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# Monument to the **Unknown Hero**

The Monument to the Unknown Hero is a World War I memorial located atop Mount Avala, south-east of Belgrade, Serbia, and designed by the sculptor Ivan Meštrović. The memorial was built in 1934–1938 on the place where an unknown Serbian World War I soldier was buried.



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Dear Brethren,

**In September 1926 the Grand Lodge of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes “Yugoslavia” hosted the Masonic Peace Congress in Belgrade.**

**To mark this event, the Regular Grand Lodge of Serbia has decided to convene the International Masonic Peace Congress in Belgrade from 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2026. The Congress will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June, and the arrival day is 17<sup>th</sup> June. The RGLS Annual Communication will follow on 20<sup>th</sup> June.**

The 1926 Congress was convened to condemn prohibitions of freemasonry in the then fascist Italy and in Hungary, and to promote peace in Europe and worldwide. At the Congress, for the first time since the outbreak of the Great war (after 12 years), a French and a German freemason hugged giving a perfect example of rapprochement among peoples. The event became known as “Belgrader Bruderkuss” (Belgrade Fraternal Hug). The Congress gathered the then Masonic Who’s Who of continental Europe, including among others: Isaac Revarchon, Fritz Brandenburg, Arthur Groussier, Dr Leo Müffelman, Eugen Lennhoff, Alfonse Mucha, George Weifert, and Jozsef Balassa. Seven Grand Masters, five Grand Commanders, four former Grand Masters, and eight Deputy Grand Masters attended the Congress. Specific issue of the Congress was that it was partly open for general audience. The Congress was long afterwards remembered as “Masonic Locarno”.

The 2026 Congress will include international conference and special academy on 18<sup>th</sup> June. As in 1926 both Grand Lodges and Supreme Councils are invited and both Grand Masters and Grand Commanders will speak at the conference, as well as prominent historians of freemasonry. Unveiling of a monument dedicated to the Belgrade Fraternal Hug and peace will also take place. The Centenary Academy will follow in the early evening. On 19<sup>th</sup> June, a special commemorative event in favour of peace will take place in front of the Monument to the Unknown Hero (the Avala Mountain) in the outskirts of Belgrade. Special dinner at the Royal Palace will follow on 19<sup>th</sup> June.

As in 1926 a joint masonic resolution in favour of peace will be adopted and read.

**You are cordially invited to take part in the International Masonic Peace Congress.**



Belgrade  
Fraternal Hug 1926  
(Illustration)

With fraternal regards,  
**Lukas Rasulić**  
Grand Master of the  
Regular Grand Lodge of Serbia

*Lukas Rasulic*





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## Programme

### WEDNESDAY June 17

| Time                       | Location                                                 | Event                                                                                                     |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| All day                    | Airport > Crowne Plaza                                   | Transfers                                                                                                 |
| 12:00-14:00                | School for Visually Impaired Pupils "Veljko Ramadanović" | Charitable activity                                                                                       |
| 19.30-20.00<br>20:00-23:00 | Gathering in<br>Crowne Plaza Lounge                      | <b>Welcome Reception</b> Hosted by the Grand Master of the RGLS (including <b>Presentation Ceremony</b> ) |

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### THURSDAY June 18

| Time        | Location                   | Event                                                                             |
|-------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 09:00-10:30 | CP Pacific & Atlantic hall | <b>International Masonic Peace Congress</b> Morning session 1                     |
| 10:30-10:45 | CP Mezzanine               | Coffee break                                                                      |
| 10:45-12:15 | CP Pacific & Atlantic hall | <b>International Masonic Peace Congress</b> Morning session 2                     |
| 12:15-13:00 | CP Mezzanine               | Lunch break                                                                       |
| 13:00-14:30 | CP Pacific & Atlantic hall | <b>International Masonic Peace Congress</b> Afternoon session 1                   |
| 14:30-15:15 | CP Pacific & Atlantic hall | <b>International Masonic Peace Congress</b> Afternoon session 2                   |
| 15:15-15:30 | CP Mezzanine               | Coffee break                                                                      |
| 16:15-17:00 | CP Pacific & Atlantic hall | <b>International Masonic Peace Congress</b> Afternoon session 3                   |
| 17:30-18:30 | Crowne Plaza Lounge        | <b>First Meeting of the Peace Committee</b><br>Grand Masters and Grand Commanders |
| 19:15       | Crowne Plaza Lobby         | BUS transfer to Kinoteka museum                                                   |
| 20:00-21:30 | Kinoteka Museum            | <b>Centenary anniversary Academy</b>                                              |
| 21:30-23:00 | Kinoteka Museum            | <b>Cocktail</b> (BUS transfer to Crowne Plaza at 23:00)                           |

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### FRIDAY June 19

| Time        | Location                   | Event                                                                                                |
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| 09:00-10:00 | Crowne Plaza Lounge        | <b>Second Meeting of the Peace Committee</b><br>Adopting & signing of Masonic Peace Declaration 2026 |
| 10:15-10:45 | Crowne Plaza Park          | <b>Unveiling of the monument</b>                                                                     |
| 11:00       | Crowne Plaza Lobby         | BUS transfer to Avala mountain                                                                       |
| 12:00-14:00 | Avala mountain             | <b>Avala monument Ceremony</b>                                                                       |
| 14:00       | Avala mountain             | BUS transfer to Crowne Plaza                                                                         |
| 15:00-16:00 | CP Mezzanine               | Lunch break                                                                                          |
| 17:00-19:00 | CP Pacific & Atlantic hall | <b>Ancient &amp; Accepted Scottish Rite of Serbia Ceremony</b>                                       |
| 19:30       | Crowne Plaza Lobby         | BUS transfer to Royal Palace                                                                         |
| 20:00-20:45 | Royal Palace               | <b>Guided tour of the Palace</b>                                                                     |
| 20:45-23:00 | Royal Palace               | <b>Cocktail</b> (BUS transfer to Crowne Plaza at 23:00)                                              |

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### SATURDAY June 20

| Time        | Location                                 | Event                                                                   |
|-------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 9:00-13:00  | Gathering at Crowne Plaza Lobby at 08:45 | <b>City tour</b> for all the guests                                     |
| 9:00-13:00  | CP Pacific & Atlantic hall               | Grand Officers Lodge, RGLS Annual Communication - for RGLS members only |
| 13:30-17:00 | CP Pacific & Atlantic hall               | <b>RGLS Annual Communication</b>                                        |
| 19:30-20:00 | CP Mezzanine                             | Welcome drink                                                           |
| 20:00       | CP Pacific & Atlantic hall               | <b>Gala dinner</b>                                                      |

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### SUNDAY June 21

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| All day | Crowne Plaza > Airport | Transfers |
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### Opening of the Congress

**09:00 – 09:07** Opening of the Congress  
**09:07 – 09:15** MW Prof. Lukas Rasulić – Welcome Address  
and Peace Message of the Regular Grand Lodge of Serbia  
**09:15 – 09:20** Documentary: 'As it happened in 1926'

### Morning Session I – Remembering 1926

*Panel Moderators:* MW Prof. Lukas Rasulić (RGLS), MW [REDACTED] (GL New York), MW [REDACTED] (GL Quebec)

**09:20 – 09:30** Swiss Grand Lodge "Alpina"  
**09:30 – 09:40** French National Grand Lodge (GLNF)  
**09:40 – 09:50** United Grand Lodges of Germany (VGLvD)  
**09:50 – 10:00** Grand Lodge of Austria  
**10:00 – 10:10** United Grand Lodge of Bulgaria  
**10:10 – 10:20** AASR of Slovakia  
**10:20 – 10:30** AASR of Serbia

**10:30 – 10:45** Coffee Break

### Morning Session II – Remembering 1926

*Panel Moderators:* MW [REDACTED] (GLNF), MW [REDACTED] (VGLvD), Prof. [REDACTED] (RGLS)

**10:45 – 10:55** Grand Lodge of Greece  
**10:55 – 11:05** AASR of Greece  
**11:05 – 11:15** Symbolic Grand Lodge of Hungary  
**11:15 – 11:25** National Grand Lodge of Romania  
**11:25 – 11:35** Grand Lodge of Türkiye  
**11:35 – 11:45** Grand Lodge of Spain  
**11:45 – 11:55** Grand Lodge of Slovenia

**12:00 – 13:00** Lunch Break

### Afternoon Session I – Continental Messages of Peace

*Panel Moderators:* RW [REDACTED] - President of the  
Organising Committee (RGLS), MW [REDACTED] (GL  
"Alpina"), RW Prof. [REDACTED] (GLNF)

**13:00 – 13:15** Grand Lodge of Quebec and the Conference of  
the Ten Canadian Grand Lodges  
**13:15 – 13:25** Grand Lodge of the State of New York  
**13:25 – 13:35** Grand Lodge of South Africa  
**13:35 – 13:45** Grand Lodge of Minas Gerais  
**13:45 – 13:55** Grand Orient of Italy

Thursday June 18

### Centenary Academy

- MW [REDACTED] VGLvD, "Messages of Leo Müffelmann Today"
- MW [REDACTED] (GLNF), "Messages of Peace from France"
- MW Prof. Lukas Rasulić (RGLS), "Messages of 2026"



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### Afternoon Session II – Regional Masonic Messages of Peace

Panel Moderators: VW [REDACTED] (RGLS), MW [REDACTED] (GL Croatia), MW [REDACTED] (GL Slovenia)

Session: Regional Messages from former Yugoslavia (14:30 – 15:15)

**13:55 – 14:05** Grand Lodge in Bosnia and Herzegovina

**14:05 – 14:15** Grand Lodge of Croatia

**14:15 – 14:25** Grand Lodge of Macedonia

**14:25 – 14:35** Grand Lodge of Montenegro

**14:35 – 14:45** Regular Grand Lodge of Serbia

**14:45 – 14:55** Grand Lodge of Slovenia

**14:55 – 15:10** Coffee Break

### Afternoon Session III – Regional Messages from Europe

Panel Moderators: MW [REDACTED] (RGLS), MW [REDACTED] (GL South Africa), MW [REDACTED] (GL Minas Gerais)

**15:10 – 15:20** Grand Lodge of Albania

**15:20 – 15:30** Grand Lodge of Moldova

**15:30 – 15:40** Grand Lodge of Russia

**15:40 – 15:50** Grand Lodge San Marino

### Afternoon Session IV – Peace and Humaneness: 1926 and Today

Panel Moderators: VW [REDACTED] (RGLS), MW [REDACTED] (HFAF), [REDACTED] (GL Minas Gerais)

**15:50 – 16:00** HFAF – Contribution of Female Lodges to Peace

**16:00 – 16:10** Rotary International – Rotary and Peace

**16:10 – 16:20** Prof. [REDACTED] – International

Red Cross and Peace

**16:20 – 16:30** RW Prof. [REDACTED] GLNF – French Freemasonry in the Interwar Period

**16:30 – 16:40** VW [REDACTED] (AASR Germany)

**16:40 – 16:50** Prof. [REDACTED] – Prominent Participants of the Congress of 1926

**16:50 – 16:55** Closing Documentary

**17:05** Official Photo Session of all Panelists



Friday June 19

### Avala monument ceremony

will serve as a platform for regional and international humanitarian messages of peace, delivered by the participants of the International Masonic Peace Congress. In tribute to the 1926 proceedings, a commemorative group photograph will be taken.



Original group photo from 1926



A tracing board (*radni tepih*, *tapis de loge*, *teppich*, *zeichenbrett*)