

**Executive Meeting
Tuesday, January 10, 2006.
Grand Lodge Office.**



AGENDA...

1. **Call to Order @ 10:00 am.** By.....Brother Dave Longfield, Grand Master.
Opening Prayer by Brother
Welcome to all.
2. **Quorum Present?**yes,no.
3. **Attendance Register.**
4. **Minutes of last meeting,**
approved as: - moved.....
2nd
5. **Committee Reports:**
 - A) Budget, year to date and proposed budget (White Sheets) (Brother Schwalm)
 - i) Review, approval and signing of the Financial Statements.
 - B) Legislation & Code Rewrite.
 - C) Enhancement Committee.
 - D) 816012 Ontario Ltd (Brother John Nichols and Brother Robert Schwalm)
 - E) Other?
6. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A) Silver City Lodge #206. (Brother Dave Longfield).
 - B) Eastern Star Lodge in Whitby.
 - C) Hospitality Suite for GL Session (Brother Dave McLaughlin)
 - D) Faith Rebekah Lodge #84, Welland.
 - E)
 - F)
7. **New Business:**
 - A) Review and preliminary approval of New Constitution and Bylaws.
 - B) Maple Leaf Lodge #57
 - C) Additional Executive Meeting? (Perhaps in March or April)
 - D)
 - E)
 - F)
 - G)
 - H) Other
8. **Date of Next Meetings** - January 10, 2006.
9. **Adjournment @** Moved by.....

Executive Special Committees.

2005 -2006.

First Listed Person to Serve as Chair.

Legislation and Code:		Finance:	
Ian McWhirter Charles Benson Bill Thompson	Members to ask if some say no:	Bev Rabbets Don Beach Jim Barker	Members to ask if some say no:
Resource: Dave Longfield Terry Switzer		Resource: Bob Schwalm John Nichols	
Investments and Endowments:		Program Enhancement	
Bob Schwalm John Nichols Dave Longfield Ian McWhirter	Members to ask if some say no:	Bill Thompson Ian McWhirter Victor Hughes Charles Benson Wayne Geurts	
Administrative and Organizational Matters:			
John Nichols Bob Schwalm Terry Switzer and all Elective and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers.			
Special Note:			
Our Grand Master has requested that the Chairperson of each of these Committees contact the other persons listed on these Committees and advise them of any meetings, progress, etc.			

**Minutes,
Executive Meeting,
Grand Lodge Office, Stratford, Ontario,
Tuesday, January 10th, 2006.**

The Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am with Chairman, Brother David Longfield presiding. Brother Dave asked our Grand Secretary, Brother John Nichols, to verify that a quorum was present. Brother John verified that a quorum was present and the meeting proceeded.

A quorum being in attendance, our meeting opened with a prayer by Brother Terry Switzer.

Our Attendance Register was circulated and showed the following Members to be in attendance:

OFFICERS (present):

Dave Longfield
Bill Thompson
John Nichols
Bob Schwalm
Terry Switzer
Herb Ritchie

Guests:

Kathleen Longfield.
Dave McLaughlin.

Brother Ian McWhirter, Grand Warden sent his regrets that he would not in attendance at this meeting as he was still vacationing in Florida.

Brother Nichols suggested that item # 6C be brought forward at this time since Brother Dave McLaughlin was present and we could free up his time so we did not have to keep him present for all of the meeting up until the time that item # 6C would be discussed. It was moved by Brother Bob Schwalm and Seconded by Brother Terry Switzer that this item be brought forward at this time. **CARRIED.**

Item #6C Hospitality Suite for GL Session.

Brother Dave McLaughlin of Valley City Lodge #117 was present to discuss the current details of what they have been planning in regards to the Hospitality Suite at our Grand Lodge Session.

Arrangements had been made for a Suite for the Hospitality Room to be hosted in. A general discussion was held in regards to arrangements and it appears that Valley City Lodge #117 is progressing well in their plans for the Hospitality Room for the Sessions. Cost of the Room will be borne by the Grand Lodge of Ontario and the room would be open and hosted by the members of Valley City Lodge #117. As per the motion by the Grand Lodge in Session the room will be opened prior to the opening of Sessions (Sunday Morning) until one hour after the Sessions close on Wednesday.

With the Rooms set up in the way they are it works out cheaper for the Grand Lodge to provide a two bedroom suite with Brother Nichols on one side and Brother Schwalm on the other than it would to book separate rooms for the Hospitality Room.

Valley City Lodge will have the keys to the Room and Brothers Nichols and Schwalm will also have keys.

General discussions were held as to the purpose of the room and what would be available and it was generally accepted that alcohol did not need to be a part of the room because the bar on the second floor was the appropriate place for people to congregate and drink. The Room was to be made available for people who were attending our Session in an Official Capacity and a guest if they had one.

The Executive was pleased with the way the plans were progressing and left the continuing plans for the Hospitality Room in the very capable hands of the Members of Valley City Lodge #117 subject to input and review by the Executive of the Grand Lodge as necessary.

Item #5 A Proposed Budget, Budget Year to Date and Financial Statements.

The Finance Committee, Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer had met yesterday to review and propose a Budget to be presented at the upcoming Session of the Grand Lodge of Ontario. Brother Schwalm presented the proposed budget and the Executive suggested a couple of amendments to the Budget in regard to the Honorarium paid to the Line Officers. Amendments were made and it was moved by Brother Terry Switzer and Seconded by Brother Bob Schwalm that this Budget as amended be approved for presentation to the Finance Committee at the Grand Lodge Sessions. **CARRIED.** This Proposed Budget will be sent to all of the Lodges in the Pre Sessional Mailing with the Advanced Legislation and other items for the Lodges to consider prior to the Annual Session.

Brother Schwalm presented the Budget Year to Date and the Executive reviewed the figures and felt that things were progressing well. It was Moved by Brother Bob Schwalm and Seconded by Brother Terry Switzer that the Budget Report, as presented be accepted. **CARRIED.**

Brother Schwalm presented the Draft Audited Financial Statements and noted that he had found no discrepancies in his review of the statements. It was moved by Brother Herb Ritchie and Seconded by Brother Bill Thompson that the Final Audited Financial Statements be accepted as presented with the Final Copies to be signed by the Grand Master and Grand Treasurer when ready, provided no discrepancies are found by the Grand Treasurer. **CARRIED.**

Item #5 B Legislation and Code Rewrite.

The Executive reviewed the final edition of the Code Rewrite and proposed amendments that had come forward after the date that we had to mail out the proposed Code to the Lodges for Session. It was moved by Brother John Nichols and Seconded by Brother Terry Switzer that the proposed amendments

be adopted by this Executive and placed before the Representatives to the Grand Lodge Session for their input and acceptance or rejection. **CARRIED.**

Item #5 C Enhancement Committee.

There was no report for this meeting but it was hoped that the Committee could meet and report for our next meeting.

Item #5 D 816012 Ontario Ltd.

Brother Nichols had advised the Executive prior the this meeting that the Building on Jane Street has been sold and that the details of the sale would be in the final Audited Financial Statements as a note to the statement for 816012 Ontario Ltd since the building had sold after our year end.

Item #6 A Silver City Lodge #206.

This Item was held “In Camera” due to the fact that it dealt with the personal business of one Lodge in the Jurisdiction. Brother Dave Longfield reported that Brother Norm Hunt was looking after this Lodge for the Grand Master and that further reports would be made if needed.

Item #6 B Eastern Star Lodge in Whitby.

This Item was held “In Camera” due to the fact that it dealt with the personal business of one Lodge in the Jurisdiction. As a result of the discussion details were left in the hands of the Grand Secretary to write a letter for clarification and give the Lodge a certain date by which to respond.

Item #6 D Faith Rebekah Lodge #84, Welland.

This Item was held “In Camera” due to the fact that it dealt with the personal business of one Lodge in the Jurisdiction. As a result of the discussion details

were left in the hands of the Grand Secretary to write a letter for clarification and give the Lodge a certain date by which to respond.

Item #7 A Review and preliminary approval of the New Constitution and Bylaws.

This item was handled previously under item #5 B.

Item #7 B Maple Leaf Lodge #57

This Item was held “In Camera” due to the fact that it dealt with the personal business of one Lodge in the Jurisdiction. As a result of the discussion details were left in the hands of the Grand Secretary to write a letter for clarification of their letter and give the Lodge a certain date by which to respond.

Item #7 C Additional Executive Meeting?

It was decided that this Executive should meet one more time prior to the Annual Session and the date set was February 28, 2006 at 10:00 am. There will be a Joint Executive Meeting with the Rebekah Assembly on March 7, 2006.

Special Note: The extra meeting of the Executive was cancelled due to snow conditions in Stratford on the date of the meeting. Since there was not a great deal of business for the extra meeting it was decided via email that the Executive would next meet at the Hilton Hotel, prior to Sessions.

No Further Business appearing this Meeting of the Executive closed at 2:25 pm.

