



Executive Meeting

Tuesday, October 13, 2015.

Stratford, Ontario.



AGENDA...

1. **Call to Order** @ By.....Brother Wayne Gard, Grand Master.

Opening Prayer by Brother
Welcome to all. -

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

3. **Attendance Register.**

4. **Minutes of last meeting,** June 9, 2015.

approved as: printed and circulated, subject to any corrections. Bob & Terry

5. **Committee Reports:**

- A) Budget, year end and year to date, (Bob Schwalm)
- B) Appointment of Executive Special Committees (Wayne)
- C)

6. **Unfinished Business:**

- A) Campbellford Lodge. (In Camera).
- B)
- C)
- D) Other.

7. **New Business:**

- A) Grand Lodge Legislation and Code Updates. (John)
- B) Victoria Historical Lodge #6. (Terry)
- C) Webex and Webcams (John)
- D) SGL - SGMaster Recommendations (Terry)
- E) Other.

8. **Date of Next Meetings** - January 12/16, March 8/16, 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. Duncan McMillan Charlie Pole Kathy Noble Mark Blakey Terry Parsons	Administrative and Organizational Matters: Wayne Gard John Nichols Bob Schwalm Duncan McMillan Terry Switzer Jim Edwards Sandra McWhirter Mark Blakey
Resource: Dave Longfield	
Legislation and Code: Wayne Geurts Charles Benson	Grand Lodge and Component Unit Properties (Appointed by the Grand Secretary Chapter III, Section 9 A (2)) John Nichols Bob Schwalm Wayne Gard Duncan McMillan Mark Blakey Terry Switzer
Resource: John Nichols Bob Schwalm	
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 13, 2015 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
Terry Switzer

Mark Blakey

John Nichols

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

It was moved by Brother Bob Schwalm and seconded by Brother Terry Switzer. that the Minutes of the last meeting be approved as printed and circulated, subject to any corrections. **CARRIED.**

5A. Budget, year end and year to date. (Bob Schwalm)

Brother Bob Schwalm presented the Budget to our year end. Income was slightly over budget due to some investment income and interest. The expenses were in line for the most part and we finished the year strong.

In our Budget year to date, it doesn't really give us any sort of a picture because it is only for one month of the year, but, all is looking good for a strong year at this point.

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

5B. Appointment of Committees of the Executive.

The appointments to be made by our Grand Master were presented and are in the appropriate place on the second sheet of the Agenda.

It was moved by Brothers Switzer and Blakey that this Executive adopt the appointments made by our Grand Master. The motion was **CARRIED.**

The appointments for Committees from our Grand Master will follow at our next meeting.

6A Campbellford Lodge #248. (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. Grand Lodge Legislation and Code Updates.

Brother Nichols asked the Executive if it was felt that we should do the Code Updates this year. Brother Geurts works diligently on providing us with the updates but we had decided in the past years to hold onto printing the updates until such time as we had more to do.

It was moved by Brother Schwalm with second by Brother Switzer that we have the Code Updates printed as at the 2015 Session. **CARRIED.**

Brother Nichols brought up the idea of perhaps switching the format of our Code to 8 ½ X 11 to make it a more standard size. We are currently out of the small format binders and getting them printed would not be feasible as we would need to get a great number of the binders and the cost of the binders and printing would be prohibitive.

There was a good deal of discussion on this point and the general feeling was that we should, for the time being, leave our Code in the smaller format and Brother Nichols was directed to send a Letter to the Lodges asking if they had spare copies of the Code that they would be willing to turn in to us.

7B. Victoria Historical Lodge #6 (Terry).

Brother Switzer mentioned that our attendance at Victoria Historical Lodge seems to keep diminishing, despite efforts to attract other people, and that we are now down to basically having only those who must be there for the day, in attendance. Terry stated that he had made a motion to hold Victoria Historical Lodge #6 in Brooklin for 5 years and that it was held there for a couple of years until there was a motion presented to move the meeting back to Belleville. Brooklin is interested in hosting the Annual Meeting again.

The Executive discussed the last few meetings of Victoria Historical Lodge #6 with a view to see if the Historical Lodge has run its course. There had been comments at the last meeting, from some of those in attendance, that we should look at winding down Victoria Historical Lodge.

This matter was left in the hands of our Grand Master to talk with Brothers Charles and Philip Benson, to see if they would like to submit Legislation, by the deadline, to close Victoria Historical Lodge.

7C. SGL and the SGM Recommendations. (Terry).

Brother Switzer gave a report on the actions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its last Annual Session to illustrate how difficult it can be to get things changed at the SGL level. Our Sovereign Grand Master, as part of his report, made recommendations for the modernization and improvement of the Order. As is the practise of the SGL, all of the recommendations were sent to the appropriate Committees and every recommendation came back with an adverse report, meaning that these items couldn't come to the floor.

Brother Switzer stated that it would appear that the Sovereign Grand Lodge is not being responsive to what is needed for revitalization.

7D. Webex and Meeting of the Executive of the Grand Lodge.

We had a discussion about a web based meeting software program that would allow the members of the Executive to be at home, with a webcam, in front of their computer and have meetings, the program is called Webex and is being used by many businesses. Brother Nichols spoke about Webex and how they use it in his church for ministerial meetings and how well it has been working out.

Potentially, if we were to try Webex and go to Webex as a way to do meetings, we could save a few dollars. We could also make Webex available to Other Units for their meetings if they were interested as the Units could make use of the program when we were not using it.

There was a good deal of discussion about the pros and cons and this matter was left in the hands of Brother Nichols to examine costs and what would be needed so we could discuss this matter more fully in the future.

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned at 11:45 am, with the **next meeting of the Executive to be held Tuesday January 12, 2016**, at the Grand Lodge Office.