

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Monmouthshire



An Update of Social Events 2017-18

Brethren, you may recall that at the start of the masonic year we set out our stall for some of the social activities planned or in the process of being planned by the Province for the year ahead. This update is to bring you the latest developments in our schedule of meetings and events.

As you all should be aware the Consecration and Installation ceremonies of the first Lodge of Mark Master Masons in Romania the Alexandry Vaid Voevod Lodge No. 1988, is due to take place in the very near future on Saturday 3rd March 2018 in Bucharest.

The Consecrating Officer will be RW Bro. John H Prizeman, Deputy Grand Master, his Assisting Officers will comprise of Grand Lodge Officers together with several Provincial Grand Masters.

This will now be preceded by two ceremonies on Friday 2nd March. The first a ceremony of advancement for 50+ Romanian brethren conducted by the Worshipful Master, officers and brethren of the Mark Internet Lodge No. 1975. This will then be followed by a ceremony to "Confer the Secrets of the Chair" upon the Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of Romania MW Bro. Radu Balanescu and the Grand Chancellor RW Bro Razvan Buzatu and will be undertaken by myself.

I can now confirm that the second Romanian Lodge of Mark Masters Masons, the Constantin Moroiu Lodge will be consecrated at the Grand Temple in Mark Masons' Hall on Saturday 2nd June.

It is proposed therefore that as a Province we participate in and support this ceremony which is provisionally scheduled to commence at 1100 to be followed by a Festive Board.

In terms of travel, as always, you are encouraged to do your own thing. The start time gives brethren enough time to travel up to London by train that morning, the 0740 from Newport is scheduled to arrive in Paddington at 0926 and the 0810 at 0955 a shared taxi to 86 St. James's Street or tube train to Green Park will get you to Mark Masons Hall in about 20 minutes on a Saturday morning. Probably the 1915 from Paddington would make for a comfortable return journey home.

As is the norm I will set out my travel plans, for me it's a weekend away with my wife and friends including a Mark ceremony, some nice meals and possibly a show. So we plan to catch the 0910 train from Newport on Friday 1st June, arriving Paddington 1100. I have booked for ease of travel to Mark Masons' Hall and the West End the County Hall Premier Inn (Westminster) located adjacent to the London Eye. The return from Paddington whilst not finalised will probably be late afternoon Sunday, the 1545 arrives at Newport 1732 and the 1615 at 1802.

Brethren, another opportunity not only to visit the world headquarters of Mark Masonry but to witness another little bit of history being made, the consecration of the second Romanian Mark Lodge initiated in the main by the Province of Monmouthshire. I look forward to your company in London and I can assure you of a very warm and sincere welcome in Mark Masons' Hall.

I would request that all Lodge secretaries and Scribes circulate this note to their respective members as soon as possible.

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