



Executive Meeting
Thursday, March 22nd , 2007.
Grand Lodge Office.



AGENDA...

1. **Call to Order @ 10:00 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) Other?
 - C)
6. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A) Eastern Star Lodge #72, Whitby. **(In Camera)**
 - B) SGL Membership Seminar.
 - C)
 - D)
 - E)
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7. **New Business:**
 - A) Florence Lodge #196, See Sheets. **(In Camera)**
 - B) Meritorious Service Award.
 - C) Itinerary, See Sheets. **(In Camera)**
 - D) Rebekah Assembly Membership Application.
 - E) Bob's letter to the tabloid, see sheets.
 - F)
 - G)
 - H)
 - I)
8. **Date of Next Meetings -**
9. **Adjournment @** Moved by.....

**Minutes,
Executive Meeting,
Grand Lodge Office, Stratford, Ontario,
Thursday, March 22nd, 2007.**

The Meeting was called to order at 10:00 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 John Nichols.

Our Attendance Register was circulated and showed the following Members to be in attendance:

OFFICERS (present):

Bill Thompson
Charles Benson
John Nichols
Bob Schwalm
Terry Switzer
Herb Ritchie
Dave Longfield

Item #5 A Budget YTD and Proposed Budget for Sessions.

Brother Schwalm presented the budget ytd and noted that there had been little change since our last meeting. It was moved by Brother Schwalm and seconded by Brother Nichols that the budget, year to date be accepted as presented.
CARRIED.

Brother Schwalm presented the proposed budget which will be presented to our upcoming Annual Session. This budget had been drafted by our Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary and had gone to the Finance Committee of this Executive for discussion, changes and approval. The Finance Committee has made their notations on this proposed budget and have adopted it.

Brother Schwalm answered the questions raised by the Executive Committee and it was moved by Brother Switzer and seconded by Brother Longfield that this proposed budget be approved and submitted the Sessional Finance Committee and the Annual Session for approvals. **CARRIED.**

Item #6 A **Eastern Star Lodge #196.**

This item and discussion was held in camera due to the fact that it was the personal business of one Lodge in our Jurisdiction.

As a result of the discussion, this matter was left with the Grand Master for

resolution.

Item #6 B Sovereign Grand Lodge Membership Seminar.

Brother Nichols made a presentation in regards to the SGL Membership Seminar and noted that he will be scheduling a seminar, in Ontario for nine other Jurisdictions and Ontario and that following this seminar our Incoming Grand Master has made it known that he would like to have our DDGMs trained in this program so they can take the program to the Lodges in Ontario.

(SPECIAL NOTE: The seminar that was scheduled had to be cancelled due to a lack of registration and Brother Nichols will discuss the matter with our Executive with a view to rescheduling the seminar in September or October and involving DDGMs and DDPs from Ontario so that this program can be promulgated throughout Ontario. Brother Nichols will also be inviting the other Jurisdictions, for which he is responsible, to this seminar.)

Item #7 A Florence Lodge #196.

This item and discussion was held in camera due to the fact that it was the personal business of one Lodge in our Jurisdiction.

As a result of the discussion, this matter was left in the hands of our Grand Master to schedule a meeting with Florence Lodge #196 on the Monday of our Annual Sessions, at a time convenient to all those involved.

Item #7 B Meritorious Service Award.

Brother Nichols brought up this matter since there are no hard and fast procedures for applying for this award. Brother Nichols felt that we need to have an application and process, in Ontario, to ensure uniformity in the granting of this Award.

Brother Benson stated that he felt this was an excellent idea and that he would be willing to work on an application form and process that could be communicated to all Ontario Lodges. Brother Benson agreed that he would work on this matter and bring information to future Executive Meetings.

Item #7 C Jurisdictional Itinerary.

Brother Switzer presented a finalized Jurisdictional Itinerary to our Executive. The entire Executive thanked Brother Switzer for his hard work and devotion to duty! Brother Nichols will distribute the Itinerary in a mailing (and at Sessions) and will advise people to contact Brother Switzer for updates and additions.

Item #7 D Application Form Proposal from the Rebekah Assembly.

Brother Benson presented an idea from Sister Margaret Reynolds, Assembly Warden, in regards to a different Application Form for our Order.

A great deal of discussion ensued with the result being that our Executive felt that the proposed form should go from Sister Reynolds to the Executive of the Rebekah Assembly and to the Assembly Session. It was noted that the Application Form is

standard across North America and in some other parts of our world and that SGL requires every person to sign the Application Form as provided by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. A change to the Application Form would need to be accomplished at the Sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Brother Benson agreed to take our discussion and thoughts to Sister Reynolds.

Item #7 E Bob's letter to the Tabloid.

Brother Schwalm had submitted a letter to the Editor of the Tabloid broaching the idea of entering into discussion about having one, joint reception for all incoming Heads of our Order in Ontario.

This Executive expressed that they thought the letter was excellent, well written and a great idea. It was suggested that this letter and matter be directed to the Joint Planning Board and Brother Longfield, a member of the Joint Planning Board, agreed to take the letter and matter to the next meeting of the JPB to be held this coming Saturday.

Item #7 F Westpoint Lodge #425.

Westpoint Lodge would like to consolidate with Lakeview Lodge #272 and have entered into discussion on the topic.

Brother Nichols stated that he has not yet received the forms for consolidation or merger but that he would take action on the forms as soon as he received them. Brother Nichols asked Brother Thompson who he would like to appoint to take care of the consolidation and Brother Thompson appointed the DDGM of the day to take care of the consolidation.

Item #7 G Hospitality Room at the upcoming Annual Session.

Brother Switzer asked Brother Nichols if he had heard any additional information in regards to the Hospitality Room for our upcoming Sessions. Brother Nichols stated that he had heard nothing further but that Harmony - Kemptville District was looking after it.

Brother Switzer further asked if the necessary arrangements had been made for the suite which would house the hospitality room and Brother Nichols stated he was awaiting the decision of the Executive on what rooms to procure and where our best cost break would be.

It was moved by Brother Switzer and seconded by Brother Benson that this Grand Lodge provide a two bedroom suite to house the Hospitality Room, our Grand Secretary and our Grand Treasurer. **CARRIED.**

Item #7 H St Clair District #4.

During the lunch break Brother Nichols had received a communication stating that St Clair District #4 was unable to obtain a DDGM for the upcoming term. Brother Nichols asked permission to place this item on the agenda to be dealt with. Permission was granted by the Executive.

An excellent discussion ensued as to what action our Executive would need to take with this District since they could not get anyone willing to be the incoming DDGM. As a result

of the discussion it was moved by Brother Longfield and seconded by Brother Switzer that our Grand Secretary send a letter to the present DDGM and to each Lodge in the District illustrating what the options would be for the District and giving the District until April 15th to find a DDGM or be merged into London District #14. **CARRIED.**

(SPECIAL NOTE: The District did obtain a DDGM.)

With no further business appearing this Executive Meeting closed on motion of Brother Switzer, at 1:30 pm. The Next meeting of the Executive will be held during Sessions should the need arise and the one following that will be held in Stratford on Tuesday June 12, 2007, at 10:00am.