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STATUS OF FREEMASONRY IN ITALY  
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

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15 February 1945.

SUBJECT : Freemasonry.

TO : Regional Commissioner (Attn: Regional Legal Officer),  
TOSCANA Region.

1. Reference your RVIII/19/2011 of 8 Feb 45 forwarding request from the Provincial Legal Officer of Pisa Province, the present status of Freemasonry in Italy has been considered.

2. Under the law No. 2029 of 26 November 1925, all societies and associations are required to comply with rules which involve the complete publication of their activities, statutes, minutes, procedure and proceedings, etc. These rules obviously make it impossible for Freemasonry to pursue its activities. The courts have held in the past that by virtue of the provisions of this law, the practice of Freemasonry is illegal.

3. The provisions of this law are also embodied in Arts. 209 and 213 of the Testo Unico of the Legge di Pubblica Sicurezza 1926.

4. Neither of these laws has been repealed and they are accordingly both in force at the present time.

5. However, if local conditions and security considerations permit and AMG, 5th Army is agreeable, there seems to be no objection for permission to be granted to a number of persons to meet for the purpose of making recommendations to the Italian Government for the repeal of this legislation, at least so far as it affects Freemasonry.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE:

W. E. FERRONE,  
Colonel,  
Deputy Chief Legal Advisor.



**HEADQUARTERS**  
PISA PROVINCE  
**ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT**

Ref.

: 3035/L

Date: 3 February 1945

SUBJECT: Status of Freemasonry in Italy

TO : Regional Legal Officer, Hqs, Toscana Region

1. A number of Freemasons living in Pisa have requested permission from the Provincial Commissioner to hold regularly scheduled meetings.

2. An opinion on the legal status of Freemasonry in Italy was requested from the Presidente of the Tribunale of Pisa and the Procuratore del Re.

3. It is their considered opinion that the legislation by which Freemasonry was abolished in Italy is still in effect.

4. To make certain, however, the Provincial Commissioner desires an official opinion from the Legal Sub-Commission.

5. Will you please forward this request to the Legal Sub-Commission.

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EDWARD E. NEVANS Jr.,  
1st Lt. C.M.P.  
Prov. Legal Officer

FORWARDED:

*T.W.J. Walters*  
T.W.J. WALTERS  
Lt. Colonel  
Prov. Commissioner.

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Headquarters, Toscana Region, AMG, 8 February 1945.  
To: LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION, Headquarters, AC.

1. May we have your opinion on the question asked?

For the Regional Commissioner:

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*John K. Weber*  
JOHN K. WEBER  
Colonel, Infantry  
Regional Legal Officer

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