



**Executive Meeting
Tuesday, March 12, 2013.
Stratford, Ontario.**



AGENDA...

1. **Call to Order @** By..... Brother Wayne Geurts, Grand Master.

Opening Prayer by Brother
Welcome to all.

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

3. **Attendance Register.**

4. **Minutes of last meeting,**
approved as:

5. **Committee Reports:**

- A) Budget, year to date, (Bob Schwalm) (Attached Sheets)
- B) Revised Budget for upcoming term. (Bob Schwalm)
- C) Signing of the Audited Financial Statements. (Bob Schwalm)
- D) Banking. (Bob Schwalm)

6. **Unfinished Business:**

- A) Districts 33 & 36 (John Nichols)
- B) Upcoming Annual Session, review.
- C)
- D)
- E)
- F)

7. **New Business:**

- A) Check Sites & our Website (Wayne Geurts)
- B) Review of upcoming Legislation for Grand Lodge
- C) Meritorious Service Award Application. (John Nichols) (Attached) (in Camera)
- D)
- E)
- F)
- G)
- H)
- I)

8. **Date of Next Meetings** - Sessions if necessary.

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

Executive Special Committees.

2012 -2013.

First Listed Person to Serve as Chair.

Budget Committee:		Investments and Endowments:			
Bob Schwalm Don Beach Don Sedgwick Tom Robinson		Bob Schwalm John Nichols Wayne Geurts Tom Robinson Sandra McWhirter Terry Switzer Jim Edwards			
Program Enhancement & Membership Development.		Administrative and Organizational Matters:			
Tom Robinson Sandra McWhirter Charles Benson Dave Longfield Charles Pole		Wayne Geurts Tom Robinson Sandra McWhirter John Nichols Bob Schwalm Terry Swtizer Jim Edwards			
Legislation and Code: ???		Grand Lodge and Component Unit Properties (Appointed by the Grand Secretary Chapter III, Section 9 A (2))			
Terry Switzer Jim Edwards Wayne Geurts Resource: John Nichols Bob Schwalm		John Nichols Terry Switzer Bob Schwalm Jim Edwards Ralph Dufresne Wayne Geurts			
State of the Order:					
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.					

The March 12, 2013 meeting of the Executive of the Grand Lodge of Ontario was called to order at 10:00 am by our Grand Master, Brother Wayne Geurts.

Brother Wayne welcomed everyone present and asked Brother John Nichols to open our meeting with prayer.

Brother Nichols ascertained that a quorum was present and the attendance register was circulated. Present at this meeting were:

Wayne Geurts
Bob Schwalm

Tom Robinson
Jim Edwards

Sandra McWhirter

John Nichols

Brother Dave McLaughlin, of Valley City Lodge #117, was in attendance as a visitor.

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

It was moved by Brother Bob Schwalm and seconded by Brother Jim Edwards that the Minutes of the last meeting be approved as printed and circulated, subject to any corrections. **CARRIED.**

5A. Budget Year To Date.

Brother Bob Schwalm presented the Budget year to date and noted that things are going well for this point in the year. Income seems to be slow coming in but it should all be good by the year end.

It was moved by Brother Tom Robinson with second by Brother Jim Edwards that the report of the budget, year to date, be approved as presented. **CARRIED.**

5B. Revised Budget for the upcoming term.

Brother Schwalm presented the Proposed Budget for the upcoming Term, which will be presented at the upcoming Annual Session. This Budget has been adjusted and approved by the Finance Committee and the Executive. The Dues Rate had to be adjusted down, due to the Notice of Motion that was placed on the floor at the last Annual Session, and the Capital Transfers have been adjusted up and most everything else has remained the same.

It was moved by Brother Tom Robinson with second by Sister Sandra McWhirter that this revised budget be accepted and be given to the Sessional Committee on Finance for presentation at the Annual Session. **CARRIED.**

5C. Review and Signing of the Audited Financial Statements.

We reviewed the final copies of the Audited Financial Statements. We had previously reviewed the Draft Statements and had approved their signing at that time. There were really no substantive changes and the Final copies of the Audited Financial Statements were signed at this time by the appropriate Officers.

5D. Banking.

We have looked at the Banking for the Grand Lodge of Ontario and done a review of all services we are currently receiving and all services that could be provided by different banking institutions. We have found RBC to be more difficult to deal with in relation to our GIC Investments with the rates being fairly bad and our premium on investments steadily decreasing.

The Bank of Montreal has made an offer and seems to really be receptive and seems to want our business. BMO has offered a one half percent above the posted rates and has guaranteed that premium for three years.

The Executive reviewed the proposal from BMO and had a good look at all the services that could be provided to the Grand Lodge, our Lodges and to individual Members if they were to decide to do banking with BMO. We found the proposal to be excellent.

Brother Schwalm suggested that we start moving our GIC banking over to BMO and that we start to slowly move our other Grand Lodge Banking to BMO as well. Brother Schwalm answered a variety of questions.

As a result of our discussion it was moved by Brother Edwards, with second by Brother Robinson, that we accept the advice of our Grand Treasurer and the proposal from BMO and do the necessary transfers as GICs become due and move the banking at a convenient time for the Grand Lodge. **CARRIED.**

This matter was left in the hands of Brother Schwalm and Nichols.

6A. Districts 33 & 36.

Brother Nichols reported that he had been in communication with the two Districts mentioned and that they were not interested, at this time, in pursuing the idea of consolidating the Districts.

Brother Edwards stated that the joining of these two Districts would be in the best interest of both of the Districts and we held a discussion around the idea of the two Districts joining forces.

It was decided, by the Executive that no action would be taken, at this time, since the Districts had responded that they were not in favour of consolidating.

6B. Upcoming Annual Session.

We reviewed the materials for the upcoming Annual Session and discussed the Hotel and accommodations. Brother Geurts informed us that the Grand Masters from Michigan and Wisconsin would be in attendance and wanted to know that the appropriate arrangements were being handled. The Committee is taking care of everything necessary to ensure that we have a great Annual Session.

7A. Check Sites and our Website.

Brother Geurts has been in conversation with Brother Les Corrigan from Check Sites. Brother Les is a member of Union Lodge #16 in St Catharines.

Check Sites builds websites and sets them up so they can be self maintained. Lodges could, with an appropriate password, go in and adjust their own information and keep things current in relation to their own Lodge. A Lodge could also post all of the information pertinent to any upcoming events that they may have. The Grand Lodge could maintain its information on the site as well.

During the discussion, a question was asked as to whether or not all of the Lodges would have someone who would be able to maintain their "site" and update and post the proper information and whether or not the site would be user friendly so our younger Members could take advantage of it.

There were no motions arising as a result of this discussion.

7B. Review of upcoming Legislation for Grand Lodge.

The Executive reviewed all Legislation to come before the next sitting of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, so every member could be aware of the proposed changes that will come to the floor.

7C. Meritorious Service Award Application. In Camera.

As this discussion was In Camera there were no motions made as a result of the discussion. Brother Nichols will prepared the appropriate Resolutions for the Annual Session, for presentation, at the appropriate time, in relation to the granting of Meritorious Service Awards.

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned at 11:50 pm, with the next meeting of the Executive to be held at the Annual Session, should the need arise.