



DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ROMANIA

COSTITUITION OF THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ROMANIA

10th-14th November 2022



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The constitution of the **District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Romania** was a long-awaited event, that was attended by all the Romanian Mark Master Masons Lodges as well as delegates of the Provincial Grand Lodges from United Kingdom and District Grand Lodges from Overseas.

The events took place over several days and they included:

- Welcome Dinner;
- The Consecration of **Prince Michael of Kent No. 2044** Lodge of Mark Master Masons;
- Constitution of the **District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Romania**;
- Gala Dinner;
- Trip around Bucharest and Meeting with Ukrainean refugees;
- The Consecration of **Royal Ark Mariners** Lodges.



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Welcome Dinner

Thursday, 10th of November, Mark Master Masons from different parts of the World had gathered on an informal dinner at *La Mama* Restaurant. The old friends were happy to meet again. Other new bonds of friendship have been forged since that evening.



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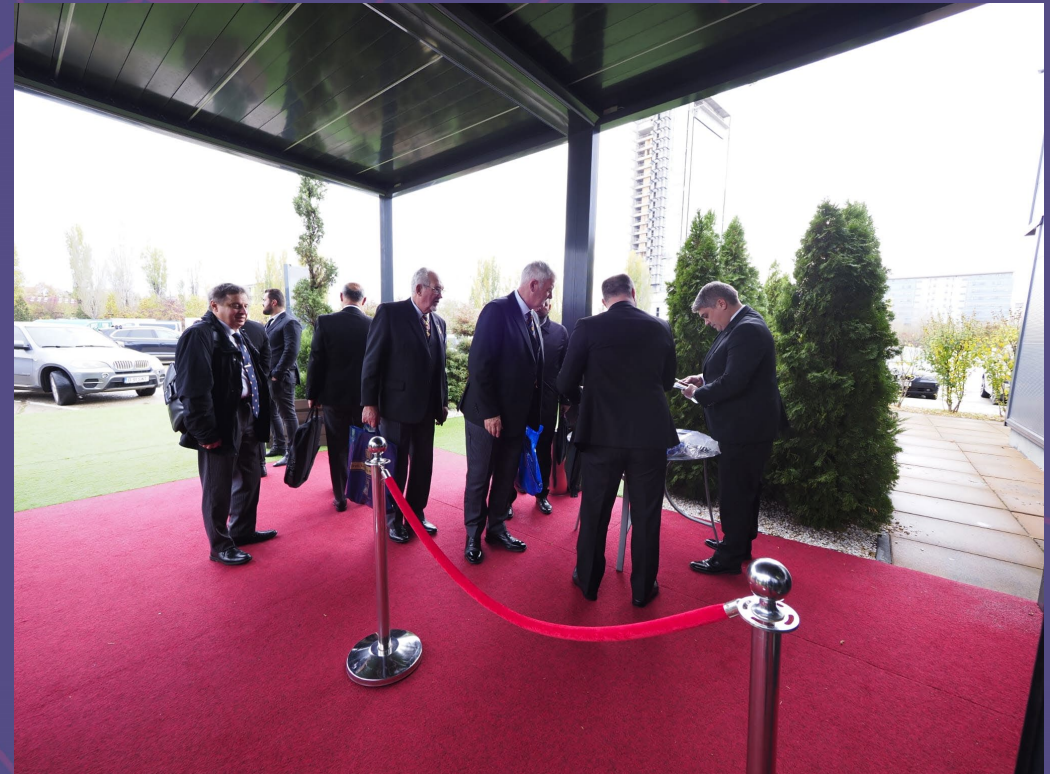
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The Consecration of Prince Michael of Kent No. 2044 Lodge of Mark Master Masons

Friday, 11th of November, His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent, GCVO, The Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Ldges Overseas assisted at the Consecration of a Romanian Lodge bearing his name.



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Constitution of the District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Romania

Saturday, 12th of November, His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent, GCVO, The Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Ldges Overseas participated together with Brothers from Romania and from around the world at the Constitution of the District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Romania. The day was closed with a Gala Dinner at *Ballroom Le Chateau*;



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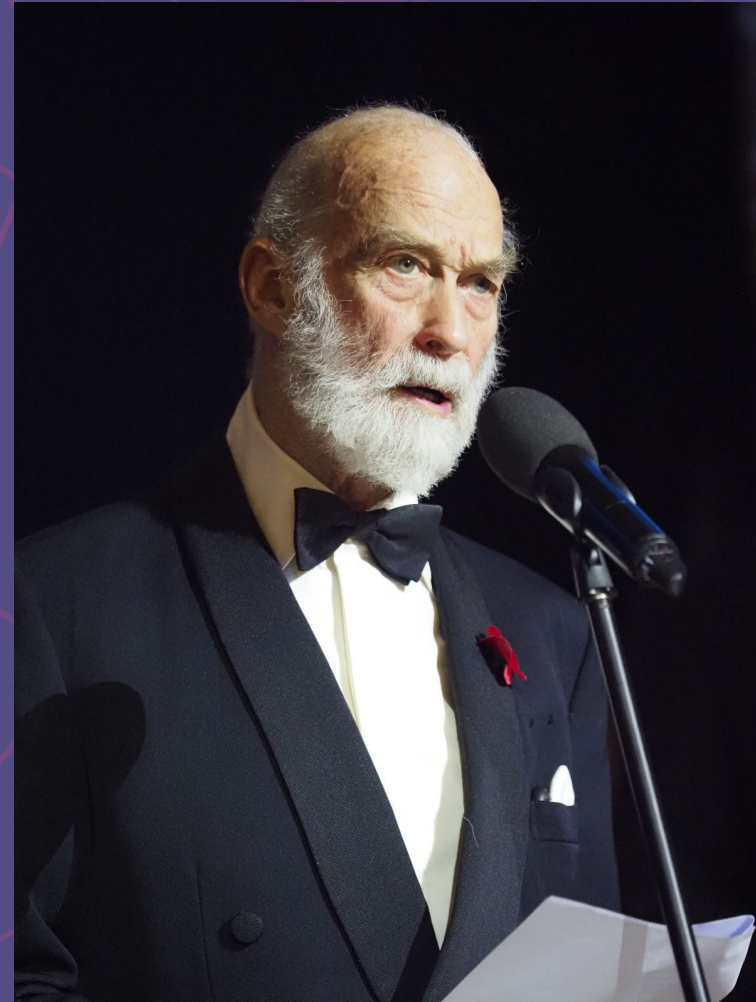


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Meeting with Ukrainian refugees

On Sunday, 13th of November, His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent, GCVO, met the Ukrainian refugees from Romania. The Mark Master Masons from UK and Romania are actively involved in supporting the victims of war from Eastern Europe. It was an emotional moment both for benefactors and for those who benefit from help. There is no greater satisfaction than meeting the one in whose life hope has risen again because of your uninterested aid.



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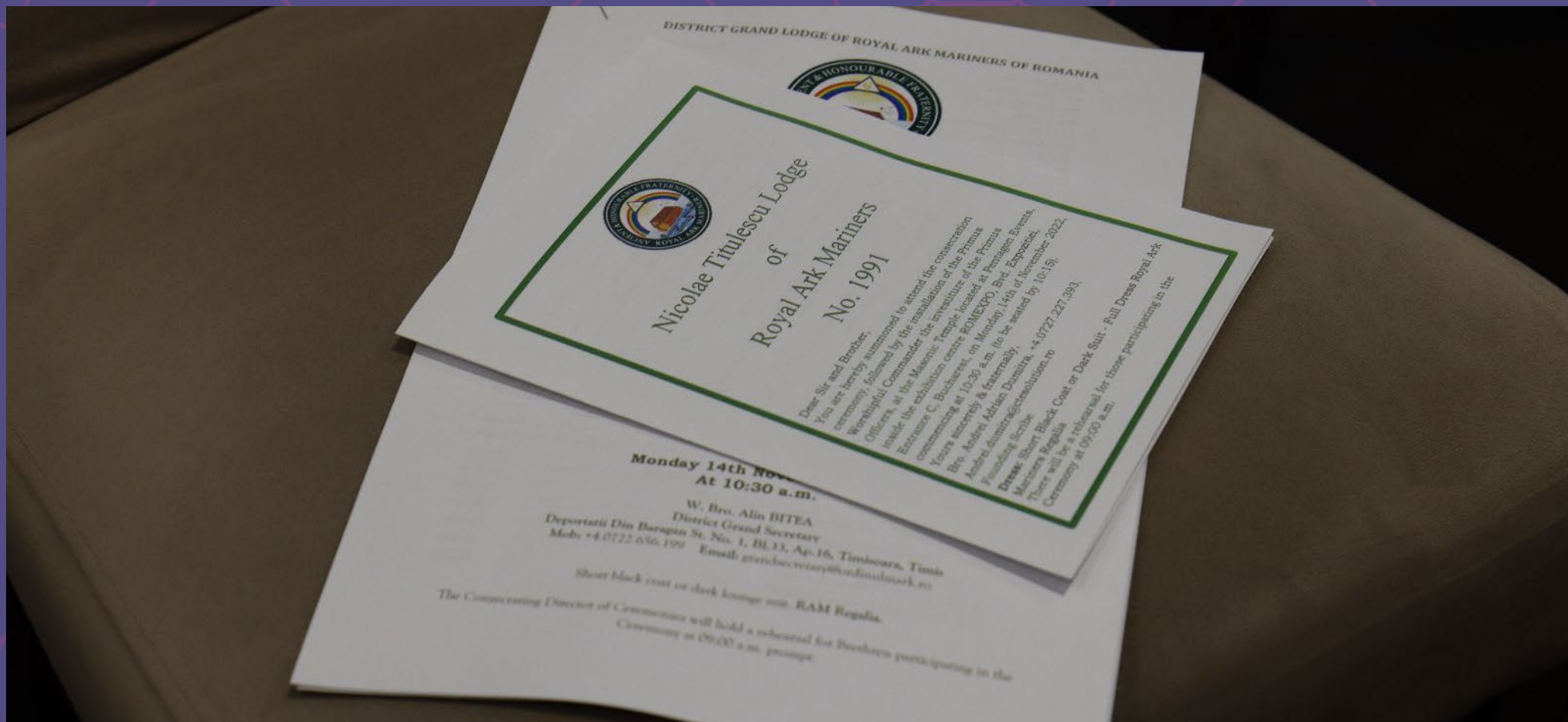
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The Consecration of Royal Ark Mariners Lodges

The line of unique events for Romanian Master Masons was finalized by The Consecration of first Royal Ark Mariners Lodges in Romania. On 14th of November a new beginning was marked in the history of Romanian freemasonry.



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The echoes of the events in Bucharest

Although the participants returned to their places of living, the memory of the events will always remain sealed by the bond of brotherhood.



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R. W. Bro. Andrea Bonechi District Grand Master District of Italy:

Dear brother and friend Christian,

Thank you very much for the much enjoyable days spent in Bucharest.

It has been a wonderful Meeting with your Installation and a superb Gala Dinner.

Unfortunately I hadn't the possibility to join you on Friday and today, but I am sure they have been fantastic meetings as well.

I will send you by WE TRANSFER some beautiful pics taken from our Brother Carlo Lupi.

Maybe they could be useful for you.

Looking forward to meet you again,

With fraternal regards and best wishes,

Andrea

R. W. Bro. Martin Blackburn:

Dear Cristian

I was sorry to dash off this afternoon without saying a proper goodbye but I was feeling rather unwell and so I went back to the hotel for a rest, thankfully a couple of hours sleep seems to have perked me up again.

I hope that the gift of my Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank regalia will go some way to repaying the generosity of your welcome and that you will get many years of pleasure from wearing it.

You have truly marked well.

Sent from my iPhone, using an alternative email provider, with apologies for brevity, typos and informality.

With kind regards,

Martin Blackburn.

R. W. Bro. Eric J Rymer, G.M.R.A.C. Provincial Grand Master (Worcs MMM & RAM):

Dear Cristian,

What a wonderful few days I have had in Bucharest.

Thank you so much for all your very generous hospitality and organisation.

The food, drink (!), company and masonic events were all first class and so enjoyable. It has no doubt been a unique experience for all the Brethren to participate in such historic masonic meetings and I certainly appreciate it. I'm so glad that I was able to come to support you in these memorable meetings.

I wish you personally and the District in general my congratulations and I hope the new Lodges grow and prosper under your leadership.

Please pass on my best wishes to your wife, who was a gracious hostess at the welcome dinner.

Once again Cristian, thank you very much for a tremendous experience.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Eric



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R. W. Bro. Michael Whelan:

Dear Cristian

What a fantastic weekend we had in Bucharest. So many thanks to you and your Brethren for the wonderful arrangements, you must all be very pleased with how it turned out.

Now a District, Wow! Who would have thought it would come so quickly after that first visit.

I have been so pleased and proud to play a small part in this adventure and I count myself most privileged to be a member of 7 Mark lodges in Romania.

I look forward to returning in the future and seeing the continuing growth of the Mark degree and renewing the many friendships I have made.

Please pass on my grateful thanks to all those in your team who were responsible for the arrangements, everything was perfect.

One last request, how do I get a copy of the video that played whilst the Grand Master spoke at the Gala Dinner, I am sure I saw myself a couple of times and I would really like a copy of it.

Kindest regards

Mike

R. W. Bro. RAYMOND SMITH, Past ProGM:

Cristian good afternoon and I send you my very best wishes from here in Jersey, Channel Islands. Which is now my new home.

I just wanted to send you a message wishing you and all your wonderful Members in Romania a wonderful weekend of Masonic activity, I am sure the MW Grand Master cannot fail to be impressed by all that has been achieved and also by the quality of your members.

I shall miss not being with you but you will be in my thoughts and I look forward to hearing all about it and looking at the many photographs that I know will circulate next week.

I am delighted you will soon have the Royal Ark Mariner degree within your new District, nurture it slowly and don't rush its development, keep each RAM Lodge very closely linked to the Mark Lodge it is moored to.

We'll have a fantastic few days, history will record the superb progress that has been made, GLMMM should rightly be very proud of you.

With every best wish and I look forward to being in your company once again before too long.

Yours sincerely and fraternally. RAY

RAYMOND SMITH
Past ProGM

R. W. Bro. Tom Quinn,
PGM for London :

Dear Cristian and Florin,

At last I am finding time to write to thank and congratulate you and all your Romanian Brethren for the marvellous way we were looked after and cared for over the weekend of 10th to 15th November. There are so many photographs to remind us of that happy time and my participation in the Consecrations of the Lodges and the District of Romania will be remembered by me as one of the great highlights of my Masonic Career in general and my term as PGM for London.

Since returning to the UK I have spoken to a number of Brethren who accompanied me to Bucharest and they are still full of praise for your organisation of the various events and the careful way we were managed and entertained so royally. Our Website and Face Book pages have also described what a marvellous time everyone had, so the events of that weekend are well known across the Masonic fraternity in England and beyond.

I will be planning our return visits for 2023 and will be in touch with you again shortly but look forward to seeing you in London on 12th January and also in Bournemouth for our very special Burns Weekend, which I know you will enjoy. Please let me know your travel arrangements once these are made.

With kindest personal regards to you both.

Tom