

Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Monmouthshire

Romanian Update June 2022

Brethren, I am sure that you will be aware of the significant contribution that the Province of Monmouthshire in general, and The Mark Internet Lodge in particular, has made to the establishment and development of Mark masonry in Romania.

The journey which began with the advancement of five brethren from Bucharest into The Mark Internet Lodge on Saturday 12th November 2016 at Castleton Masonic Hall will achieve its ultimate goal with the constitution of the Mark District of Romania, five years to the day, on Saturday 12th November 2022 at the Presidential Palace in Bucharest in the presence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent.

The day before on Friday 11th November the Prince Michael of Kent Lodge will be consecrated, a fitting tribute to the occasion. This will bring the total number of Mark Lodges in Romania to 17 and this together with some 600 advancees. This is a truly remarkable achievement which has been undertaken in the main with support and guidance from the Province of Monmouthshire.

Whilst the detailed itinerary is yet to be finalised it is envisaged that the celebration will conclude with a Gala Dinner on the evening of Saturday 12th November. It is our sincere hope that the Brethren will support the November consecrations and festivities by actively participating in these ceremonies in Bucharest. As always, wives and partners are most welcome, emphasising the true spirit of friendship and togetherness.

In terms of travel, we always encourage brethren to do their own thing. Flights to Bucharest are readily available from Birmingham, Luton, Gatwick and Heathrow. Having secured flight reservations brethren are to contact RW Bro. Derek Thomas by email who will coordinate flight arrivals with airport transfers and hotel accommodation. A block booking has been made at the Novotel City Centre Hotel at discounted rates of 80 euro/night single and 90 euro/night double room including breakfast. Transport will also be arranged from the hotel to the lodge meetings and Gala Dinner.

I am sure that you will appreciate that this is a truly historic event, in the presence of our MW Grand Master, a fitting tribute to a memorable chapter in the development of our Order.

RW Bro. David R Powell

Provincial Grand Master