



Executive Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

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**, June 14, 2016 (copies attached).

approved as:

5. **Committee Reports:**

- A) Budget year to date, (Bob Schwalm)
- B) Grand Lodge Audit
- C)
- D) Other.

6. **Unfinished Business:**

- A) Otter #50. **(In Camera)** (Duncan)
- B) Victoria Historical Lodge #6 (Terry Switzer)
- C)
- D) Other.

7. **New Business:**

- A) Credit District #33. **(In Camera)** (Duncan)
- B) Proposed Ritual modifications **(In Camera)** (John)
- C) Qualifications for Grand Lodge Appointed Officers (John)
- D) Thamesville and Ridgetown **(In Camera)** (Duncan)
- E) Awards and Merit (John & Mark)
- F) Officers and knowledge of Ritual and Codes.
- G) Other.

8. **Date of Next Meetings** - October 11, 2016; January 17, 2017, March 17, 2017;
Sessions if needed.

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

Executive Special Committees.

2016 -2017.

First Listed Person to Serve as Chair.

Budget Committee:	Investments and Endowments:
Bob Schwalm Don Beach Tom Robinson Philip Benson John Nichols, as resource.	Bob Schwalm John Nichols Duncan McMillan Mark Blakey Sandra McWhirter Eugene Dopp Wayne Gard
Program Enhancement & Membership Development.	Administrative and Organizational Matters:
Eugene Dopp Mark Blakey George Clarke Ron Wanamaker Duncan McMillan	Duncan McMillan John Nichols Bob Schwalm Terry Switzer Sandra McWhirter Mark Blakey Eugene Dopp Wayne Gard
Legislation and Code:	Grand Lodge and Component Unit Properties (Appointed by the Grand Secretary Chapter III, Section 9 A (2))
Terry Switzer Mark Blakey Charles Benson Resource: John Nichols Bob Schwalm	John Nichols Bob Schwalm Gene Dopp 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 October 11, 2016 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	Mark Blakey	John Nichols	Bob Schwalm
Terry A. Switzer	Wayne Gard		

Absent: Eugene Dopp Sandra McWhirter

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

It was moved by Brother Mark Blakey and seconded by Brother Terry Switzer, that the Minutes of the last meeting, June 14, 2016, 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 to the end of October. The Annual Returns are coming in ok but there are many Returns that need to be returned due to errors in the Return. We are working at getting correct information and will keep working away.

Our investments are still doing well and we should end up better by the end of the year than we had budgeted.

Due to some issues with interest rates we are looking at some different avenues for investments that will still meet the dictates of the Code and the Insurance Act. Bob and John will continue to monitor the situation and do the very best that they can to ensure the Lodges are getting the best return on their investments.

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

5B. Grand Lodge Audit.

The Audit for the Grand Lodge of Ontario is completed and the Accountants are working on the Audited Financial Statements. The Audited Financial Statements will be ready for approval at our next meeting.

6A. 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 the Grand Master, who will report at the next meeting.

6B. Victoria Historical Lodge #6.

The Annual Meeting of Victoria Historical Lodge #6 went really well with the Officers knowing their Charges and everything proceeding well. There was a good group of visitors and the Installation was excellent. We will need to keep this level of quality and this level of attendance if we are going to continue with the Annual Meeting of the Historical Lodge.

There was a discussion due to location and venue for the Annual Meeting. Some people would like to see the meeting moved back to Brooklin and some folks would like to see a banquet again for after the Annual Meeting. Brother Nichols advised that if the location were to be changed it would require the proper Notice of Motion for the Grand Lodge Session to effect such a change. He continued with the idea of a banquet as that would not require a motion for the Grand Lodge to consider and would be a matter for the Trustees and host location to decide.

7A. Credit District #33. (In Camera)

This item of business was held in "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.

7B. Proposed Ritual Modifications. (In Camera)

This item was held in camera due to some Ritual Modifications that a Committee from Sovereign Grand Lodge is looking to propose. Brother Nichols had received permission from the Sovereign Grand Secretary to bounce these changes off the Grand Lodge Executive.

7C. Qualifications of Grand Lodge Appointed Officers.

A question had arisen as to the qualifications for Members to be Appointed as Officers of the Grand Lodge. Brother Nichols reported that in order to be appointed a Member would need to an Odd Fellows Past Grand and have received the Grand Lodge Degree. Since the Grand Lodge Degree is conferred prior to the Session a Past Grand with the necessary credentials could present themselves to receive the Grand Lodge Degree prior to the Annual Session and then would be eligible to be appointed by the incoming Grand Master. When questioned about the Qualifications Brother Nichols stated it was a matter of Grand Lodge Ritual, Odd Fellows Lodge Ritual and our Codes.

7D. Thamesville and Ridgetown.

This item of business was held "In Camera" since it was the private business of two Lodges 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 at the next meeting.

7E. Awards and Merit.

A discussion was held in relation to the Merit Jewel and the Meritorious Service Award. Brother Nichols was queried on the qualifications for each item.

Brother Nichols reported that there are no written qualifications for the Merit Jewel. A Merit Jewel is generally an item that is given by a Lodge to a Member who has performed service that they wish to recognize. The Merit Jewel does not hold "rank" in a Lodge (it cannot be worn in lieu of a collar) and there have not been written requirements for giving this Jewel.

The Meritorious Service Award is an Award with requirements by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. A Grand Lodge is allowed to give only so many Meritorious Service Awards in any given year and the Lodge making the recommendation must submit a letter stating the basis for the Award to be granted. The Meritorious Service Award is for Outstanding Service to Lodge, Religious Denomination and Community and the request from the Lodge must have letters from Community and "Church" stating the Outstanding Service attached. There is mention of the Meritorious Service Award in our Code and it states that should the Award be granted that the recommending Lodge pays for the Jewel to be presented.

There was some lively discussion and this matter will be brought to our next meeting. If requirements were to be added to the Code they would need to be done in a proper Notice of Motion to come to the Annual Session.

7F. Officers and Knowledge of the Codes.

This matter had been discussed at our last meeting but it was discussed again because it is such an important matter. Members of the Executive may be asked questions relating to Code and Ritual when they travel and they need to have a good working knowledge of Ritual and Code as these are the rules that we must always follow. Regular reading of the Code and Ritual is essential for the Officers so they can become conversant with these items.

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned at 12.05 am, with the **next meeting of the Executive to be held January 17, 2017**, at The Grand Lodge Office.

Note:

The January meeting of the Executive was cancelled due to poor weather and was rescheduled for Tuesday, January 31, at 10:00 am, at the Grand Lodge Office.