

**Executive Meeting
Thursday, June 8, 2006.
Grand Lodge Office.**



AGENDA...

1. **Call to Order @ 10:30 am.** By.....Brother Bill Thompson, 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
- B) Setting of Committees of the Executive.
- C) Enhancement Committee.
- D) Other?

6. **Unfinished Business:**

- A) Legislation & Code Rewrite.
- B) Bay of Quinte Lodge #143
- C) Highland Lodge #388
- D) Other???

7. **New Business:**

- A) Cambridge Lodge #188
- B) Rebekah Lodge Property Forms.
- C) Introductions at Grand Lodge
- D) Clarification of Grand Lodge Officer's Dress Code
- E) DDGM's and Membership Committee.
- F)
- G)
- H) Other

8. **Date of Next Meetings -**

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

Executive Special Committees.

2006 -2007.

First Listed Person to Serve as Chair.

Legislation and Code:		Finance:	
Charles Benson Wayne Geurts Clarence Ash	Members to ask if some say no:	Bev Rabbets Don Beach Jim Barker	Members to ask if some say no:
Resource: Bill Thompson John Nichols		Resource: Bob Schwalm John Nichols	
Investments and Endowments:		Program Enhancement	
Bob Schwalm John Nichols Bill Thompson Ian McWhirter	Members to ask if some say no:	Ian McWhirter Charles Benson Victor Hughes Wayne Geurts	
Administrative and Organizational Matters:		Grand Lodge and Component Unit Properties (Appointed by the Grand Secretary)	
John Nichols Bob Schwalm Terry Switzer and all Elective and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers.		Terry Switzer Bob Schwalm Ian McWhirter Charles Benson Resource: John Nichols	
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,
Thursday, June 8th, 2006.**

The Meeting was called to order at 11:00 am with Chairman, Brother Bill Thompson presiding. Brother Bill 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):

Guests:

Bill Thompson
Ian McWhirter
Charles Benson
John Nichols
Bob Schwalm
Terry Switzer
Herb Ritchie
David Longfield

Sandra McWhirter

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed and circulated subject to any corrections on motion of Brother Nichols, seconded by Brother Ritchie. **CARRIED.**

Committee Reports.

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

Brother Schwalm presented the Budget Year to Date and the Executive reviewed the figures and felt that things were progressing well. It was noted that so far the Budget shows a deficit but Brother Schwalm explained that not all figures had been put into income as yet and that with expense projections and the income added we should be able to end the term with a surplus of approximately \$1,700.00. It was Moved by Brother Bob Schwalm and Seconded by Brother David Longfield that the Budget Report, as presented be accepted. **CARRIED.**

Item #5 B Setting of Committees of the Executive.

Brother Bill Thompson set the Committees for which he is responsible and explained that he would contact each of the listed individuals (who are currently not members of the Executive) to ensure that they would serve in the capacities to which they have been appointed. Brother Bill will report to the next meeting of this Executive as to the final disposition of these Committees.

Brother Nichols appointed the Members of the Grand Lodge and Component Unit Properties, as provided in the Code of Ontario Odd Fellows Laws.

It was moved by Brother Charles Benson and seconded by Brother John Nichols that the Committee appointments be accepted subject to any corrections that may be necessary. **CARRIED.**

It was moved by Brother Bob Schwalm and seconded by Brother Terry Switzer that the Committee on Grand Lodge and Component Unit Properties be empowered to commit the Grand Lodge to legal fees, up to the amount in the Budget, if needed in regards to any property disputes that may arise, with the understanding that should additional funds be necessary that this Executive and the Finance Committee would need to give approval prior to extra funds being committed. **CARRIED.**

Item #5 C Enhancement Committee.

Brother Terry Switzer presented a report and recommendations for the

“Suggested format for District Deputy Grand Masters with the Implementation of a Membership Program.” (Copy attached at the end of these minutes).

Brother Switzer’s report was well received and was assigned to the Enhancement Committee to discuss, with future input from this Executive, prior to implementation. The Report was assigned to the Enhancement Committee by Brother Bill Thompson, Grand Master.

Unfinished Business.

Item #6 A Legislation and Code Rewrite.

With the acceptance of our New Code at the last Annual Session it was felt that the duties of the Committee were not, as yet completed. The New Code, with the amendments made at our last Annual Session, has been sent to the Sovereign Grand Lodge for the approvals from the appropriate Committees.

After we see what action the Sovereign Grand Lodge takes in regards to our Code Rewrite, the Committee will have to effect any suggested changes, develop an index and reformat the New Code so that it could be “printer ready” for after our next Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Ontario. The Code as amended will be placed in the Journal of Proceedings as an “Appendix” and we will use this code until approval for printing is granted at the 2007 Session of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Item #6 B Bay of Quinte Lodge #143.

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 the following motions were presented:

It was moved by Brother Bob Schwalm and seconded by Brother Terry Switzer that the Grand Lodge and Component Unit Properties Committee discuss Property matters and draft a policy to be presented to the next meeting of this Executive. **CARRIED.**

It was moved by Brother Bob Schwalm and seconded by Brother Ian McWhirter that a loan be made to Bay of Quinte Lodge, from the Lodge Rehabilitation Fund, in the amount required, less any property taxes, at the preferred interest rate given to Lodges. At the closing of the Sale of Property the proceeds of the sale will be invested by the Grand Lodge Office with one half of the interest paid, as per the Code, to the Lodge and one half of the interest retained to repay the loan. **CARRIED.**

This matter was left in the hands of our Grand Treasurer to discuss with members of Bay of Quinte Lodge #143, to get everything set up and report to the next meeting of this Executive.

Item #6 C Highland Lodge #188.

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 this matter was left in the hands of Brother Terry Switzer, Special Deputy for Highland Lodge #388, to continue his work there and request assistance, if needed from this Executive. Brother Switzer was thanked for his work and his comprehensive reports.

New Business.

Item #7 A Cambridge Lodge #188.

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 the following motion was presented:

It was moved by Brother Terry Switzer and seconded by Brother Charles Benson that our Grand Secretary contact this Lodge and advise them that approval has been given for the Capital Improvements to their building up to the amount stated in the quotes received. **CARRIED.**

Item #7 B Rebekah Lodge Property Forms.

Brother Nichols had been asked by the Joint Executives of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly to come up with a form whereby Rebekah Lodges that own Real Estate could report as to the value and condition of the Lodge Property. Brother Nichols presented the form to this Executive.

There was a good amount of discussion in regards to the forms and as a result of the discussion the following motion was presented:

It was moved by Brother Herb Ritchie and seconded by Brother Bob Schwalm that these forms be accepted as presented and that an appropriate number of copies be sent to Sister Dianne Cole, Assembly Secretary, with a letter advising her to send a copy to each Rebekah Lodge in the Jurisdiction with the Annual Return forms for the Rebekah Assembly. **CARRIED.**

Item #7 C Introductions at the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge.

A discussion as to how to handle the Introductions prior to the Installation of the Officers of this Grand Lodge was handled by Brother Terry Switzer. As a result of the discussion Brother Terry suggested that on the night of the Installation only those who would be seated on the dias would be brought in and introduced and that the persons to be placed on the dias would be our International Visitors and the Unit Heads with which the incoming Grand Master would be serving in his year.

It was moved by Brother Bob Schwalm and seconded by Brother Herb Ritchie that this Executive accept the recommendations presented by Brother Switzer for the introduction of dignitaries on the evening of the Installation of our Grand Lodge Officers. **CARRIED.**

It was further discussed that this Executive support the Past Grand Master's association on the job they do with the Installation (a job very well done as expressed by the Officers of the Executive) and leave the arrangements for the Installation in the hands of the Installing Officer and the Past Grand Master's Association.

Item #7 D Clarification of Grand Lodge Officer's Dress Code.

The issue of how Grand Lodge Officers should dress for certain times and certain occasions was addressed by Brother Bill Thompson. Brother Bill was seeking to clarify the issue so the Grand Lodge Officers would look more uniform when representing the Grand Lodge throughout the year. It was moved by Brother David Longfield and seconded by Brother Terry Switzer that the issue of Officer Dress be left to the Grand Master to determine for his year but that in the event of Funerals or for Victoria Historical Lodge that the Officers would dress in formal black and that white gloves would be worn by Grand Lodge Officers when on Official Business. **CARRIED.**

It was further moved by Brother Terry Switzer, seconded by Brother David Longfield that the Grand Lodge Office acquire Jewel Holders with the Office of the Officer being listed and attach the Officer's Jewels to them so that the same

Jewels and Jewel holders would be used each year. **CARRIED.**

Brother Nichols will get the Jewel Holders made and request each Officer to send in their Jewel so they can be attached to the Jewel Holders and returned to the Officers as soon as possible.

Item #7 E DDGM's and Membership Committee.

This item had been previously dealt with and referred to the Enhancement Committee for comment and it was further moved by Brother John Nichols and seconded by Brother Bob Schwalm that this Report from Brother Switzer be given to the Legislation and Code Committee to compare to our current Legislation and the Ritual and have them report back to our next meeting.

Item #7 F Valley City Lodge #117 and the Hospitality Room.

The Officers briefly discussed the success of the Hospitality Room and it was noted that the success was directly attributed to the hard work of the Members of Valley City Lodge #117. Brother Nichols stated that he would send a letter of thanks to the Members of Valley City Lodge #117 to let them know how pleased the Executive was with all their time, talents and efforts.

Brother Bill Thompson is working on his itinerary and will have it ready as soon as he can. Brother Bill set the date for the next meeting of this Executive for September 26, 2006 at the Grand Lodge Office, at 10:00 am.

No Further Business appearing this Meeting of the Executive closed at 3:10 pm.