

ADVICE ON THE AMALGAMATION OF LODGES - APPENDIX PART ONE

DRAFT FORM OF RESOLUTIONS TO BE PASSED BY THE PREVAILING LODGE

A. The following should happen at a regular meeting of the Lodge.

With the summons for this meeting the wording of the notice of motion (as below) should be circulated to all members and in the course of the meeting formal notice of motion should be given verbally by its proposer that he intends the motion to be put at the next meeting. The notice of motion will be printed again on the summons for the next meeting. *(see capital B below)*. *This is to assist in the widest possible understanding by all the membership of the import of the motion.*

The wording of the motions should follow this specimen.

- a) *That this Lodge accept the amalgamation into it of the [other] Lodge(s) and jointly with the said Lodge(s), petition the Most Worshipful The Grand Master for a Certificate of Amalgamation [and (if desired) for the name of this Lodge to be changed to]*
- b) *That the transfer to this Lodge of such of the assets and funds of the [other] Lodge(s) as are capable of being disposed of by the members thereof shall be deemed to be payment of the joining fees in respect of such members of the [other] Lodge(s) as wish to become joining members of this Lodge.*

The names (only) of those members of the other Lodge(s) who wish to become members of the prevailing Lodge should at this point be proposed in open lodge, verbally, as would be the normal practice for joining members.

B. At the next meeting, which can be an Emergency Meeting, the resolutions (a) and (b) having been printed on the summons, together with the names and details of the joining members (which may be printed, for convenience, on a separate sheet of paper) the motions (a) and (b) are discussed and put to the Brethren. *To succeed, the motion must be approved by at least two-thirds of those Brethren present and voting.* The precise voting figures should be recorded on the minutes of the meeting, and submitted with the subsequent Petition.

If the motions succeed, the ballot for joining members should follow. It is to be understood that any member of the other Lodge(s) who is desirous of joining the prevailing Lodge, and who can demonstrate that he is in good standing as required by Rule 163, must be able to expect that there will be no impediment to the success of the ballot in his case.

APPENDIX PART TWO

RESOLUTION TO BE PASSED BY THE AMALGAMATED LODGE AT THE FIRST MEETING FOLLOWING AMALGAMATION

This resolution does appear as part of the Ceremony of Amalgamation and need not be proposed separately if a Ceremony of Amalgamation is to be held in the Amalgamated Lodge.

The following proposal should be made in the Amalgamated Lodge.

That the Lodge agrees that henceforth, the members who are Past Masters of the Amalgamating Lodges shall rank in one order of seniority according to the date of their Installation into the Chair of King Solomon; those who are Past Masters in the Lodges in another, similar, order, and those who are Master Masons in one order according to the date of their Initiation; it being understood that for the administrative purposes of appointment to Provincial Rank, separate historical records will be maintained by the Province of Past Masters of each of the Amalgamating Lodges.

This resolution is to be recorded on the Minutes of this meeting of the Lodge.

APPENDIX PART THREE

DRAFT FORM OF RESOLUTIONS TO BE PASSED BY THE SUBSUMED LODGE(S) IN ORDER TO AMALGAMATE WITH THE PREVAILING LODGE

A. The following should happen at a regular meeting of the Lodge.

With the summons for this meeting the wording of the notice of motion should be circulated to all members and in the course of the meeting notice should be given verbally by its proposer that he intends the motion to be put at the next meeting. The notice of motion will be printed again on the summons for the next meeting. *(see capital B below)*. *This is to assist in the widest possible understanding by all the membership of the import of the motion.*

The wording of the motions should follow this specimen.

- a) *That this Lodge, jointly with the [prevailing] Lodge, petition the Most Worshipful The Grand Master for a Certificate of Amalgamation with a view to this Lodge being amalgamated into the [prevailing] Lodge [and (if desired) for the name of the [continuing] Lodge to be changed to]*
- b) *That, subject to the grant by the Most Worshipful The Grand Master of a Certificate of Amalgamation and to the acceptance by the [prevailing] Lodge of as many members of this Lodge as wish to become joining members of it, the assets and funds of and disposable by this Lodge (with the exception of [see below]) be transferred to the [prevailing] Lodge and this Lodge submit its Warrant for formal enforcement so that it may be delivered to and be held by the Master for the time being of the [amalgamated] Lodge.*

Note: Individual Lodges may as a result of by-laws or other instruments be subject to restrictions on the disposal of their General or Charity Funds and such issues will need to be addressed at an early stage and embodied in these resolutions.

B. At the next meeting, which can be an Emergency Meeting, the resolutions having been printed on the summons, the motions are discussed and put to the Brethren. To succeed, the motions must be approved by a simple majority of those present and voting provided that not fewer than five members vote in favour. The precise voting figures should be recorded on the minutes of the meeting.