

The Reich and the Craft

Freddy's paper traces Freemasonry in Germany from 1737 through the Hitler years to the 1950s.

Prior to the Weimar Republic, there were nine Grand Lodges distributed across the various German Kingdoms, Principalities, and Dukedoms.

When these unified to form Greater Germany, the nine Grand Lodges remained, but could not hold back the tide of National Socialism. They were destroyed by the Nazis in 1935 but, in 1958, with considerable help from the United Grand Lodge of England, re-formed into one Grand Lodge.