

CONSOLIDATION CEREMONY

Grand Master: The purpose of this called communication is to conduct a Ceremony of Consolidation with _____ Lodge and _____ Lodge to embark upon a new beginning for their Masonic future.

Grand Master: As we should never begin any important undertaking without asking the blessing of our Great Artitect of the Universe, let us pause as our Grand Chaplain invokes the aid of Deity.

Grand Master: Brother Grand Chaplain, you will lead us in prayer. *Calls up the lodge. (Three Raps of the gavel).*

Grand Chaplain: Prayer

Grand Master: Let us show our pride and allegiance to the country in which we live. Brethren, join me in saluting and pledging allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Pledge of Allegiance

Grand Master: Brother Grand Marshal, you will escort the Master of _____ Lodge, No. _____ and the Master of _____ Lodge, No. _____ to the West of the Altar for the purpose of the Ceremony of Consolidation. I would request that the Master of the proposing lodge to be situated on the Northside and the Master of the inviting or remaining lodge to be situated on the Southside.

Grand Master: Worshipful Master of _____ Lodge, No. _____, is the Charter of _____ Lodge, No. _____ present? *(The blanks to be filled by the name and number of the proposing Lodge.)*

Worshipful Master of Proposing Lodge: It is. *(The Worshipful Master of proposing Lodge presents Charter to Grand Master.*

Grand Master: Secretary of _____ Lodge, No. _____, is the seal of the _____ Lodge, No. _____ present? *(The blanks to be filled by the name and number of proposing Lodge.)*

Secretary of Proposing Lodge: It is. *(The Secretary of proposing Lodge presents Lodge Seal to the Grand Master.)*

Grand Master: Secretary of _____ Lodge, No. _____ *(the blanks to be filled by the name and number of the proposing Lodge)*, have the members of _____ Lodge, No. _____ *(the blanks to be filled by the name and number of the proposing Lodge)*, after having been properly notified, voted to consolidate with _____ Lodge, No. _____ *(the blanks to be filled by the name and number of the inviting lodge)*, in accordance with Section 201 of the Book of Constitutions with the Grand Lodge of Kentucky?

Secretary of Proposing Lodge: They have.

Grand Master: Secretary of _____ Lodge, No. _____ *(the blanks to be filled by the name and number of the inviting lodge)*, have the members of _____ Lodge, No. _____ *(the blanks to be filled by the name and number of the inviting lodge)*, after having been properly notified, voted to consolidate with _____ Lodge, No. _____ *(the blanks to be filled by the name and number of the proposing Lodge)*, in accordance with Section 201 of the Book of Constitutions with the Grand Lodge of Kentucky?

Secretary if Inviting Lodge: They have.

Grand Master: Brother Grand Secretary, does the proceedings regarding monies and property as well as the administrative procedures of the lodges pursuing this consolidation acted according to your satisfaction?

Grand Secretary: They have to my satisfaction.

Grand Master: It seems that everything is in proper order for us to proceed with the Consolidation of _____ Lodge, No. _____ *(insert name and number of proposing Lodge)*, and _____ Lodge, No. _____ *(insert name and number of inviting Lodge)*.

Grand Master: Grand Marshal, you will escort the Master of _____
Lodge, No. _____ (*insert name and number of proposing Lodge*) and
the Worshipful Master of _____ Lodge, No. _____ (*insert
name and number of inviting Lodge*) to the Altar.

Grand Master: Would the members of _____ Lodge, No. _____
(*insert name and number of proposing lodge*), and the _____
Lodge, No. _____ (*insert name and number of inviting Lodge*) please
rise? My brothers, you will join with the members of the two lodges in
assuming the obligation to be united in this consolidation.

We ask that you confirm your allegiance of support of the Consolidation
Ceremony.

Please place your right hand over your heart and repeat this obligation after
me.

Of my own free will and accord do solemnly promise to faithfully serve as a
member of _____ lodge, No. _____ and perform all duties
appertaining to my membership to the best of my skill and abilities as we
unite together as one Masonic Lodge in promoting the great Masonic
principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. So help me God.

Grand Master: Has a set of by-laws been adopted by the Brethren of the
lodge?

Grand Master: By the power in me vested as Grand Master of the Grand
Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, I declare _____
Lodge, No. _____ (*insert name and number of proposing Lodge*), and
_____ Lodge, No. _____ (*insert name and number of inviting
Lodge*), consolidated to operate under the name, number and charter of
_____ Lodge, No. _____ (*insert name and number of
inviting Lodge*) at _____, Kentucky.

*(The Grand Master strikes one knock of the gavel affirming the declaration
and seating of the Lodge.)*

Grand Master: Grand Marshal, conduct the worshipful brothers at the altar to
appropriate places within the lodge.

Grand Master: Brethren, I ask that you join me in greeting the newly affiliated members of _____ Lodge, No. _____ (*insert name and number of inviting lodge*), with a hearty and warm welcome.

(Applause) My sincere congratulations are in order for your new beginning as you build a better and brighter future with a renewed hope and vision for our Masonic fraternity in this community.

Grand Master: This concludes our Consolidation Ceremony that will be followed with the Ceremony of the Installation of Officers for _____ Lodge, No. _____.