

Music at a meeting makes a real difference

John Helliard (PProvAGM of Essex) said a music-less meeting was like a bowl of cornflakes without milk. Sometimes an organist isn't available and up until now, the only alternatives were a music-less meeting, accapella singing or a CD and portable CD player.

Now, the OTO system allows a full range of music, played by a Provincial Organist, that can be played by any member of the lodge. No musical skills are required, nor are any computer skills.

The system has a vast range of music built in, and any special music can simply be added to your system.

Intuitive controls allow any lodge member to control the OTO so easily that the lack of a professional organist will be totally forgotten.

With OTO, every meeting can have music...

Music in orders other than Craft is quite rare, unless the unit has an Organist in its membership or it is a very large unit. With OTO, even a tiny lodge can have a full spectrum of music. The system is so simple that any lodge member can operate it with no musical training at all.

Flexibility for your centre

Apart from Masonic ceremonies, OTO can be used for non-masonic events too. A simple new button can be added that allows access to a vast range of non-masonic music for every event.

OTO will happily play background music while guests dine, or through a drinks reception, and can even be used to run a Disco.

Ask your centre to book an OTO to play at a demo meeting, and see how well it blends in. We will be very happy to show you how versatile OTO can be.

We are not trying to replace Organists...

It is important to state that we are not trying to REPLACE organists—far from it. We are trying to assist Lodges, Chapters and other orders when an organist isn't available. If an organist is ill, double booked or the lodge simply can't afford an organist at every meeting, the OTO will be available to provide music.

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The One Touch 'Playerless' Organ



Providing a tool to allow music to be played at any Masonic Meeting when no organist is available.

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The OTO Touch screen (below) is very easy to use and is totally intuitive. To play one of the pieces of music, simply press the button on the screen.

- The control features make this system so versatile. A track can be stopped, slow or fast faded or paused.
- The selection of music available is vast and new tracks can be added with little notice.
- To make the system more versatile, the 'Other Order' button (blue) offers Order specific music on the same screen.
- As part of the deal, music is updated and added periodically so the playlist doesn't get boring.
- The deal also includes all maintenance, updates, upgrades and call-outs for system issues.

ALL of the lodges that we have visited have said that this is definitely the way forward.

The OTO system is available for both Centres and individual Lodges, Chapters and other Orders. The system is provided on a Tablet PC and uses Bluetooth wireless communications to connect to a speaker. The Tablet is bought by the Lodges/ Chapters and in many cases, the centre purchases the speaker for all units to use. Once the tablet is purchased (a one-off cost of about £150), each unit pays £5 per month to use the software, which works out at £60 a year - and if your unit pays by a single annual payment, we will discount down to £55. Organists now charge from £30 to 95 a meeting, so the OTO system is a very economical alternative. OTO also takes the pressure off of the remaining organists when they are requested to fill in for absent brethren. We have many units sharing a tablet, which keeps the costs down further still. We can negotiate special deals for Masonic Centres ...

The screenshot shows a grid of music selection buttons at the top, a central track player with volume and status controls, and a bottom section with 'SO MOTE IT BE', 'LOCK', and 'Shut Down Organ' buttons. Annotations include:

- General Lodge Music and Processing in and Out marches.** (points to the top-left grid)
- Music and tunes that can be played at an Installation. Usually humorous, they add a little levity to the meeting.** (points to the top-right grid)
- Music played at the Festive Board, including the Masters Song** (points to a specific button in the grid)
- So Mote it Be on its own button and immediately available. No hunting on a disk for it.** (points to the 'SO MOTE IT BE' button)
- The correct way to shut the system down.** (points to the 'Shut Down Organ' button)
- Music control for smooth operation and quick response** (points to the track player controls)
- Simple volume controls** (points to the volume slider and list)
- Music for Other Orders available on a separate screen, accessed from this button** (points to the blue 'Other Order' button)