



**Executive Meeting  
Tuesday, June 27, 2017.  
Stratford, Ontario.**



**AGENDA...**

1. **Call to Order** @ By..... Brother Mark Blakey, Grand Master.

**Opening Prayer** by  
**Welcome to all.** -

2. **Quorum Present?** .....yes, .....no.

3. **Attendance Register.**

4. **Minutes of last meeting**, March 14, 2017.

approved as:

5. **Committee Reports:**

- A) Appointment of Committees (Mark & John)
- B) Budget year to date, (Bob Schwalm)
- C) Other.

6. **Unfinished Business:**

- A) Credit District #33, Milton #92 & Golden Star #101. (**In Camera**) (Duncan)
- B) District Boundaries. (Duncan & Mark)
- C) Midland #274 (**In Camera**) (Terry)
- D) Other.

7. **New Business:**

- A) Ad Hoc Committee to discuss a Canadian Tour for Students (Terry)
- B) New Minimum Wage Requirements (Bob)
- C) Victoria Historical Lodge #6
- D) 2019 Annual Session and Hotel Contract (Bob)
- E) Ganaraska/Duke of Kent (**In Camera**) (Terry)
- F) Grand Master's Reception (**In Camera**) (Terry)
- G) Piano donation (Terry)
- H) Victoria RL #1 (**In Camera**) (Jim)
- I) Email Addresses (Jim)

8. **Date of Next Meetings** - October 17/17, January 16/18, March 13/18, Sessions if needed.

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

# **Executive Special Committees.**

**2017 -2018.**

## **First Listed Person to Serve as Chair.**

<b>Budget Committee:</b>  <b>Bob Schwalm</b> <b>Don Beach</b> <b>Tom Robinson</b> <b>Philip Benson</b>   <b>John Nichols, as resource.</b>	<b>Investments and Endowments:</b>  <b>Bob Schwalm</b> <b>John Nichols</b> <b>Duncan McMillan</b> <b>Mark Blakey</b> <b>Jim Broadfoot</b> <b>Eugene Dopp</b>
<b>Program Enhancement &amp; Membership Development.</b>  <b>Eugene Dopp</b> <b>Jim Broadfoot</b> <b>George Clarke</b> <b>Ron Wanamaker</b> <b>Duncan McMillan</b>	<b>Administrative and Organizational Matters:</b>  <b>Mark Blakey</b> <b>John Nichols</b> <b>Bob Schwalm</b> <b>Terry Switzer</b> <b>Jim Broadfoot</b> <b>Eugene Dopp</b> <b>Duncan McMillan</b>
<b>Legislation and Code:</b>  <b>Terry Switzer</b> <b>Jim Broadfoot</b> <b>Charles Benson</b>  <b>Resource:</b> <b>John Nichols</b> <b>Bob Schwalm</b>	<b>Grand Lodge and Component Unit Properties (Appointed by the Grand Secretary Chapter III, Section 9 A (2))</b>  <b>John Nichols</b> <b>Bob Schwalm</b> <b>Gene Dopp</b> <b>Duncan McMillan</b> <b>Mark Blakey</b> <b>Terry Switzer</b> <b>Jim Broadfoot</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 June 27, 2017 meeting of the Executive of the Grand Lodge of Ontario was called to order at 10:00 am by our Grand Master, Brother Mark Blakey and Brother Mark asked Brother John Nichols to give an opening prayer

Our Grand Secretary, Brother John, ascertained that a quorum was present and the attendance register was circulated. **Present at this meeting were:**

Mark Blakey	Gene Dopp	Jim Broadfoot	John Nichols
Bob Schwalm	Terry Switzer	Jim Edwards	Duncan McMillan

**Absent:**

**4. Minutes of the Last Meeting.**

It was moved by Brother Terry Switzer and seconded by Brother Gene Dopp, that the Minutes of the last meeting, March 14, 2017, be adopted as printed and circulated, subject to any corrections. **CARRIED.**

**5A. Appointment of Committees.**

The Committees of this Executive, as appointed by our Grand Master and Grand Secretary, were presented at this time and it was moved by Brother John Nichols with second by Brother Terry Switzer that the Committees be approved and confirmed as presented. **CARRIED.**

**5B. Budget, to date. (Bob Schwalm)**

Brother Bob Schwalm presented the Budget, year to date and noted that everything is in really good shape at this point. Dues are under budget but other income amounts are coming in at over budget so we should end okay for income.

Expenses are all under the budget at this point though we still have the Session Expenses and Journal to consider, and we should end up better by the end of the year than we had budgeted.

It was moved by Brother Bob Schwalm with second by Brother Jim Broadfoot, that the report of the budget year to date, be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

**6A. Credit District #33, Milton #92 & Golden Star #101. (In Camera)**

This item of business was held "In Camera" since it was the private business of one Lodge in our Jurisdiction. There were no motions as a result of the discussion. This matter was left in the hands of the Grand Master, who will report as necessary.

**6B. District Boundaries.**

We had a discussion in relation to the boundaries of some of the Districts in our Jurisdiction and it was discussed that some Lodges have been orphaned in previous reorganizations and that other districts are finding it difficult to find Officers with the districts being small.

Brother Mark has appointed Brother Duncan to review the District Boundaries and bring recommendations back to this Executive.

Brother Nichols stated that it is always best to get input from the Districts that are being affected in any reorganization as they may not want to change. If the Districts agree with the reorganization it helps alleviate problems with orphaned Lodges, etc. If any reorganization of Districts is presented by the January Executive Meeting we will have time to solicit the Districts and have them work at coming together easily. If these changes are presented by the January meeting it will also give time for the necessary changes to take effect at the Office prior to our next Annual Session.

#### **6C. Midland Lodge #274. (In Camera)**

This item of business was held "In Camera" since it was the private business of one Lodge in our Jurisdiction. There were no motions as a result of the discussion. This matter was left in the hands of Brothers Switzer and Nichols, who will report as necessary.

#### **7A. Ad Hoc Committee to discuss a Canadian Tour for Students.**

With the resolution that had been adopted at our Annual Session it was necessary to discuss a Canadian Tour for Students. Ideas were presented and discussed with a view to giving the Committee a mandate.

No one is officially appointed to this Committee as yet but the names discussed as possible members were, Wayne Gard, Mark Sturman, Bob McMahon, Jim Johnson and Gene Dopp. Brothers Charles Benson and John Nichols could act as resources to this Committee.

#### **7B. Increase in the Minimum Wage Provision.**

With recent government action to increase the minimum wage we had a discussion in relation to our Order Clerk. With the increases to minimum wage our Order Clerk would be working at a rate lower than the minimum wage.

The minimum wage is set to increase to \$14.00 as of January 1, 2018 and \$15.00 as of January 1, 2019.

As a result of the discussion it was moved by Brother Switzer with second by Brother Dopp that we increase the Order Clerk amount to \$14.00 as of January 1, 2018. **CARRIED.**

#### **7C. Victoria Historical Lodge #6.**

This is the time of year that Brother Nichols reminds everyone of the upcoming Annual Meeting of Victoria Historical Lodge #6 and reminds the Officers of their duties in relation to this event. Brother Nichols will circulate his "discussion paper" to all of the current Officers and those who will be installed in September.

#### **7D. 2019 Annual Session and Hotel Contract.**

Brother Schwalm presented that we are now in a position where we ahve to start negotiating the contact for the 2019 Annual Session and the contract will have to be signed so we can ensure we have the space and date.

As a result of the discussion it was moved by Brother Schwalm with second by Brother Edwards that Brothers Nichols and Schwalm be given approval to negotiate with the Arden Park Hotel for the 2019 Annual Session and sign the contract once all is in order. **CARRIED.**

#### **7E Ganaraska RL #131 and Duke of Kent RL #326. (In Camera)**

This item of business was held "In Camera" since it was the private business of two Lodges in our Jurisdiction. As a result of the discussion it was moved by Brother Edwards with second by Brother Dopp that Ganaraska RL #131 and Duke of Kent RL #326 be granted permission to consolidate under the name, style and title of "Ganaraska - Duke of Kent Rebekah Lodge #131 and that all members, assets and liabilities of the two Lodges be consolidated under this name and that Brother Nichols be instructed to garner permission from the Sovereign Grand Lodge to amend the Charter of Ganaraska RL #131 to reflect the new name. **CARRIED.**

#### **7F Grand Master's Reception. (In Camera)**

This item was handled In Camera to assist those who are coming up the line in their planning and deliberations. There were no motions as a result of this discussion.

#### **7G Piano Donation to the Arden Park.**

Brother Switzer discussed that he knew of a piano that a Rebekah Lodge was willing to donate to the Arden Park Hotel. Brother Schwalm stated that he had been in contact with the Hotel and they are not interested at this time.

#### **7H Victoria RL #1.**

This item of business was held "In Camera" since it was the private business of one Lodge in our Jurisdiction. There were no motions as a result of the discussion. This matter was presented for information purposes only.

#### **7I Email Addresses.**

A discussion was held about the new email addresses that had been set up for Grand Lodge Officers. Brother Nichols explained that this was for ease of transition between Officers and that any email sent to an Office related email address was automatically forwarded to the individual Officer's personal email address. In this way, if we were to list the Officer's email address with the new one set up that email address would always be the same if you were emailing any Officer and would provide continuity and a professional look.

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned at 11:55 am, with the **next meeting of the Executive to be held October 17, 2017, at 10:00 am**, at The Grand Lodge Office.