

**Provincial Grand Lodge
Mark Master Masons of Monmouthshire**

Romania 2019-20

Brethren, we now have an outline of the programme of events in Romania for the next 12 months.

As many will know the **Mark Internet Lodge** has been invited to conduct an advancement ceremony in **Bucharest on Friday 25th October** for in excess of 30 candidates. On this occasion the meeting will be held in the Ramada North Hotel. The advancement ceremony will commence at 1100 followed by a buffet lunch prior to the **Consecration of the Nicolae Balsecu Lodge No. 2015**, the 7th Mark Lodge in Romania, commencing at 1500 with a festive board to follow. RW Bro. David Powell will undertake the Consecration and RW Bro. Derek Thomas will be the Installing Officer.

The **Constitution of the Grand Inspectorate of Romania** will take place in the Ramada North Hotel the next day on **Saturday 26th October 2019 commencing at 1100**.

On this occasion the **Presiding Officer will be MW Bro. Raymond John Smith, Pro Grand Master**. In addition to the normal festive board a Gala Dinner is being held in the evening.

Such is the demand for brethren to become Mark Master Masons in the **Bucharest** area that two further Lodges are planned to be consecrated in the capital on the **18th January** and the **7th March 2020**. These will be followed by two Lodges in **Craiova** the first on the **16th May** and the second on the **26th September** and a lodge in **Hunedoara** on the **4th July**. Craovia is located approximately 140 miles due west of Bucharest and Hunedoara roughly 240 miles north west of Bucharest. It is probable that a further consecration will be organised for November 2020, again in Bucharest, possibly and English speaking Lodge.

Brethren, Monmouthshire will again be playing a leading role in all these activities and we would look forward to your company and support at any of the venues and, as always, your wives and partners will be made most welcome.

Lodge secretaries and scribes are again requested to circulate this briefing note to the members of their Lodges as soon as possible.

RW Bro. Derek Thomas

Past Provincial Grand Master