



Executive Meeting

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

Stratford, Ontario.



AGENDA...

1. **Call to Order** @ 10:00am By.....Brother Wayne Gard, Grand Master.

Opening Prayer by Brother John Nichols
Welcome to all. -

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

3. **Attendance Register.**

4. **Minutes of last meeting**, October 13, 2015. (***The meeting of January 12, 2016 was cancelled due to weather.***)

approved as: printed and circulated

5. **Committee Reports:**

- A) Budget year to date, (Bob Schwalm)
- B) Signing of Audited Financial Statements (Bob Schwalm)
- C)
- D) Other.

6. **Unfinished Business:**

- A) Victoria Historical Lodge #6. (Wayne Gard)
- B) Webex, changed to Oovoo. (John Nichols)
- C) Argyll Lodge #212 (In Camera) (John)
- D) Other.

7. **New Business:**

- A) Aurora Lodge #148. (In Camera) (John)
- B) Geneva Lodge #320. (In Camera) (John)
- C) Mayflower #297 (In Camera) (Wayne Gard)
- D) Otter #50 (In Camera) (Wayne Gard, Duncan McMillan)
- E) Fairy Lodge #275 (In Camera) (Duncan McMillan, John Nichols)
- F) Legislation to come to the Annual Session. (Information Purposes) (John)
- G) Other.

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

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

Executive Special Committees.

2015 -2016.

First Listed Person to Serve as Chair.

Budget Committee: Bob Schwalm Don Beach Tom Robinson Philip Benson	Investments and Endowments: Bob Schwalm John Nichols Wayne Gard Duncan McMillan Mark Blakey Jim Edwards Sandra McWhirter
Program Enhancement & Membership Development.	Administrative and Organizational Matters:
Duncan McMillan Charlie Pole Kathy Noble Mark Blakey Terry Parsons Resource: Dave Longfield	Wayne Gard John Nichols Bob Schwalm Duncan McMillan Terry Switzer Jim Edwards Sandra McWhirter Mark Blakey
Legislation and Code:	Grand Lodge and Component Unit Properties (Appointed by the Grand Secretary Chapter III, Section 9 A (2))
Wayne Geurts Charles Benson Resource: John Nichols Bob Schwalm	John Nichols Bob Schwalm Wayne Gard Duncan McMillan Mark Blakey Terry Switzer
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 8, 2016 meeting of the Executive of the Grand Lodge of Ontario was called to order at 10:00 am by our Grand Master, Brother Wayne Gard and Brother Wayne asked our Grand Secretary, Brother John Nichols, to open the meeting with prayer.

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

Wayne Gard
Bob Schwalm

Duncan McMillan

Mark Blakey

John Nichols

Absent:

Terry Switzer

Sandra McWhirter

Visitor:

Roger Baker, Aurora Lodge #148.

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

It was moved by Brother Bob Schwalm and seconded by Brother Mark Blakey, that the Minutes of the last meeting (October 13, 2015, as the meeting for January 12, 2016 was cancelled due to inclement weather) be approved 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 to the end of February. We are a bit behind on Percapita and SGL Dues but that is because we have some late Annual and Semi Annual Returns. Brother Nichols is working diligently to get all of the returns in.

Our Investments are doing well and we should end up better by the end of the year than we had budgetted.

It was moved by Brother Bob Schwalm with second by Brother Duncan McMillan, that the report of the budget year to date, be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

5B. Appointment of Committees of the Executive.

The Final Audited Financial Statements were reviewed and it was moved by Brother Bob Schwalm with second by Brother Mark Blakey that our Financial Statements be accepted as prepared and presented and that our Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master sign the statements. **CARRIED.**

6A Victoria Historical Lodge #6.

Brother Wayne Gard had spoken with Brother Charles and Philip Benson and the appropriate notices of motion to remove references to Victoria Historical Lodge will come to our upcoming Annual Session. One of the notices will have to lay over until next year as it is a change to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ontario but the other will be a bylaw change and should be able to come to the floor this year.

6B Webex, changed to Oovoo.

Brother Nichols has been exploring different ways that we could have meetings via electronic means in the cases of urgency business or meetings cancelled due to bad weather.

Brothers Nichols, McMillan and Schwalm will continue to explore these options and come back to us at a future meeting when a suitable option could be put forward.

6C Argyll Lodge #212. (In Camera)

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 our Grand Secretary and the Grand Lodge and Component Units Property Committee .

7A. Aurora Lodge #148. (In Camera)

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 our Grand Secretary and Grand Master, for appropriate conclusion. Brother Roger Baker was thanked for visiting us today and helping us come to understanding.

7B. Geneva Lodge #320. (In Camera)

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 our Grand Secretary and the Grand Lodge and Component Units Property Committee .

7C. Mayflower Lodge #297. (In Camera)

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 our Grand Secretary and Grand Master.

7D. Otter Lodge #50. (In Camera)

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 our Grand Secretary and incoming Grand Master, for monitoring and reports back.

7E. Fairy Lodge #275. (In Camera)

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 our Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and incoming Grand Master, for action and resolution.

7F Legislation to come before the Annual Session.

Brother Nichols presented the Legislation that is to come before our Annual Session, for information purposes only, and the information was received with some discussion by the Executive.

7G Other - Districts 15 & 16.

A discussion was held in relation to Districts 15 & 16 and the necessity of merging the two districts. It appears that it is necessary for us to approve this merger. It was moved Brother Duncan McMillan, with second by Brother Mark Blakey, that we approve the merger of Districts 15 & 16. **CARRIED.**

A brief discussion was held in relation to Northern District #30 and a possible merger of districts in the north. Nothing could be decided on this issue at this time but we will look at the matter in the future.

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned at 12:15 am, with the **next meeting of the Executive to be held at our Annual Session, if we need to meet**, at the Grand Lodge Office.