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On the four-day period from 27 to 30 April 2023 the United Grand Lodge of Greece of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite had the responsibility and honor to organize in Athens the events of the International Confederation of United Grand Lodges of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (ICUGL), the Initiatory Encounters, of whose subject this year was "Ancient Mysteries and Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite." (pic.1,2)



pic. 1



pic. 2

The Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Greece of AASR, Most Worshipful Brother Dimitrios Matemtzis welcomed the President of ICUGL and former Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of France, Most Worshipful Brother Pierre-Marie Adam, its Secretary General and former Grand Chancellor of the Grand Lodge of France Very Respectable Brother Jean-Pascal Engler and the Continental Vice-President of Europe and former Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of Serbia, Most Worshipful Brother Dragoslav Pavlovic. (pic. 3)



pic. 3

The Initiatory Encounters were attended by delegations from numerous Grand Lodges -members of ICUGL, from Georgia, Spain, the Czech Republic, Slovenia, Italy, Romania, Bulgaria, the Grand Lodge of Greece of AASR, Serbia and the Grand Lodge of France, Mother Grand Lodge of the Rite, represented by the Grand Chancellor Very Respectable Brother Alain Gravian. (pic.4)



pic. 4

The events began on the evening of Thursday 27/04/2023 at the Athens Masonic Hall of the United Grand Lodge of Greece of the AASR with a dinner hosted by the Grand Master, Brother Dimitrios Matemtzis in honor of the leaders of the foreign delegations, with the presence of the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of Greece of the AASR, Most Illustrious Brother Iordanis Poulkouras.

At noon on Friday 28/4/2023, the main part of the works began in a specially designed Temple on the "Athens Zafolia" hotel, under the Gavel of the Grand Master Most Worshipful Brother Dimitrios Matemtzis (pic. 5), who addressed a short greeting to the representatives of the International Confederation, the participating delegations, but also to the Greek Brothers, followed by a greeting from the President of the ICUGL Most Worshipful Brother Pierre-Marie Adam to all participants.

Then he, taking over the gavel, (pic. 6) proceeded to the main part of the work which included the presentation of architectural boards related to the theme of this year's Initiatory Encounters. The masonic works were presented in order by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia (pic. 7), the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Spain (pic. 8) and the former Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of Romania (pic. 9).

With the completion of the work presentations, followed the signing of two Scottish Treaties of Friendship and mutual recognition of the United Grand Lodge of Greece of AASR with the Grand Lodge of Georgia (pic. 10) and the National Grand Lodge of Romania (pic. 11). The works were suspended and an official dinner followed in the evening with the participation of all delegations.



pic. 5



pic. 6



pic. 7



pic. 8



pic. 9



pic. 10



pic. 11

On the morning of Saturday 29/4/2023, the suspended works were resumed and followed by the presentation of an architectural board by the Grand Master Most Worshipful Brother Dimitrios Matemtzis (pic. 12). Upon its completion the speech was given to the representatives of the International Confederation and the participating delegations, who expressed their great satisfaction with the level of work and also with the excellent organization of the event, offering all congratulations to our United Grand Lodge of Greece of AASR. This was followed by the exchange of gifts between the United Grand Lodge of Greece of AASR and the participating delegations, while in an atmosphere of joy and fraternal love, the official masonic works were closed. (pic. 13,14)



pic. 12



pic. 13



pic. 14

On the afternoon of Saturday 29/4/2023, the "white" part of the event followed, where the participants as well as representatives of Masonic obediences in amity, Brothers and other guests had the opportunity to enjoy a presentation entitled "The past, the present and the future of the AASR". The presentation consisted of a lecture by the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of Greece Most Illustrious Brother Iordanis Poulkouras (pic. 15) about the history of the AASR as well as a lecture by the President of the ICUGL and former Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of France, Most Worshipful Brother Pierre-Marie Adam (pic. 16), about the present and the future of the Rite. The white event, which provoked many questions from the audience, was moderated by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Greece of AASR, Brother Dimitrios Matemtzis and the Secretary General of ICUGL, Very Respectable Brother Jean-Pascal Engler.



pic. 15



pic. 16

On Sunday 30/4/2023 on the occasion of this year's theme of the Initiatory Encounters which had to do with Ancient Mysteries, our Grand Lodge had organized a tour on the museum and the archaeological site of Eleusis, place of celebration of the Eleusinian Mysteries and European Capital of Culture 2023. After the end of the tour, all the participants shared a lunch with greek specialties in a fraternal and quite emotional atmosphere, the last informal farewells were given and wishes for a new reunion in the near future.