

PROVINCE OF HERTFORDSHIRE
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PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER



THE CEREMONY OF AMALGAMATION
OF
THE OLD ELIZABETHAN'S LODGE No. 7987 AND
TOTTERIDGE LODGE No. 6130
ON
MONDAY 13TH MARCH 2017
AT
HALSEY MASONIC HALL, CHESHUNT. EN8 8NJ
AT
5.30PM

ORDER OF CEREMONY OF AMALGAMATION

1. The Amalgamating Officer enters the Lodge, accepts the gavel from the Worshipful Master and occupies the Chair of the Lodge.
2. The Amalgamating Officer is saluted.
3. The Amalgamating Officer addresses the Brethren on the purpose of the meeting.
4. The Amalgamating Officer instructs the Provincial Senior and Junior Grand Wardens to assist by taking their places as Wardens of the Lodge.
5. The Amalgamating Officer invites the Provincial Grand Chaplain to assist in the Ceremony of Amalgamation.
6. The Amalgamating Officer invites the Provincial Grand Secretary to assist in the Ceremony of Amalgamation.
7. The Amalgamating Officer calls on the Provincial Grand Chaplain for Prayer.
Musical Response "*So mote it be*"
8. The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies addresses the Amalgamating Officer.
9. The Provincial Grand Secretary reads the Certificate of Amalgamation.
10. The Amalgamating Officer approves the Certificate of Amalgamation.
11. The Amalgamating Officer calls upon the Representatives of the Lodges to present their Warrants.
12. Hymn :

*O Lord, how joyful 'tis to see
The brethren join in harmony!
On Thee alone their heart relies,
Their only strength Thy grace supplies*

THE AMALGAMATION OF THE TOTTERIDGE LODGE No. 6130 AND THE OLD ELIZABETHAN'S LODGE No. 7987

13th MARCH 2017

The Lodges will be Amalgamated by:

The Assistant Provincial Grand Master
W Bro James Harrison **PSGD**

Attended by
The Provincial Senior Grand Warden
W Bro Oliver Wells **PAGDC**

The Provincial Junior Grand Warden
W Bro Patrick Dennehy **PAGDC**

Assisted by
W Bro Peter Headington ProvDepGChap
Acting as Provincial Grand Chaplain

W Bro Hugh Oram **PAGDC**
Provincial Grand Secretary

W Bro Barrie House ProvDepGDC
Acting as Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies

W Bro Ali Osman PProvDepGDC
Acting as Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies

W Bro Nicholas Murdoch
Provincial Grand Organist

19. The Amalgamating Officer presents the Warrants and the Certificate of Amalgamation to the Master of the Lodge.

20. The Amalgamation Closing Hymn :

*O God our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.*

*Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.*

*A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night,
Before the rising sun.*

*O God our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guide while troubles last,
And our eternal home.*

21. The Provincial Grand Chaplain gives the Patriarchal Benediction.

Musical response “*So mote it be*”.

22. The Amalgamating Officer invites the Worshipful Master to resume the Chair of the Lodge.

23. The Worshipful Master resumes the Chair of the Lodge.

24. The Worshipful Master thanks the Provincial Grand Wardens and instructs the Lodge Senior and Junior Wardens to resume their places.

25. The Worshipful Master expresses the thanks of the Brethren of the Lodge to the Amalgamating Officer.

END OF CEREMONY OF AMALGAMATION

*How sweet within this blessed place
With one accord to sing Thy grace,
Besieging Thine attentive ear
With all the force of fervent prayer.*

*O may we love the house of God,
Of peace and joy the blest abode;
O may no angry strife destroy
That sacred peace, that holy joy.*

*Lord, shower upon us from above
That sacred gift of mutual love;
That for each brother's needs, we share
In giving love and help and care.*

13. The Amalgamating Officer calls on the Provincial Grand Chaplain for an Oration.

14. The Brethren of the Amalgamated Lodge form in the centre of the Lodge.

15. The Amalgamating Officer sprinkles salt on the Brethren of the Amalgamated Lodge.

16. Hymn :

*Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us,
O'er the world's tempestuous sea,
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but thee.
Yet possessing every blessing,
If our God our Father be.*

17. The Provincial Grand Chaplain delivers the Amalgamation Prayer.

Musical response “*So mote it be*”.

18. The Amalgamating Officer affirms the Amalgamation.

Musical response “*So mote it be*”.