



**Executive Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008.**  
**Barrie, Ontario.**



## AGENDA...

1. **Call to Order @** By.....Brother Charles Benson, Grand Master.  
  
**Opening Prayer**  
Welcome to all.
2. **Quorum Present?** .....X.....yes, .....no.
3. **Attendance Register.**
4. **Minutes of last meeting,**  
approved as: - moved..... 2<sup>nd</sup> .....
5. **Committee Reports:**
  - A) Executive Committee Appointments and Approval. (Charlie and John)
  - B) Budget, year to date (Bob Schwalm)
  - C) Other?
6. **Unfinished Business:**
  - A) Belleville Lodge Hall **(In Camera)**
  - B) Broadview Lodge. **(In Camera)**
  - C) Thornbury #243. **(In Camera)**
  - D) Grey #169. **(In Camera)**
  - E) Sauble #227. **(In Camera)**
  - F) Other?
7. **New Business:**
  - A) Membership Letter to Lodges. (Charlie)
  - B) Districts and Realignment (Charlie)
  - C) Camp Trillium (Charlie)
  - D) Victoria Historical Lodge (John)
  - E) Contract Negotiations at the Hilton (John)
  - F) Other?
8. **Date of Next Meetings** -September 24, Barrie; December 9; February 24; May 3, at Sessions.
9. **Adjournment @**..... . Moved by.....

**Executive Special Committees.**  
**2007 -2008.**  
**First Listed Person to Serve as Chair.**

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| <b>Budget Committee:</b>  |                                       | <b>Investments and Endowments:</b>   |                                       |
| <b>Charles Pole</b><br><b>Russell Hadley</b><br><br><b>Resource:</b><br><b>Bob Schwalm</b><br><b>John Nichols</b>   | <b>Members to ask if some say no:</b> | <b>Bob Schwalm</b><br><b>Don Beach</b><br><b>John Nichols</b>  | <b>Members to ask if some say no:</b> |
| <b>Program Enhancement &amp; Membership Development.</b>  |                                       | <b>Administrative and Organizational Matters:</b>  |                                       |
| <b>All Members of the Executive.</b>  |                                       | <b>John Nichols</b><br><b>Terry Switzer</b><br><b>Ian McWhirter</b><br><br><b>and all Elective and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers.</b> |                                       |
| <b>Legislation and Code:</b>  |                                       | <b>Grand Lodge and Component Unit Properties</b><br><b>(Appointed by the Grand Secretary Chapter III, Section 9 A (2))</b>             |                                       |
| <b>Ian McWhirter</b><br><b>Don Beach</b><br><b>Jim Edwards</b><br><br><b>Resource:</b><br><b>John Nichols</b><br><b>Bob Schwalm</b>   | <b>Members to ask if some say no:</b> | <b>John Nichols</b><br><b>Terry Switzer</b><br><b>Bob Schwalm</b><br><b>Charles Benson</b><br><b>Don Beach</b>                         |                                       |
| <b>Special Note:</b><br><br><b>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.</b> |                                       |  |                                       |

The May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 meeting of the Executive was called to Order by our Grand Master, Brother Charles Benson. Brother Charlie welcomed everyone present and asked Brother John Nichols to open the meeting with prayer.

Present at this meeting were:

Charles Benson  
John Nichols  
Ian McWhirter

Don Beach  
Bob Schwalm

Jim Edwards  
Terry Switzer

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed and distributed, subject to any corrections, on motion of Brothers Terry Switzer and Bob Schwalm.

#### **Executive Committee Appointments and Approval.**

Brother Benson made the appointments to the Committees of this Executive. It was moved by Brother John Nichols and seconded by Brother Jim Edwards that the appointments of our Grand Master to these special Committees be ratified. **CARRIED.**

Brother Nichols made his appointments to the Properties Committee and it was moved by Brother Schwalm and seconded by Brother Beach that these appointments be ratified. **CARRIED.**

#### **Budget Year to Date.**

Brother Schwalm presented the budget year to date and answered the questions that arose from the members of this Executive. Brother Bob that expenses are running around where they should be at this point and we will continue to keep an eye on things to ensure that expenses are kept in line. It was moved by Brother Schwalm and seconded by Brother McWhirter that this report be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

#### **Unfinished Business - In Camera.**

All of the items for Unfinished Business were held in camera and there were no motions as a result of the discussion on these individual items.

#### **Membership Letter to Lodges with low numbers.**

Brother Benson questioned what is being done about Lodges with low membership and mentioned a proposed letter that he had sent to the Executive. The Membership Prospect Plan and Evenings were discussed at this point as well as a viable plan for assisting Lodges to increase membership. We need to discuss what help we can give, how it can be done and where to start. Brother Benson stated that he would continue to look at this matter and bring suggestions to the next meeting of the Executive.

The letter was discussed and it was the general feeling that the letter drafted by Brother Benson should be sent. Brother Nichols Stated that he felt that we should wait until such time as the Annual Returns are received by the Grand Lodge Office so that we can ensure that we have the most recent and up to date information available.

It was moved by Brother Switzer and seconded by Brother Beach that this letter be sent to every

Lodge with fewer than 20 dues paying members by October 31, of 2008. **CARRIED.**

### **Districts and Realignment.**

It was brought to our attention that Districts 45 & 47 were discussing whether or not they should consolidate and become one larger district. This information brought the question of whether or not we should be looking at another realignment of districts for the Grand Lodge. We currently have a number of districts with only one lodge but it makes sense for there to be only one lodge in the district in some of those areas. After the discussion it was moved by Brother Schwalm and seconded by Brother Ian that the matter of Realignment of the Districts be brought up for discussion at the first meeting of the Executive, after the Annual Returns are received by the Grand Lodge Office. **CARRIED.**

### **Camp Trillium.**

Brother Benson mentioned that there was a bit of confusion as to exactly what was happening with Camp Trillium and the purchase of "Camp Trillium - Odd Fellows and Rebekah Island.

Brother Schwalm explained that the one million dollars was to be paid over on May 28<sup>th</sup> and that title to the former Garretts Island would pass to Camp Trillium on that same day.

Questions were raised in relation to a press release being issued and Brother Schwalm explained that there has to be a "soft conversion" in the Island name change as Camp Trillium still has to raise additional funds for updates and renovations to existing structures on OuR Island. The Open House is to be scheduled and the sign with the new name will be display from that point forward. Camp Trillium is working on Press Releases and will distribute them to new agencies at the earliest possible date.

We will be trying to always stay ahead of the game when it comes to payments so that we can cut out as much as possible from the interest payments and get OuR Island paid for as quickly as possible.

Four dates were discussed for the possible open house and Brother Schwalm was to speak with Camp Trillium to see which (if any) of these dates would best suit. The Official date for the Open House will be communicated to everyone as soon as it is set.

Brother Benson advised us that he had been asked to work on the Committee for Camp Trillium to help raise the additional funds that are needed to help bring OuR Island up to its best level.

### **Victoria Historical Lodge.**

Brother Nichols presented information on Victoria Historical Lodge so that we could ensure that everything was in place for this important Annual Meeting. The date, location and other details of the meeting were discussed with Brother Don Beach volunteering to supply Brother Nichols with some small pieces of missing information in relation to who to contact for tickets, etc. Brother Nichols stated that he would get all of the information out to the Jurisdiction as soon as he had everything finalized.

### **Contract Negotiations with the Hilton Hotel.**

Brother Ron Wanamaker, PGM, had presented a resolution at our last Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Ontario for us to negotiate with the hotel for the 2009 & 2010 Annual Sessions.

Brother Nichols wondered why it was for only two years but since that was what the motion had been he felt that we needed to begin speaking with the Hotel about those two Annual Sessions.

It was moved by Brother Edwards and seconded by Brother Switzer that Brothers Nichols, Schwalm and Rabbets contact the Hilton Hotel to set up a time when they could speak about the next two year's contract. **CARRIED.**

**Other.**

It was moved by Brother Schwalm and seconded by Brother Switzer that the Executive donate one hundred dollars to the IOOF Senior's Homes Inc, with thanks for allowing us to make use of their Board Room for this meeting. **CARRIED.**

No further business appearing, this meeting closed at 9:50 pm with a reminder that the next meeting will be held on September 24, 2008.