

To the Glory of the Great Architect of the Universe



**THE NATIONAL GRAND LODGE of ROMANIA
- MAREA LOJA NATIONALA din ROMANIA -**

Bucharest, June 8, 2020

DECISION

**The foundation of the Special Commission,
in accordance with Article 9 "Masonic Justice" paragraph 4
of the General Regulations of the National Grand Lodge of Romania, dictated by
the situation caused by the abuses of the Grand Master**

Article 9.4 of the General Regulations of the National Grand Lodge of Romania, provides that:

"Should the Grand Master abuse his powers and prove unworthy of the obedience of the National Grand Lodge of Romania, then he will be subject to a new set of Regulations, dictated by the present situation; and this is because the Old Brotherhood had no reason to establish such regulations, for such events, which it assumed would never happen. These new Regulations will be the responsibility of a Special Commission (...)"

The continued violation of the Art. 12.1 of the NGLR Constitution by the Grand Master since April 21, 2020 has lasted and has been producing effects for more than 6 (six) weeks.

Four Recognized Regular Grand Lodges from abroad, the **Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania** (with the largest no. of members in the world), the **Grand Lodge of Michigan**, the **Grand Lodge of New Jersey** and the **Grand Lodge of Spain** (whose Grand Master is also the acting Executive Secretary of the World Conference of The Regular Grand Lodges), have so far warned Grand Master Radu Bălănescu in writing that he has committed abuses that constitute a serious irregularity.

No Grand Lodge in the world has shown him support in his anti-Masonic endeavors.

A growing number of Lodges within the National Grand Lodge of Romania accuse the abusive behavior of the Grand Master, several written statements being already signed, such as the Masonic Proclamation from Timisoara, the Declaration from Brasov, the Declarations from Iasi, Suceava Pitesti, Constanta etc., which reached a pinnacle with the Romanian Masonic Memorandum, with national representation.

Besides the above-mentioned statements, growing numbers of Master Masons in Good Standing accuse the abusive behavior of the Grand Master Radu Bălănescu.

Three members of the High Court of Masonic Justice, as well as one member of the Masonic Tribunal, resigned from their offices as Judges, in protest against the abuses of the Grand Master, and against the incorrect course of Masonic Justice.

All the above mentioned firmly and strongly demand his resignation, considering him no longer worthy to be the Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of Romania.

We deemed it mandatory to

intervene against the unprecedented situation that exists in the National Grand Lodge of Romania through the abusive actions of the Grand Master endangering the Regularity and Recognition of the Grand Lodge,

We inform the members of the NGLR that, in accordance with the practices of long tradition Grand Lodges and considering the principles of seniority that our ancient Fraternity recognizes, the Commission is open to any Grand Dignitary of the National Grand Lodge of Romania who opposes the illegal actions of the Grand Master and the Grand Council.

None of the members of the Grand Council, the President of the Masonic Tribunal, the President of the High Court of Masonic Justice and the President of the "Constitutional Court" Commission were invited to join the commission, as they have publicly ruled in favor of the Grand Master's abusive actions and are therefore devoid of objectivity, being at fault themselves.

The Commission is responsible for investigating the abuse of power by the Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of Romania, which could lead to

the conclusion that he is unworthy to be the Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of Romania. The result of the investigation will be communicated to all members of the National Grand Lodge of Romania.

The Special Commission will investigate in particular:

- The repeated violation of the Ancient Landmarks, the Constitution, the General Regulations and the Masonic Code of Conduct, which reached a peak with the High Council's Decision on April 21, 2020, which violated Art. 12.1 of the Constitution of the National Grand Lodge of Romania;
- The encouragement, the imposition and even the blackmail of the Brothers by secular means to join an irregular Masonic entity, using the official communication channels of the National Grand Lodge of Romania;
- The violation of the articles in the General Regulations regarding the establishing and functioning of the Masonic Tribunal and the High Court of Masonic Justice;
- The exercise of discretionary control over the Masonic Justice (Masonic Tribunal and High Court of Masonic Justice), perpetuated and aggravated over the last few years, which has led to the impossibility of applying uniform case-law within the Lodges and the Grand Lodge, the Masonic Justice thus becoming a coercive factor in the propagation and promotion of fear and terror, which aimed to expel all the Brethren who did not agree with the decisions of the Grand Master;
- The constant diminution, up to pathetic pittance, of the sovereignty of the Lodges within the National Grand Lodge of Romania;
- The granting of increased powers to the Profane Association, compared to those provided by the Constitution and General Regulations of the National Grand Lodge of Romania, by amending the Statute of the Profane Association, which, instead of representing the Grand Lodge in the profane world, incorporates and subordinates the National Grand Lodge of Romania, which has become "a program of the Profane Association", reducing the Lodges to simple "Working Groups" of the Profane Association;
- The non-disclosure to the members of the actual financial benefits of the Grand Master and of several persons in his entourage, obtained from the Brethren's money and other than as salary, benefits that were

never presented in detail to the Masonic Convent and implicitly to the members of the NGLR and, consequently, were never subject to approval;

- The suspicion arising from the lack of financial transparency and incomplete information on the expenses of the Grand Lodge and on the investments in the Socio-Cultural Objective of the Grand Lodge, the members being put in a position to vote in the Masonic Convent without being informed;
- The suspicion of fraud regarding the use of money from the members of the National Grand Lodge in Romania to build this objective;
- The discretionary and authoritarian leadership of the National Grand Lodge of Romania through a mechanism created in recent years in order to serve the interests of the Grand Master and the dilution of the powers of the Grand Lodge Institutions (the Grand Council, the Masonic Tribunal, the High Court of Masonic Justice, the "Constitutional Court" Commission, etc.), respectively the usurpation of the authority and executive power of the Grand Dignitaries;

The **Special Commission**, starting today and throughout its operating duration, **DECIDES**:

- The suspension of all the prerogatives of Grand Master Radu Bălănescu during the work of the Special Commission, so that the Commission's activities can be carried out;
- The notification of the Masonic courts regarding any violations of the NGLR Constitution, the General Regulations of the NGLR, as well as the Masonic Code of Conduct, violations allegedly committed by the Grand Dignitaries, the President of the Masonic Tribunal, the President of the High Court of Masonic Justice and the President of the "Constitutional Court" Commission, as these dignitaries of the National Grand Lodge of Romania, in complicity, have publicly ruled in favor of the abusive and unlawful decisions of the Grand Master and took decisions disobeying the restrictions imposed during the State of Emergency and State of Alert by the Romanian Government;
- The investigation and consideration of the grounds for the annulment of all the Decisions of the Grand Council, all the Decrees of the Grand Master and all decisions of the Masonic Tribunal and the High Court of Masonic Justice issued starting April 21, 2020 to date, as well as the appropriateness of making any Review Requests for the manifestly unfounded and unlawful decisions of the Masonic courts

from the date of the issuance of the of the Grand Council's Decision of April 21, 2020.

Members of the Special Commission at the time of the issuance of the present Decision (the list remains open):

1. <redacted> – Honorary Grand Master of the NGLR, Past Grand Chancellor, Past Grand Treasurer
2. <redacted> – Honorary Grand Master of the NGLR, Past Pro Grand Master, Past Grand Orator, Founding Master Mason of the National Grand Lodge of Romania
3. <redacted> – Honorary Grand Master of the NGLR, Past Pro Grand Master
4. <redacted> – Honorary Grand Master of the NGLR, Past Pro Grand Master, Constanta District
5. <redacted> – Founding Master Mason of the National Grand Lodge of Romania
6. <redacted> – Past Grand Master of Ceremonies, Founding Master Mason of the National Grand Lodge of Romania
7. <redacted> – Founding Master Mason of the National Grand Lodge of Romania, Ploiești District
8. <redacted> – Worshipful Master of no. 22 “Tibiscum” Lodge, Timisoara District
9. <redacted> – Past Zonal Orator – 7th Zone –, Past Worshipful Master of the no. 116 “Coroana din Carpati” Lodge, Brasov District
10. <redacted> – Past Worshipful Master of the no. 174 “Armonia” Lodge, Pitești District
11. <redacted> – Past Worshipful Master of the no. 83 “Basarab” Lodge, Craiova District

12. <redacted> – *Ad Vitam* Honorary Worshipful Master of the no. 6 “Simion Barnutiu” Lodge, Past Worshipful Master of the no. 147 “Victor Babes” Lodge, Cluj District
13. <redacted> – Past Worshipful Master of the no. 20 “A.I. Cuza” Lodge and of the no. 335 “Mihail Kogalniceanu” Lodge, Iași District
14. <redacted> – Past Judge of the High Court of Masonic Justice, Past Worshipful Master of the no. 82 “Isaac Newton” Lodge, Bucharest District

Each of the Brethren mentioned above has expressed his agreement and is supporting the present document.

The Commission will define and communicate to the members of the National Grand Lodge of Romania, the Rules of Procedure, within 5 (five) days of today's Special Commission Decision:

The contact details of the Special Commission are:

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