



Executive Meeting

Tuesday, October 18, 2017.

Stratford, Ontario.



AGENDA...

1. **Call to Order** @ By..... Brother Mark Blakey, Grand Master.

Opening Prayer by
Welcome to all. -

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

3. **Attendance Register.**

4. **Minutes of last meeting**, June 27, 2017.

approved as:

5. **Committee Reports:**

- A) Budget year to date, (Bob Schwalm)
- B) SGL Representative Report (Terry & Jim)
- C) Other.

6. **Unfinished Business:**

- A) Credit District #33, Milton #92 & Golden Star #101. (**In Camera**) (Duncan)
- B) District Boundaries. (Duncan & Mark)
- C) Midland #274 (**In Camera**) (Terry)
- D) Ad Hoc Committee to discuss a Canadian Tour for Students .
- E) Other

7. **New Business:**

- A) Resolutions to pass in relation to Sovereign Grand Lodge (John)
- B) Committee in relation to Cease & Desist Order. (John)
- C) Letter to Lodges and Districts (John)
- D) Committee to review changes at SGL and our Code (John)
- E) Letter from Algoma Lodge #267
- F) Grand Master Report on Visitations etc. (Mark)
- G) Outstanding Annual Returns. (John)
- H)
- I) Other

8. **Date of Next Meetings** - January 16/18, March 13/18, Sessions if needed.

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

Executive Special Committees.

2017 -2018.

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 Jim Broadfoot Eugene Dopp
Program Enhancement & Membership Development.	Administrative and Organizational Matters:
Eugene Dopp Jim Broadfoot George Clarke Ron Wanamaker Duncan McMillan	Mark Blakey John Nichols Bob Schwalm Terry Switzer Jim Broadfoot Eugene Dopp Duncan McMillan
Legislation and Code:	Grand Lodge and Component Unit Properties (Appointed by the Grand Secretary Chapter III, Section 9 A (2))
Terry Switzer Jim Broadfoot Charles Benson Resource: John Nichols Bob Schwalm	John Nichols Bob Schwalm Gene Dopp Duncan McMillan Mark Blakey Terry Switzer Jim Broadfoot
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 18, 2017 meeting of the Executive of the Grand Lodge of Ontario was called to order at 10:00 am by our Grand Master, Brother Mark Blakey and Brother Mark 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:**

Mark Blakey
Bob Schwalm

Gene Dopp
Terry Switzer

Jim Broadfoot
Jim Edwards

John Nichols
Duncan McMillan

Absent:

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

It was moved by Brother Jim Broadfoot and seconded by Brother Gene Dopp, that the Minutes of the last meeting, be adopted as printed and circulated, subject to any corrections. **CARRIED.**

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

Brother Bob presented the Budget for the year that had just ended, pre audit, so there may be some slight changes. Everything came in looking quite good and there was a slight surplus.

Brother Bob presented the Budget, year to date and noted that everything is in really good shape at this point and that we are only dealing with the month of September. Dues are under budget but Annual Returns are coming in and we have a number of Outstanding Returns which will be addressed later by Brother John.

The Budget is well in hand at this point and will be closely monitored by Brothers Nichols and Schwalm.

It was moved by Brother Schwalm with second by Brother Switzer, that the Budget reports be approved as presented. **(Carried)**

5B. SGL Representative Report (Terry & Jim E)

Brothers Switzer and Edwards had sent out the information on all Bills and Resolutions that came before the Sovereign Grand Lodge for people to read prior to this meeting. Brother Nichols had printed all the materials and placed them in our Agenda Package. Brothers Switzer and Edwards were ready to answer any questions from the Executive.

Questions were asked in relation to the former UN issue that we have been dealing with and a good amount of discussion ensued. There were no motions as a result of this discussion. Brother Mark requested that this item be placed in unfinished business for our next meeting so the Executive had more time to study the information.

6A. Credit District #33, Milton #92 & Golden Star #101. (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 as necessary.

6B. District Boundaries.

We had a discussion in relation to the boundaries of some of the Districts in our Jurisdiction and it was discussed that some Lodges have been orphaned in previous reorganizations and that other districts are finding it difficult to find Officers with the districts being small.

Brother Mark had appointed Brother Duncan to review the District Boundaries and bring recommendations back to this Executive.

Brother Duncan continues to look at the Districts and Lodges and is working on proposals for future Executive Meetings. At this point there is no need to change District Boundaries but Brother McMillan continues to monitor the boundaries. There is no need for action at this time.

6C. Midland Lodge #274. (In Camera)

This item of business was held "In Camera" since it was the private business of one Lodge in our Jurisdiction. The matter is now closed.

6D. Ad Hoc Committee to discuss a Canadian Tour for Students.

With the resolution that had been adopted at our Annual Session it was necessary to discuss a Canadian Tour for Students. Ideas were presented and discussed with a view to giving the Committee a mandate.

No one is officially appointed to this Committee as yet but the names discussed as possible members were, Wayne Gard, Mark Sturman, Bob McMahon, Jim Johnson and Gene Dopp. Brothers Charles Benson and John Nichols could act as resources to this Committee. There has been no change since the last meeting.

7A. Resolutions to pass in relation to the SGL (John)

Brother Nichols reported that it was necessary for us to pass some resolutions in relation to the Cease and Desist Order. The Resolutions were all duly adopted. The Resolutions are as follows:

Moved: John R. Nichols, Grand Secretary. **Second:** Gene Dopp

This Grand Lodge of Ontario and All Units Chartered by it shall Cease and Desist using the name "United Nations", its acronym "UN", and its logo in any online media, web pages, social media, letterhead, printed materials, bylaws, constitutions, committees, and fundraising activities throughout the Jurisdiction

of Ontario; including any Lodge, Rebekah Assembly, Rebekah Lodge, Jurisdiction, Regional, District or Member's site, effective this date.

Date: October 18, 2017.

Motion Carried.

Moved: John R. Nichols, Grand Secretary. **Second:** Duncan McMillan

That the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ontario appoint and empower a Committee, of five members, consisting of the Grand Master as chair, the Grand Secretary and the following members:

Gene Dopp Wayne Geurts Charles Benson

This Committee will have the authority, subject to the approval of the Executive of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, to enact, and implement, all measures to Cease and Desist using the name "United Nations", its acronym "UN", and its logo in any on line media, web pages, social media, letterhead, printed materials, bylaws, constitutions, committees, and fundraising activities throughout the Jurisdiction of Ontario; including any Lodge, Jurisdiction, Regional, District or Member's site.

This Committee to be formed and empowered effective this date.

This Committee to make a report to the Executive at all meetings of the same.

Date: October 17, 2017.

Motion Carried.

Moved: John R. Nichols, Grand Secretary. **Second:** Jim Edwards

That the Executive of the Grand Lodge of Ontario adopt and implement the Non Discrimination Policy supplied by the Sovereign Grand Lodge and that this policy be placed in Chapter I, Policies Section, of the Code of Ontario Odd Fellows Laws, effective this date.

The Current Policies of the Grand Lodge of Ontario in relation to Non Discrimination and Access to Persons with Disabilities will remain in force and effect and this Policy will be an additional Policy in our Code.

Date: October 18, 2017.

Motion Carried.

7B. Committee in relation to Cease and Desist Order. (John)

With the Resolutions that had just been passed it was necessary to form the Committee responsible for monitoring our progress in relation to the Cease and Desist Order. Subject to any necessary changes, the Committee will consist of:

Mark Blakey, Grand Master.
John Nichols, Grand Secretary.
Gene Dopp, Deputy Grand Master.
Wayne Geurts, Past Grand Master.
Charles Benson, Past Grand Master.

7C. Letter to Lodges and Districts.

In relation to the Cease and Desist Order there are a number of things we must comply with and a letter will need to go to our Lodges and Districts, with a form for them to certify their compliance. Brother Nichols presented a letter he had done with the appropriate forms (as follows). Brother Nichols had sent a copy of the letter and forms to Brother Terry Barrett, Sovereign Grand Secretary and Brother Barrett feels the letter and forms are good for this purpose.

It was moved by Brother Schwalm, with second by Brother Switzer, that we accept the letter and forms drafted by Brother Nichols and send them as soon as possible.

CARRIED.

Memorandum

To: All Odd Fellows Lodges and Districts, Grand Jurisdiction of Ontario.
From: John R. Nichols, Grand Secretary.

Dear Brothers and Sisters;

I am required, by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, to gain certification from the several Odd Fellows Lodges and Districts, in our Jurisdiction, that we are complying with the Cease and Desist Order in relation to the United Nations.

1. We need to destroy all Brochures that mention the United Nations, UN or the logo of the United Nations.
2. We need to adjust all bylaws for Lodges and Districts to remove any reference to the United Nations or UN or its logo. We realize that this part may require some bylaw amendments and would ask that you remove the necessary parts of the bylaws and send the amended bylaws to the Office of the Grand Lodge of Ontario as soon as you can. Provided that removal of the above listed references are the only changes to the bylaws, at that time, we can return the approved bylaws to you very quickly.
3. We need to remove the United Nations, UN or any United Nations logo from all online media, web pages, social media, letterhead, printed materials in the Jurisdiction.

I will attach a form for Lodges and Districts to complete and sign showing complete compliance with the items listed above. **We need to have these forms returned to us as soon as possible and no later than November 30, 2017.**

Thank you for looking after this matter as quickly as you can and for sending the forms back to me by the deadline.

Yours Friendship, Love and Truth,



**Brother John R. Nichols, Grand Secretary,
Grand Lodge of Ontario,
Independent Order of Odd Fellows.**

Lodge Compliance Form:

of _____ Lodge # _____, Ontario certifies the following:

1. We have destroyed all Brochures which contain reference to the United Nations, UN or that contain the United Nations logo.
Date: _____ . 2017.
2. Our bylaws have been checked and there are no references to the United Nations, UN and do not contain the logo of the United Nations.
Date: _____ . 2017.
3. We have removed the United Nations, UN or any United Nations logo from all online media, web pages, social media, letterhead, printed materials under the control of our Lodge or Members.

Date: _____ . 2017.

**Please return this form to the Grand Lodge of Ontario
no later than November 30, 2017.**

Noble Grand.

Seal

Secretary.

Date:

Date:

District Compliance Form:

District # _____,
**working under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of
Ontario of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows,
certifies the following:**

1. We have destroyed all Brochures which contain reference to the United Nations, UN or that contain the United Nations logo.

Date: _____ . 2017.

2. Our bylaws have been checked and there are no references to the United Nations, UN and do not contain the logo of the United Nations.

Date: _____ . 2017.

3. We have removed the United Nations, UN or any United Nations logo from all online media, web pages, social media, letterhead, printed materials under the control of our Lodge or Members.

Date: _____ . 2017.

Please return this form to the Grand Lodge of Ontario no later than November 30, 2017.

District Deputy Grand Master.

District Deputy Grand Secretary.

Date:

Date:

7D. Committee to review changes at SGL and our Code. (John)

With the actions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at their last Annual Communication, it has become necessary to form a Committee to review the changes made there and adjust our Code as necessary. Brother Mark appointed Brothers Nichols, Geurts and Dopp, subject to any necessary changes that may have to be made.

7E Letter from Algoma Lodge.

Algoma Lodge #267 would like to send a letter of appeal to Lodges in our Jurisdiction to ask for some funding help. There was a good amount of discussion and

as a result it was moved by Brother Dopp with second by Brother Edwards, that this Executive approve Algoma Lodge #267 sending a letter to Lodges in the Jurisdiction.
CARRIED.

7F Grand Master's Report.

Brother Mark Blakey, Grand Master, reported on the visitations he has made so far and discussed good news and concerns as a result of his travels.

7G Outstanding Annual Returns.

We Currently have 27 outstanding Annual Returns, of which 8 have been sent back to Lodges for corrections. Half of the Returns we have received so far have had to be sent back for corrections in information.

We are beyond the date that the 10% Penalty needs to be applied and Brother Nichols as for discretion in applying the Penalty. A couple of Lodges have asked for additional time to complete the Returns and he has told them that would be okay as long as the return is received prior to the end of October.

The Executive agreed that they would allow Brothers Nichols and Schwalm to use their discretion as to when the Penalty would be applied. It was mentioned and noted that the penalty should be applied soon.

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm, with the **next meeting of the Executive to be held January 16, 2018, at 10:00 am**, at The Grand Lodge Office.