

Romania - A brief review of 2021 and plans for 2022

It is always worth noting and remembering that the first of our Romanian brethren were advanced into The Mark Internet Lodge in November 2017 at Castleton Masonic Hall, Monmouthshire. There are now 13 Mark Lodges and a total membership of approximately 500 brethren and all this has been achieved within 4 years despite the disruption of the Covid pandemic which prevented any masonic activity for some 18 months during those 4 years.

As reported previously, the programme re-commenced in September 2021 with the consecration of the Ion Creanga Lodge No. 2028 in Craiova in September and the Matei Corvin Lodge No. 2027 in Hunendora in early October by RW Bro. Michael Whelan the Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Dorset.

These were soon followed later in the month by the Constantin Moroiu Lodge No. 2032 in Constanta and the Sanctuarum Lodge No. 2033 in Bucharest and on these occasions the ceremonies were undertaken by RW Bro. Derek Thomas, Past Provincial Grand Master of Monmouthshire.

A warrant for what will be the 14th Mark Lodge has now been granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the Thomas Dunkerley Lodge to be held on Dorohoi and the consecration ceremony of this Lodge is planned for Saturday 15th January 2022.

A Petition for the Milan Tabacovici Lodge to be held in Arad was submitted to Grand Lodge in early December and provided that this application is approved and a Warrant issued the consecration ceremony is scheduled for Saturday 5th March 2022.

Advancements are still continuing at a pace and in excess of 100 brethren are expected to be advanced into our Order during 2022 with a further 5 Lodges being formed in Bucharest, Constanta, Baia Mare, Targovista, and Brasov. Dates are in the process of being finalised with May, September, October, November and December featuring and in addition most importantly the constitution of a District of Romania is now under active discussion.

As always plans for all the above will be posted on The Mark Internet Lodge website and the Grand Inspector VW Bro. Cristian Mihutoiu and his brethren will ensure a warm welcome to all visiting brethren particularly from the members of the Mark Internet Lodge.