

Provincial Grand Lodge
Mark Master Masons of Monmouthshire

Social Events 2017-18 (Issue 2)

Brethren, I now have further details of the Consecration Ceremonies for the second and third Romanian Mark Lodges.

The Petition for the second Lodge, the **Nicolae Titulescu Lodge of Mark Master Masons** has been presented to Grand Lodge and there are no fewer than 58 petitioners listed. The consecration ceremony will be undertaken by the Pro Grand Master MW Bro. Raymond John Smith in the **Grand Temple at Mark Masons' Hall commencing at 1100 on Saturday 2nd June**, a rehearsal will be held at 0930. A Festive Board will follow presided over by the Primus Master Bro. Cristian Mihutoiu, who has been and will continue to be a key figure in the introduction of the Mark Degree in Romania and is well known to many of you.

W Bro. Andrew Hopkins has again agreed to organise train travel, and he has informed me that the discounted tickets for those wishing to travel on or before Friday 1st June are now available, tickets for Saturday 2nd June are yet to be released. Andrew has also agreed to co-ordinate reservations for the Festive Board, the menu has yet to be finalised but I anticipate that the cost is likely to be in the region of £36 per person so please inform him if you plan to attend. For those fortunate to have attended the festive board at the consecration of The Mark Internet Lodge you will no doubt remember the superb 5 course banquet plus wine provided by the caterers 86 St. James's, I can assure you that this will be of the same standard.

I can also confirm that the consecration of the third lodge, the **Mihail Kogalniceanu Lodge** will now take place in **Constanta**, a resort on the Black Sea coast approx.140 miles due west of Bucharest, on **Saturday 27th October 2018**. I anticipate that a ceremony of advancement will be undertaken on Friday 26th October, probably by the Worshipful Master and brethren of the Mark Internet Lodge, yet to be confirmed.

There are direct flights from the UK to Constanta, unfortunately the weekend of the meeting is the changeover from summer to winter flight timetable. Information is currently available up to and including Friday 26th October, we are informed that the winter timetable will be published in May leaving plenty of time to complete any travel plans.

Hotel accommodation and airport transfers will again be organised on our behalf the details of which will be available in due course.

Brethren, I again look forward to your company and support at Mark Masons' Hall and in Constanta 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

Provincial Grand Master