



**Executive Meeting  
Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007.  
Grand Lodge Office.**



**AGENDA...**

1. **Call to Order @ 10:00 am.** By.....Brother Ian McWhirter, 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..... 2<sup>nd</sup> .....

5. **Committee Reports:**

- A) Executive Committee Appointments and Approval. (Ian and John)
- B) Budget, year to date.
- C) Code and Legislation.

6. **Unfinished Business:**

- A) Meritorious Service Award Application Process. (Charlie Benson)
- B) Joint Planning Board and Bob's Proposal (Terry Switzer)
- C) Brinston Lodge Hall (**In Camera**)
- D) Samaritan #35 (**In Camera**)
- E) Forest City Lodge #38 (**In Camera**)
- F) Eastern Star Lodge in Whitby (**In Camera**)

7. **New Business:**

- A) Letter from Brother George McLellan (**In Camera**)
- B) Victoria Historical Lodge #6 (Terry Switzer)
- C) Broadview Lodge #294 (**In Camera**)
- D) Joint Executive Meetings with the Rebekah Assembly? (John Nichols)
- E) Hospitality Suite? (John Nichols)
- F) Meeting with Margaret Reynolds and Charles Benson (Charlie and John)
- G) Belleville Hall update (Charlie Benson)
- H)
- I) Other?

8. **Date of Next Meetings** - September 25/07 (**proposed Joint Meeting starting at 10:00am, Ian to set up**),  
December 11/07, February 12/08, March 11/08.

9. **Adjournment @** ..... Moved by.....

**Executive Special Committees.**  
**2007 -2008.**  
**First Listed Person to Serve as Chair.**

<b>Budget Committee:</b>		<b>Investments and Endowments:</b>	
<b>Resource:</b> <b>Bob Schwalm</b> <b>John Nichols</b>	<b>Members to ask if some say no:</b>	<b>Bob Schwalm</b>	<b>Members to ask if some say no:</b>
<b>Program Enhancement &amp; Membership Development.</b>		<b>Administrative and Organizational Matters:</b>	
<b>Charles Benson</b> <b>Don Beach</b>  <b>Wayne Geurts</b>		<b>John Nichols</b>   <b>and all Elective and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers.</b>	
<b>Legislation and Code:</b>		<b>Grand Lodge and Component Unit Properties</b> <b>(Appointed by the Grand Secretary Chapter III,</b> <b>Section 9 A (2))</b>	
<b>Resource:</b>	<b>Members to ask if some say no:</b>	<b>John Nichols</b> <b>Terry Switzer</b> <b>Bob Schwalm</b> <b>Charles Benson</b> <b>Don Beach</b>	
<b>Special Note:</b>  <b>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.</b>			

The Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am with Chairman, Brother Ian McWhirter presiding. Brother Ian 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 Bill Thompson. The following members were in attendance at this meeting of the Executive:

Ian McWhirter  
John Nichols  
Bill Thompson

Charles Benson  
Bob Schwalm

Don Beach  
Terry Switzer

Brother Ian welcomed all the members of the Executive to this meeting and especially welcomed our new Grand Warden, Brother Don Beach. This was Brother Don's first meeting of the Executive

The Minutes of the last meeting were dealt with at this point. It was moved by Brother Terry Switzer and seconded by Brother Bill Thompson that the minutes of the last meeting be adopted as printed and circulated subject to any corrections. **CARRIED.**

**5A** All of the Committees of the Executive have not been finalized. Brother Nichols presented his appointments to the Grand Lodge and Component Unit Properties Committee and stated that everyone named had agreed to serve on this Committee. It was moved by Brother Nichols and seconded by Brother Benson that these appointments to this committee be approved. **CARRIED.**

**5B** Brother Schwalm presented the budget year to date and noted that our income from per capita dues was down. With the work that is being done we are currently in good shape and we hope to end the year with a small surplus.

Questions were asked about Grand Master's Promotion and were answered as to what the Promotion fund should be used for.

It was moved by Brother Schwalm and seconded by Brother Switzer that this report be approved as presented. **CARRIED.**

**5C** Code and Legislation. The upcoming proposed changes to the Code of General Laws that will be presented at the upcoming Annual Session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge were discussed. Brothers Nichols and Benson will discuss matters of interest to the Jurisdiction of Ontario with the SGL Legislation Committee at the Session in Denver.

**6A** Meritorious Service Award Application Process. Brother Benson presented some thoughts on the application process for the Meritorious Service Award (Brother Charlie had been given this matter as a project to look over by the last Executive of the Grand Lodge). There was some discussion on Brother Charlie's work so far and Brother Charlie was thanked for his hard work and all the effort he has placed in this matter. It was moved by Brother Thompson and seconded by Brother Nichols that this Executive congratulate

Brother Benson on his hard work and ask him to develop an application form for the Meritorious Service Award. **CARRIED.**

- 6B** Brother Schwalm's proposal in his letter in the Tabloid, in regards to holding one Joint Reception for all Units of the Order was discussed. The Executive had felt at a past meeting that this was an excellent idea and had asked that our Representative's on the Joint Planning Board take this matter to them. The matter was not taken to the Joint Planning Board.

From today's discussion it was felt that this is still a matter that should go to the Joint Planning Board for their discussion and to see if they would take this on as a Project for all Units of the Order in Ontario.

Brother McWhirter stated that he would talk with the Grand Lodge Representatives to the Joint Planning Board and have them present this matter at the next meeting of this Functioning Unit.

- 6C - F** These items were handled in camera as they dealt with the personal business of the Lodges involved. The resulting motions from this discussions were as follows:

- 6C** Brother McWhirter will appoint a Special Deputy to handle this item.  
**6D** Brother McWhirter is to handle this matter in the manners that were discussed and keep the Executive informed.  
**6E** Brother McWhirter is to handle this matter and to ask the DDGM to make a visit.  
**6F** This matter was left with Brother Beach. Costs incurred by Brother Beach in the performance of his duties will be covered by the Grand Lodge.

- 7A** This matter was handled in camera as it dealt with the private business of one Lodge. As a result of this discussion it was moved by Brother Thompson and seconded by Brother Switzer that the Grand Secretary prepare a letter in response to this letter received, outlining the details discussed and that the letter be approved by each member of the Executive prior to it being sent. **CARRIED.**

- 7B** Brother Switzer mentioned that attendance is dropping at this meeting each and every year and wondered what we could do about increasing our attendance. Other Units of the Order used to show up for the day and bring greetings and the Other Units aren't necessarily showing up for this day any more. The format for the Annual Meeting of Victoria Historical Lodge was also discussed with a thought of conducting all business prior to the installation so that the recess could be called and everyone enjoy a social time immediately following the meeting.

It was moved by Brother Switzer and seconded by Brother Benson that a letter of invitation be sent to all of the other units of the Order advising them of the date and time of Victoria Historical Lodge and inviting them to attend. **CARRIED.**

- 7C** This matter was handled in camera since it was the personal business of one Lodge being discussed. As a result of the discussion the matter was left in the hands of Brothers Beach and Switzer to handle.

- 7D** The matter of joint meetings between the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly Executives was discussed. Dates and Times were suggested and Brother McWhirter said that he would discuss holding a joint meeting, with the two Executives, on September 25, at 10:00 am, with Sister Dorothy Lawrence and arrange to have a joint Executive meeting prior to lunch so we could have our Grand Lodge Executive meeting after lunch. Brother Ian is to advise our Executive on his progress.
- 7E** Brother Nichols wondered if any Lodge or District had stepped forward in regards to hosting the Hospitality Suite at the next Annual Session of our Grand Lodge. Brother Nichols did not have the Journal Minutes completed but didn't think that anyone had come forward at the Session. Brother Switzer stated that he was certain that someone had said they would host the hospitality suite but couldn't remember who it was. It was moved by Brother Schwalm and seconded by Brother Switzer that our Grand Master and Grand Secretary see if anyone had volunteered to host the Hospitality Suite and if no one had that a letter be sent to all the Lodges to see if we could get a volunteer.  
**CARRIED.**

***SPECIAL NOTE. With the Journal now being completed I have found out that Northern District #30 had volunteered and Brother McWhirter has been in contact with them in regards to the hosting of this room.***

- 7F** Brothers Nichols and Benson had attended a meeting at the home of Sister Margaret Reynolds, Warden, Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, to discuss the Order and our future. A number of good points had been raised at the meeting and this group will meet again in the future to discuss gaining new members, retaining current members and looking for plans for our future as an Order.
- 7G** Brother Benson gave an update on the sale of the Lodge Hall in Belleville and it is hoped that a prospective buyer can be found in the near future. Since this matter affects Victoria Historical Lodge, Charlie will keep the Executive informed on this matter.

No further business appearing this meeting closed at 3:36 pm on motion of Brother Bill Thompson.

Future meetings of the Executive will be held on **September 25, 2007, with this meeting being a Joint Meeting of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly Executives, beginning at 10:00 am. Brother McWhirter is to take care of making the arrangements with Sister Dorothy Lawrence and the Assembly Executive. This meeting will begin at 10:00 am and the Grand Lodge Executive will meet after lunch.**

Further meetings will be held on December 11, 2007, February 12, 2008 and March 11, 2008, beginning at 10:00 am in the Grand Lodge Office.

Meeting Closed.