATIONAL GRAND LODGE OF GREECE of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

◆Established 1986◆

MWBro. Ioannis Benetatos
Grand Master

RELATIONSHIPS

DOMESTIC

Despite NGLG's continuous positive proposals to declare the sharing of the Greek Territory, no progress has been achieved concerning the common admission of the sharing territoriality between the two Grand Lodges (National Grand Lodge of Greece and Grand Lodge of Greece). **The Grand Master of NGLG , MW Bro Ioannis Benetatos has declared his will to sign the mutual recognition for the benefit and peace of Greek Freemasonry .**

INTERNATIONAL

During the past twelve months, National Grand Lodge of Greece extended the fraternal relations with many Grand Lodges world-wide. National Grand Lodge of Greece welcomes and invites recognition from all regular Grand Lodges. In July 2023 registered as a member in the European grandlodges.network and also in the Amity app.

National Grand Lodge of Greece has external relations upon mutual recognition treaties with 84 Most Worshipful Grand Lodges including the 11 Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodges.

From 1986, year of establishment, until 1 September 2023 National Grand Lodge of Greece established 27 mutual recognitions with the following Most Worshipful Regular Grand Lodges:

1. Grand Lodge Of Ireland
2. Grand Lodge Of Scotland
3. Grand Lodge Of South Africa
4. Grand Lodge Of Republic Of Venezouela
5. Grand Lodge Of Ghana
6. Grand Lodge Of Estonia
7. Grand Lodge Of Puerto Rico
8. Grand Lodge Of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons Republic Of Liberia
9. Grande Loge De Côte D'ivoire
10. Grand Lodge Equinoccial Of Ecuador
11. Grand Orient Of Mato Grosso Do Sul
12. The Grand Lodge "Andres Quintana Roo"
13. Regular Grand Lodge Of Italy
14. Grand Lodge Of Latvia
15. National Regular Grand Lodge Of The Principality Of Monaco
16. Grand Lodge Of Congo
17. Grand Lodge Of Nigeria



NATIONAL GRAND LODGE OF GREECE of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

◆Established 1986◆

MWBro. Ioannis Benetatos
Grand Master

18. Prince Hall Grand Lodge Of The Caribbean And Jurisdiction , 2009
19. Prince Hall Of Grand Lodge Of Ohio , Usa 26/7/1997
20. Prince Hall Of Grand Lodge Of North Carolina , Usa 5/10/2009
21. Prince Hall Grand Lodge Jurisdiction Of Pennsylvania
22. Prince Hall Grand Lodge Of Free And Accepted Masons Of Michigan
23. Prince Hall Grand Lodge,F. &Am, Jurisdiction Of Massachusetts
24. Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A.M. Of Maryland & Its Jurisdiction
25. Prince Hall Grand Lodge Of Connecticut
26. Prince Hall Grand Lodge Of Alaska
27. Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free And A.M. Province Of Ontario And Jurisdiction.

Since 1 September 2023 the National Grand Lodge of Greece has established 57 new mutual recognitions with the following Most Worshipful Regular Grand Lodges:

1. Grand Lodge Of Dominican Republic
2. Sovereign Grand Symbolic Lodge Of Nicaragua
3. Grand Lodge Of Guatemala
4. Grand Lodge Of Peru
5. Grand Lodge Of Cuscatlan Of El Salvador
6. Serenísima Gran Logia Nacional De Colombia (Con Sede En Cartagena De Indias)
7. Grand Lodge Of Bolivia
8. Grand Lodge Of Belize
9. Grand Lodge Of Suroeste Del Estado De Colima
10. Grand Lodge Of A. F. & A. M. Valle De Mexico
11. Grand Lodge Of Ecuador
12. Grand Orient Paulista
13. Grande Oriente De Minas Gerais
14. Grande Oriente Do Rio Grande Do Sul
15. Grande Loja Maçônica Do Amazonas
16. Grande Loja Maçônica Do Estado De Sergipe
17. Gran Logia "Benito Juarez" De Aa, Ll Y Aa Mm Del Estado De Coahuila
18. Grand Orient Of State Of Mato Grosso
19. Grande Oriente Amazonense- Goa
20. Grande Oriente Do Rio De Janeiro
21. Grande Oriente De Goiás
22. Grande Oriente Of Rio Grande Do Norte
23. The 'Iázaró Cárdenas' Grand Lodge Of The State Of Michoacán
24. The Grand Lodge, A.F.&A.M., Of The State Of Sinaloa
25. Grande Oriente Maçônico Do Distrito Federal



NATIONAL GRAND LODGE OF GREECE of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

◆Established 1986◆

MWBro. Ioannis Benetatos
Grand Master

26. Grande Oriente Do Estado Do Acre
27. Grande Oriente Do Ceará
28. Grande Oriente Do Piauí
29. Grande Oriente Amapaense
30. Grande Oriente De Roraima
31. Gran Logia Del Estado De Querétaro Of Aa.´Ll.´ Y Aa.´ Mm.´ Of R.´ E.´ A.´Ya.´.
32. The Grand Lodge Of The Sovereign And Independent State Of 'el Potosí ",A.F.&A.M.
33. Gran Logia De Córdoba
34. Gran Logia Occidental De Colombia (Con Sede En Cali)
35. Gran Logia De Los Andes (Con Sede En Bucaramanga)
36. Gran Logia Oriental De Colombia Francisco De Paula Santander (In Cucuta)
37. Gran Logia De Colombia (Con Sede En Bogota)
38. Gran Logia Nacional De Colombia (Con Sede En Barranquilla)
39. Gran Logia Del Estado De Querétaro
40. The Grand Lodge Of Georgia
41. Gran Logia "Guadalupe Victoria" Del Estado De Durango
42. Grand Orient Of Alagoas
43. Grande Oriente Da Paraíba
44. Gran Logia Del Estado De Hidalgo
45. Grande Oriente De Santa Catarina
46. Gran Loja Do Paraná
47. Grande Oriente Indipendente De Pernambuco (Goipe)
48. Gran Logia Unida "La Oriental Peninsular" Del Estado De Yucatán
49. Grand Logia Campeche
50. Grande Oriente De Santa Catarina
51. Gran Logia De Estado Restauracion De Tabasco
52. Grande Loja Maconica Do Estado De Rondonia
53. Grande Loja Maconica Do Distrito Federal - Glmdf
54. Grande Loja Maconica Do Estado Do Espirito Santo
55. Gran Logia Benjamin Herrera (Con Sede En Santa Marta)
56. Gran Logia De Estado "Baja California" De Aa.:Ll.: Y Aa.:Mm.:
57. Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F.&A.M. Of Washington & Jurisdiction.

ATTENDANCE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- ❖ April 2024 [25 -29 April] the GM elect and the GC attended in Cartagena, Colombia the CMI conference as a visitor.
- ❖ May 3-5, 2024 the GC attended the 25th Anniversary Conference and 2024 Annual Communication Tallinn, Estonia.
- ❖ May 25, 2024 the CG attended the 21 Anniversary and the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Latvia.



NATIONAL GRAND LODGE OF GREECE of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

◆Established 1986◆

MWBro. Ioannis Benetatos
Grand Master

- ❖ June 5-6 2024 the GM and the AGM attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.
- ❖ June 13, 2024 the GM , DGM and the GC attended The Grand Lodge of Scotland Regular Communication
- ❖ October 11-12th, 2024 the GC will attend the 35th European Grand Secretaries & Grand Chancellors Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland.
- ❖ November 28 - December 2, 2024 will participate in the World Conference of Regular Grand Lodges as a member having more than 50 mutual recognitions with Regular Grand Lodges.

MASONIC BODIES IN AMITY

Masonic Bodies in amity operating in Greece:

- The Supreme Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Greece.
- The Supreme Council 33^o for Greece A.A.S.R
- The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Greece and its Lodges Overseas.
- The Grand Council of the Royal and Select Masters of Greece and its Councils Abroad.
- The Great Priory of Greece (KT and KM).
- The Grand Imperial Conclave for Greece and its Conclaves Abroad (Red Cross of Constantine).

There is also a Province of Greece under the auspices of The Grand Council of Knight Masons and a Conclave Damon & Phidias No 627 under the auspices of The Grand Conclave of the Order of Secret Monitor or Brotherhood of David & Jonathan

GOVERNMENT

The relations between the National Grand Lodge of Greece and the Greek government are neutral without any problems appearing. Members of the Craft participate in municipal and regional administration in various regions of Greece keeping the status of mason as a personal fact.

CHURCH

Relations between the National Grand Lodge of Greece and the church are stable without any problems. Many members of the fraternity have strong religious beliefs and participate in church activities and church charities. The aim of the National Grand Lodge of Greece is to constantly improve social relations with the church.

MEDIA

The popular mass media do not usually make any kind of references to freemasonry and their relations with National Grand Lodge of Greece are considered neutral and unproblematic. Malicious references to Freemasonry can be found on websites with low traffic and low social influence. Nowadays a dedicated team of Brothers are preparing the new website , facebook page



NATIONAL GRAND LODGE OF GREECE of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

◆Established 1986◆

MWBro. Ioannis Benetatos
Grand Master

and instagram profile in order to promote present and inform Freemasonry values and its relevance in modern society.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of NGLG was held on May 18, 2024 having 40 Heads of Delegations from Grand Lodges in amity all over the World and on the same day in the evening was the Gala Dinner with 800 participants in the Divani Apolo Hotel in Kavouri , Athens.

The magazine "Ο ΔΙΑΒΙΤΙΣ" ("The COMPASS"), a high quality, multi-page magazine is published, and is distributed to all members, twice a year.

The e-zine newsletter "ΓΡΑΦΙΔΕΣ ΗΙΑΣΤΙ" ("CROSSED PENS") is distributed quarterly to all members.

The Yearbook of the National Grand Lodge of Greece is distributed annually to all Grand Lodges in amity worldwide and is in the process to have also edition through the old Pantagraph , nowadays under the name of [Amity by Copiri](#).

The Masonic Museum "Phoenix of Corfu", under the National Grand Lodge of Greece, is a member of the Association of Masonic Museums, Libraries & Archives (AMMLA) and it is open to the public. There is also a special room in the masonic Temple of Athens with historical masonic items.

A significant number of email requests are received through our Website (www.nglgreece.org) from non-masons asking for more information about Freemasonry and the way to become Freemasons. A special team in the National Grand Lodge of Greece (under the Grand Secretary and with the assistance of the Information and Communication Committee of the Board of General Purposes) works on informing and advising them respectively. The official email address is grand.secretary@nglgreece.gr .Since Sept 2023, over 124 enquiries were received, surpassing the target by 52%.

EDUCATION

According to rule 193 of the Constitution, the Education program is running through the Board of Instruction which is composed of the Grand Secretary for Instruction as its President, along with ten (10) additional appointed and ex officio members. Seven (7) members are appointed annually by the Grand Master, while ex officio members include the Grand Registrar, the Grand Secretary, and the Grand Director of Ceremonies. The Board of Instruction addresses matters related to the education of members of the National Grand Lodge of Greece, such as the development of educational programs, relevant publications, organization of seminars, etc. The Council is convened for meetings by its President. It may also invite, to any of its meetings and for the purpose of obtaining advice, Brothers with specialized knowledge on specific subjects. Grand



NATIONAL GRAND LODGE OF GREECE of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

◆Established 1986◆

MWBro. Ioannis Benetatos
Grand Master

Secretary for Instruction. During the year 2024 ,22 seminars with educational masonic subjects were presented to different lodges in the territory The Grand Secretary for Instruction accompanied by other members travelled round all Greek lodges and presented education courses analyzing the ceremonial details and explaining a lot of questions.

CHARITY

National Grand Lodge of Greece has its own Grand Charity, acting as a fully organised Benevolent Fund with many responsibilities and activities that support the brothers and the community The President is V.W. Bro Dimitrios Zografakis since May 18, 2024

BLOOD DONATION

Grand Charity Body is also tasked with providing blood units through the volunteer blood donor association "O Pandotis" for scheduled and unscheduled surgeries and medical needs of brothers and non-fraternity citizens.

NATURAL DISASTERS

The National Grand Lodge of Greece has raised money and purchased a fire truck for the Greece's Elite Special Missions Group to facilitate their difficult work during the summer months in fighting fires throughout Greece.

Wireless communication equipment (VHF STATION) and other auxiliary tools were purchased for the Volunteer Team of Megarites.

A powerful water pumping machine was purchased for the Volunteers Team of Lake Evia

HOMELESS

The National Grand Lodge of Greece donates annually to the charitable funds of the Greek Orthodox Church to support the homeless. These donations are made both at Christmas and at other times of the year. The National Grand Lodge of Greece constantly strengthens its ties with the church in the effort to help our homeless fellow human beings. Its remarkable to refer the support (with 3.000 plates forks, knives' spoons of one use and the full equipment for kitchen inox cooking pots etc) to the non profit government organization " kitchen of Monastiraki" (main activity is the everyday cooking and offering for free food to homeless people.

CHILDREN - ORPHANS

Particular sensitivity and support is provided to children. Grand Charity Body regularly organises charitable activities to support children suffering from cancer or other serious diseases. In addition, the Grand Charity Body is particularly sensitive and carries out various activities to support orphanages and institutions working for the welfare of children.



NATIONAL GRAND LODGE OF GREECE of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

◆Established 1986◆

MWBro. Ioannis Benetatos
Grand Master

PERSONAL SUPPORT

In cases of death of a brother or a member of a brother's family, the Grand Charity Body attends the funeral with a delegation, providing moral and financial support if necessary to the brother or his family with the aim of easing his pain and facilitating as much as possible the painful process.

ELDERLY

Part of the activities of the Grand Charity Body is to visit nursing homes and support the elderly by offering moral and financial support. Visits to hospitals and especially to patients with various forms of cancer are also carried out.

SOCIAL PRESENCE

The Grand Charity Corps participates in cultural and other social events, offering through these events financial and moral assistance to people in need.

MONTHLY UPDATE

The Grand Charity Body informs all the brothers every month through the Grand Secretary for all activities it has organised or in which it has participated. The monthly report details all amounts received and disbursed to ensure complete transparency. Overall, the actions of the Grand Charity Body aim to strengthen society, support people in need and promote morality, education and solidarity. These actions are based on the principles of Freemasonry and are always characterized by discretion and absolute respect for the dignity of the fellow human being.

ADMINISTRATION

- The Grand Master Mason is elected every three years. The Grand Master Mason, MWBro. Ioannis Benetatos is the fourteenth Grand Master Mason and has been in office since May 2024.
- The Grand Secretary is appointed by the Grand Master and VWBro. Vasileios Zacharias was appointed to this Office in May 2024.
- The Grand Chancellor is appointed by the Grand Master and RWBro. Dimitrios Skiadopoulos, PGSW, OGM, has been in this Office since May 2023.
- All other Grand Officers and Grand Stewards, except the Grand Treasurer who is elected, are appointed by decision of the Grand Master.

FREEMASONS' HEADQUARTERS

- The National Grand Lodge of Greece has its Headquarters in a neoclassical (3 floor) building in the centre of Athens, owned by the NGLG (address: 38A Eressou St., GR-106 81, Athens, Greece)
- Headquarters building is where the meetings of the Grand Lodge and the meetings of other Orders take place.
- In the building of the Headquarters there are also administrative offices, a museum, a dining room and a reception area.



NATIONAL GRAND LODGE OF GREECE of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

◆Established 1986◆

MWBro. Ioannis Benetatos
Grand Master

FUTURE EVENTS

Annual Communication of the NGLG is scheduled for May 17th, 2025 in Athens.

(Grand Officers' Investiture Ceremony and the Grand Festival of the National Grand Lodge of Greece)

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

D. Skiadopoulos

RWBro. Dimitrios Skiadopoulos
Grand Chancellor

