

## **Latest Update – 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

Where & When now answered as follows.

The Masonic Hall in Bucharest centre is at the Ghica Palace. It's correct name and address are as follows.

Palatial Tei Ghica  
Strada Doamna Ghica 5  
Bucuresti  
Romania

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July

The ceremony will commence at 4pm.

The WM and Officers of the Mark Internet Lodge will be conducting the ceremony of advancing 20 brethren at this meeting

The Festive Board will be at the Ghica Palace immediately after the ceremony for the brethren only.

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

The ceremony will commence at 12:00.

The PGM of the Province of Monmouthshire and his team of Officers will be invited to undertake the ceremony of advancing 25 brethren at this meeting.

On the 12th the Festive Board will be held at 19:00 at our hotel, the Phoenicia Grand with the ladies present.

The hotels address is as follows.

Phoenicia Grand Hotel  
Bulevardul Aerogarii 87  
Bucuresti 077190  
Romania  
tel. +40 21 300 0888

Members are advised that DJs (black tie) may be worn for both meetings and the evening Festive Board on the 12<sup>th</sup> at the Phoenicia Grand.

DJs are normally worn by the local brethren as they tend to be lighter than Morning dress. The temperature in Romania is likely to be close to 30 degrees.

## **News Update - 5<sup>th</sup> May**

At our last regular meeting held at Castleton Masonic Hall on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2016 we had the pleasure of advancing into Mark Masonry five brethren from Bucharest. This fairly modest start sparked a great deal of interest back home in Romania and after several discussions and lots of emails resulted in our Worshipful Master W Bro. Roy Morris, accompanied by the Provincial Grand Master for the Mark Province of Monmouthshire RW Bro. Derek Thomas, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master VW Bro. David Powell and the Deputy Grand Secretary VW Bro. Ryan Williams travelling to Bucharest at the end of March for a meeting with MW Bro. Radu Balanescu Grand Master for the National Grand Lodge of Romania and Executive Secretary of the World Conference of Regular Grand Lodges to discuss the introduction of the Mark Degree into the country.

The result of the meeting was communicated to the General Board at Mark Masons Hall on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March and permission was granted for the Mark Internet Lodge to proceed with the advancement of some 45 Romanian brethren into the Mark Degree.

As many of you will now know, we plan to carry out two ceremonies of advancement in Bucharest on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Details of the ceremonies will be circulated separately by regular summons, but you can be informed that the intention is for the Worshipful Master and the Officers of the Mark Internet Lodge to conduct the first ceremony and on the second evening to invite the Provincial Grand Master to occupy the chair and conduct the ceremony of advancement with a selected team of officers. It is particularly pleasing to note that many of the advancees are Grand Officers in the National Grand Lodge of Romania and include the Grand Master MW Bro. Radu Balanescu.

With some 50 Mark brethren in place a Petition to Consecrate a Lodge of Mark Master Masons may then be submitted to Mark Grand Lodge which we have no doubt will lead to formation of the Primus Lodge in Romania in the not too distant future, probably later this year. As important is the fact that there are more Romanian brethren wishing to join our Order and so the Mark Internet Lodge may well be called into action again immediately prior to the planned Consecration, the details of which will be circulated as soon as they are finalised.

You may be interested to note that there are approx. 14,5000 members of the Craft distributed across 450 Lodges throughout Romania, plenty of potential Mark Master Masons. So, we can look forward to your company in Bucharest at some time in the future where you can be assured of a very warm and sincere welcome.