

**Minutes,
Executive Meeting,
Grand Lodge Office, Stratford, Ontario,
Tuesday March 30th, 2004.**

The Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am with Chairman, Brother Herb Ritchie presiding. Brother Herb 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 Brothers to be in attendance:

OFFICERS (present):

Herb Ritchie
Don Swan
Dave Longfield
John Nichols
Bob Schwalm
Terry Switzer

Guests:

Dale Llewellyn, Harmony
#115

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed and circulated, subject to any corrections that would be necessary, on motion of Brother Terry Switzer seconded by Brother Dave Longfield. **CARRIED.**

It was moved by Brother Bob Schwalm and seconded by Brother Terry Switzer

that item #7A be moved up to this point in the agenda so we could dispose of this item immediately since Brother Harold Farrell was waiting for this item. **CARRIED.**

New Business:

Item #7a.

This item was held in camera due to the fact that it dealt with the personal business of one Lodge in this Jurisdiction. No motions came forward as a result of this discussion.

Committee Reports:

A) Budget, year to date.

Brother Bob Schwalm, Grand Treasurer, presented the budget for the year to date. A copy of the Financial Report is attached to the end of these minutes. It was noted that expenses had been right on line. We have done really well at holding the line on expenses so far this year though it was noted that due to the exceptional nature of some of the materials and items to be handled that General Office may be a bit over budget by year end. It was moved by Brother Bob Schwalm and seconded by Brother Don Swan that the Budget Report be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

B) Legislation.

There was no report at this time. It was noted that the Grand Lodge Bylaws and Code revision must be completed as soon as possible.

C) Enhancement Committee.

There was no report at this time though Brother Swan reported that there would be a meeting of this Committee next Tuesday at the Grand Lodge Office.

D) 2005 SGL Sessions.

In the absence of Brother Ron Wanamaker, Brother Terry Switzer verbally reported that

an appeal letter, asking for pledges, has gone out to each Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodge. We really need to have the support of Lodges, by pledges for funds, to help to raise the monies needed to carry off this very important Session. Some small donations are coming in but we will need to redouble our effort to raise the needed funds. The SGL 2005 Committee is working hard to raise funds through the appeals and their ticket, shirt and key tag sales though the sales are not as brisk as had been anticipated. Many Lodges did not return their tickets and money for the Quilt draw.

Unfinished Business:

Outstanding Annual Returns.

Brother Nichols reported that there is only one remaining Annual Return left outstanding. Milton Lodge #92 has not filed their last annual return. Brother Nichols further reported that, as per the direction of this Executive Committee, Milton Lodge #92 and its members have been debarred from attendance at the upcoming Annual Session.

Brightonia Rebekah Lodge.

Brother Switzer reported that things are coming along nicely with the sale of the Lodge Hall in Brighton and that when everything is closed the Sisters will be coming to the Grand Lodge Office to speak with Brother Schwalm, Grand Treasurer, about how they would like the money from the sale to be invested. It was moved by Brother John Nichols and seconded by Brother Dave Longfield that this verbal report be accepted.
CARRIED.

Milton Lodge #92.

This item of business was held in camera due to the fact that it was the personal business of one Lodge. As a result of the discussions it was moved by Brother Terry Switzer and seconded by Brother Dave Longfield that our Grand Secretary be instructed

to send a letter to Milton Lodge #92 advising them that the Lodge and its members will be debarred from attendance at the upcoming Session of the Grand Lodge of Ontario if their Annual and Semi Annual returns are not received in the Grand Lodge Office prior to April 26, 2004. It was further moved that Brother Nichols advise Milton Lodge #92 that this Executive Committee did not appreciate the derogatory comments made about the Grand Lodge on the Installation report of the District Deputy Grand Master as the Grand Lodge Office had made every attempt to keep contact with Milton Lodge #92 at the last address that had been provided by that Lodge. **Carried.**

Eastern Star Lodge #72.

It was reported by Brother Switzer that he had asked a Brother to attend two meetings of Eastern Star Lodge #72 and that on both occasions the Brother was there and no one from the Lodge showed up for the meeting. Brother Nichols reported that he has received an Annual Lodge information sheet from Eastern Star Lodge listing their meeting date and incoming Secretary.

It was further reported that this Lodge was not installed.

It was moved by Brother Bob Schwalm and seconded by Brother Terry Switzer that the Grand Master set up a meeting with this Lodge to see if they can continue and wish to continue. **CARRIED.**

Brother Herb Ritchie is to send a letter to have everything set up for meeting with this Lodge.

New Business.

A) Harmony Lodge #115.

This item had been handled at the beginning of our meeting.

B) **Letter from the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario.**

Brother Nichols reported on the attached letter from the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario. Brother Nichols had asked Brother Wayne Geurts to submit the appropriate legislation to our upcoming Annual Session to effect the change required. The legislation, if passed, will need to go to the Sovereign Grand Lodge to effect any required changes. Brother Geurts' resolution has been sent with the presessional mailing to each Lodge as required by the Code.

C) Outstanding Semi Annual Returns.

Brother Nichols reported on the list of Lodges that have not filed their Semi Annual Returns as of Today's Date. It was moved by Brother Bob Schwalm and seconded by Brother Don Swan that these Lodges be debarred from attendance at the upcoming Annual Session if their Semi Annual Returns are not received prior to April 26, 2004. **CARRIED.**

D) Privacy Policy Statement.

Due to changes in existing governmental legislation our Grand Lodge has had to set up and implement a "Privacy Policy Statement" for the Jurisdiction of Ontario. Brother Bob Schwalm, Grand Treasurer, was the key individual in the set up of this statement. It was moved by Brother Bob Schwalm and seconded by Brother Dave Longfield that this privacy statement be adopted as our Privacy Policy Statement for Ontario and be effective as of Today's Date.

Brother Nichols stated that he felt that this statement should go to each Lodge advising them that this privacy statement would be coming forth as emergency legislation at the upcoming sessions of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, before we go too far with the statement. The Executive agreed that this was the best way to handle the implementation of this statement but that it would still be effective as of today's date.

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

Brother Switzer was to draft the appropriate legislation to have this privacy statement dealt with as emergency legislation at our upcoming Session.

E) IOOF Senior Citizen's Home.

Brother Herb reported that he had been at the last meeting of the Home Board and had discussed the question of the line Officers of the Grand Lodge being full members of the Home Board. There had been discussion about the Home Board being too big if this were the case and questions as to whether or not the incoming Officers would have the time to be on the Home Board. There was a good deal of discussion as to how this would be handled and how it would be implemented.

As a result of the discussion it was moved by Brother Terry Switzer and seconded by Brother Don Swan that Brother Herb speak to Brother Doug Wilson and refer this matter to the Executive's Legislation Committee. **CARRIED.**

F) Executive Meetings.

Brother Schwalm reported that this Executive was operating under the authority granted it by the resolution at the last Annual Session and that this resolution would die at the end of this term. The Code has not been rewritten as yet and it will be necessary to present a resolution at the Session to continue operating as we are. Brother Schwalm will draft the resolution for our

upcoming Session.

No further business appearing it was announced that the date of the next meeting of the Elective Officers would be June 15th, 2004, at the Grand Lodge Office at 10:00 am. The meeting was adjourned on motion of Brother John Nichols.

Future meetings of the Executive Committee will be held on September 13th, 2004, January 10th, 2005 and March 29th, 2005, as per the Itinerary of our incoming Grand Master. These Meetings will be held at the Grand Lodge Office, 157 Frederick Street, Stratford, Ontario, at 10:00 am.