



# Executive Meeting Tuesday, March 14, 2017. Stratford, Ontario.



## AGENDA...

1. **Call to Order** @ By.....Brother Duncan McMillan, Grand Master.  
**Opening Prayer** by  
**Welcome to all.** -
2. **Quorum Present?** .....yes, .....no.
3. **Attendance Register.**
4. **Minutes of last meeting**, January 31, 2017.  
  
approved as:
5. **Committee Reports:**
  - A) Budget year to date, (Bob Schwalm)
  - B)
  - C)
  - D) Other.
6. **Unfinished Business:**
  - A) Credit District #33, Milton #92 & Golden Star #101. **(In Camera)** (Duncan)
  - B) Letter from Florence Lodge #196. (Duncan)
  - C) Districts 4, 12 & 14.
  - D) Coffee News. (Duncan)
  - E) Other.
7. **New Business:**
  - A) District Boundaries. (Duncan & Mark)
  - B) Letter from Wisconsin. (John, Duncan)
  - C) Legislation to come to the Annual Session. (John)
  - D) Email from Aurora #148 **(In Camera)** (Duncan)
  - E) Otter Lodge #50 **(In Camera)** (Duncan)
  - F)
  - G) Other.
8. **Date of Next Meetings** - Sessions if needed, June 13/17, October 17/17, January 16/18, March 13/18, Sessions if needed.
9. **Adjournment** @..... . Moved by.....

# Executive Special Committees.

2016 -2017.

## First Listed Person to Serve as Chair.

<b>Budget Committee:</b>	<b>Investments and Endowments:</b>
<b>Bob Schwalm Don Beach Tom Robinson Philip Benson</b>  <b>John Nichols, as resource.</b>	<b>Bob Schwalm John Nichols Duncan McMillan Mark Blakey Sandra McWhirter Eugene Dopp Wayne Gard</b>
<b>Program Enhancement &amp; Membership Development.</b>	<b>Administrative and Organizational Matters:</b>
<b>Eugene Dopp Mark Blakey George Clarke Ron Wanamaker Duncan McMillan</b>	<b>Duncan McMillan John Nichols Bob Schwalm Terry Switzer Sandra McWhirter Mark Blakey Eugene Dopp Wayne Gard</b>
<b>Legislation and Code:</b>	<b>Grand Lodge and Component Unit Properties (Appointed by the Grand Secretary Chapter III, Section 9 A (2))</b>
<b>Terry Switzer Mark Blakey Charles Benson</b>  <b>Resource: John Nichols Bob Schwalm</b>	<b>John Nichols Bob Schwalm Gene Dopp Duncan McMillan Mark Blakey Terry Switzer</b>

### 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 14, 2017 meeting of the Executive of the Grand Lodge of Ontario was called to order at 10:00 am by our Grand Master, Brother Duncan McMillan and Brother Duncan 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:**

Duncan McMillan	Gene Dopp	John Nichols
Bob Schwalm	Sandra McWhirter	Terry Switzer

**Absent:** Mark Blakey          Wayne Gard

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

It was moved by Brother Sandra McWhirter and seconded by Brother Terry Switzer, that the Minutes of the last meeting, January 17, 2017, be adopted as printed and circulated, subject to any corrections. **CARRIED.**

#### **5A. Budget, to date. (Bob Schwalm)**

Brother Bob Schwalm presented the Budget, year to date and noted that everything is on track and progressing well at this point. The Annual Returns have come in well. Semi Annual Returns are coming in very well and we anticipate there will be no Lodges unpaid by the time of the Annual Session.

Expenses are all in line and with our investments doing okay 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 Terry Switzer, 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 District 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. Honours and Awards.**

We had received a letter from Florence Lodge #196 in relation to dues and a resolution to come to the Annual Session. Florence Lodge was requesting information as to what happens with the dues and value received for money.

Brother Duncan is going to attend Florence Lodge and will answer any questions they may have. This matter was left in the hands of Grand Master Duncan.

#### **6C. District 4, 12 & 14**

We had received requests to move the lodges that were in district #14 to other

neighbouring districts and disband District #14.

Confirmation has been received that Forest City Lodge #38 will be welcome in Friendship District #12 and Melbourne Lodge will be welcome in Kent - St Clair District #4.

Brother Nichols will take care of the appropriate paper work and Commissions and we will officially disband District #14 prior to our Annual Session.

## **6D Coffee News.**

Brother Duncan presented the Coffee News that he has seen in various restaurants and coffee shops in his travels. Brother Duncan has chatted with the Coffee News folks and each Coffee News is done by a different district. The question was whether or not it might be beneficial for Lodge to advertise their meetings and for new members in the Coffee News of each area.

There was a good discussion with questions about costs and how it could be handled. As a result of the discussion it was left that Lodges that would like to advertise in their local Coffee News should do so.

## **7A. District Boundaries.**

Brother Duncan mentioned that some of the Districts were finding it more difficult to find Officers with the smaller sizes of the Districts and suggested that District Boundaries are going to need to be reviewed in the future. Brother Mark Blakey will be appointing a Committee to review District Boundaries in the new term.

We will be taking care of the London District #14 will be split with Melbourne #344 moving into District #4 and Forest City #38 moving into District #12. It was also noted that with one District that has two Lodges, with the impending consolidation of the two Lodges that the remaining Lodge will be moved into District #25. Brother Nichols stated that he would take care of the appropriate paperwork so that Golden Star Lodge would be moved into District #25 as of the date of our Annual Session.

## **7B. Letter from Wisconsin**

A letter had been received from the Jurisdiction of Wisconsin stating that they were requesting no visitors at their upcoming Annual Session. Wisconsin has some issues to deal with that they feel are best handled in camera. This letter was received for information purposes and no one from Ontario will be going to the Wisconsin Session.

## **7C. Legislation for the Annual Session.**

Brother Nichols presented the legislation that is to come before the upcoming Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Ontario. The Committee on Distribution will assign all materials in the Annual Advance Journal to the appropriate Committees and form their Annual Report for adoption by the Grand Lodge in Session.

## **7D. Email from Aurora #148.**

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 and Grand Secretary, who will report as necessary.

**7E Otter Lodge #50.**

This item of business was held "In Camera" since it was the private business of one District 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.

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned at 12.23 pm, with the **next meeting of the Executive to be held June 27, 2017,** at The Grand Lodge Office.