

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Monmouthshire



Social Events 2017/18

The start of another new masonic year and has become a tradition that we set the scene for some of the social activities planned or in the process of being planned by the Province for the year ahead.

No surprise that it's been another busy year for the Executive, we represented the Mark Province of Monmouthshire at 22 Provincial and District Grand Lodge meetings. The year ahead promises to be equally interesting with several new Provincial Grand Masters being installed. Again, should any brother be particularly interested in visiting a Province or District a copy of the Provincial and District Grand Lodge schedule can be obtained from the Provincial Grand Secretary upon request.

As you can appreciate proceedings in Romania, fronted by the Mark Internet Lodge and supported by the Province dominated the end of the last masonic year and continue to influence the beginning of this masonic year. The situation is unfortunately still a little fluid as we still await news of the dates of the Consecration Ceremony of the first Romanian Mark Lodge being undertaken by Mark Grand Lodge. The main impact of this uncertainty has meant that the Province has been unable to commit to supporting the **Channel Island Provincial** meeting in Jersey which this year is being held on **Saturday 7th October**. However, we are delighted to report that a small party of brethren and ladies have committed to represent the Province and should any brother require details the Provincial Grand Secretary can assist.

What can now be confirmed is the Province intends to again support the Mark Internet Lodge in advancing a further 60 Romanian brethren on **Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th November in Bucharest**. As previously, brethren are free to make their own travel arrangements, but it will be my intention to fly out on the Monday, returning on the Thursday and on this occasion my wife will be not able to accompany me. We have been offered discounted rates at the Phoenicia Grand Hotel and W.Bro. Roy Morris will again co-ordinate the reservations.

Looking ahead, apart from the Lodge Consecration being undertaken by Mark Grand Lodge, we intend to advance the next group of brethren in Bucharest in **late in February 2018**, and possibly conduct a Consecration Ceremony for what will be the second Romanian Lodge at **Mark Mason's Hall on Monday 11th June**, which is the day before **Mark Grand Lodge on the 12th June 2018**.

Next February it will be two years since our last pilgrimage to Benidorm for the **District Grand Lodge of Spain**, no surprise therefore that we propose to travel to the Hotel Bali for the meeting being held on the **3rd February**. As always brethren and their ladies are free to make their own travel arrangements but attendance at the District Meeting must be arranged through the Provincial Grand Secretary.

Diary dates worth noting for 2017/18 are:-

Provincial Grand Lodge of the Channel Islands 7th October.

Contact Provincial Grand Secretary

The Provincial **Officer's Mess** being held at Castleton Masonic Hall on **Sunday 15th October.**

Contact W.Bro. Ken Heath Prov.G JW or W.Bro. John Sommerin Mess Secretary

The Annual Carol Service being held at Castleton Masonic Hall on **Sunday 10th December.**

Contact W.Bro. Norman Davies

Royal Ark Mariner Annual Assembly being held at Queen's Street on **Tuesday 12th December.**

Contact W.Bro. Andrew Hopkins

The **District Grand Lodge of Spain** being held on **Saturday 3rd February** 2018 at the Hotel Bali, Benedorm.

Contact Prov. Grand Secretary

The Provincial **Officer's Mess** being held at Castleton Masonic Hall on **Sunday 11th February.**

Contact W.Bro. Ken Heath Prov.G JW or W.Bro. John Sommerin Mess Secretary

The Quarterly Communication Meeting of **Mark Grand Lodge** being held at Queen's Street on

Tuesday 13^h March.

Contact PGM

The **Provincial Charity Ball** being held at the Holiday Inn, the Coldra, Newport on **Saturday 14th April**

Contact W.Bro's. Norman Davies and David Lewis

The **Annual Meeting of the Provincial Mark Masons** of Monmouthshire being held at the Holiday Inn, the Coldra, Newport on **Thursday 7th June.** Contact W.Bro. Andrew Crump

The Annual **Investiture Meeting of Mark Grand Lodge** being held at Queen's Street on **Tuesday 12th June.**

Contact W.Bro. Andrew Hopkins

RW Bro. Derek Thomas

Provincial Grand Master