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**THE MASONIC LODGE IN PLEVEN AND SOME FACTS ON
FREEMASONRY IN BULGARIA**

(Summary)

The author uses unpublished and hitherto unknown archival documents about the Freemasonry in Bulgaria (protocols, correspondence, lists of members of Masonic lodges, Masonic lodge programs). On the basis of these sources, he argues that an active correspondence between the Central Council and local lodges had existed. The Masonic Lodges submitted annual reports on their activities. Their intensive work and the high qualification of Masonic lodges members demonstrate that the Great Masonic Lodge in Bulgaria had a high reputation as institution. Its local branches were reliable as well. Therefore, the author concludes, the activities of Bulgarian Freemasonry and its local branches should not be underestimated.