



**Executive Meeting
Tuesday, September 25th, 2007.
Grand Lodge Office.**



AGENDA...

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

Opening Prayer by Brother
Welcome to all.

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

3. **Attendance Register.**

4. **Minutes of last meeting,**

approved as: - moved..... 2nd

5. **Committee Reports:**

- A) Executive Committee Appointments and Approval. (Ian McWhirter)
- B) Budget, year end (Bob Schwalm) **(Sheets)**
- C) SGL and legislative changes (John Nichols and Reps)
- D) Other?

6. **Unfinished Business:**

- A) Brinston Lodge Hall **(In Camera)**
- B) Samaritan #35 **(In Camera)**
- C) Victoria Historical Lodge #6 Trial Agenda for this year (John)
- D) Victoria Historical Lodge bylaw changes (Charlie) **(Sheets)**
- E) Belleville Hall Update (Charlie Benson) **(Sheets)** (In Camera)
- F) Eastern Star #72. **(In Camera)**
- G) Joint Meetings of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly Executives (John)
- H) Broadview Lodge #294 (Terry Switzer) **(In Camera)**
- I) Other?

7. **New Business:**

- A) Order related Funerals and notification (Bob)
- B) Grenville Lodge #279 (John) **(Sheets)** **(In Camera)**
- C) SGL Membership Seminars. (Ian and Charlie)
- D) DDGM Workshop 2008 (Charlie)
- E) Code Revisions (Charlie)
- F) Joint Installation at upcoming Sessions (Charlie)
- G) Unification Committee (Ian)
- H) Assembly President's Reception date and IOOF Senior Citizen's Homes Annual Meeting (Ian)
- I) Invitation to Michigan Grand Lodge Sessions (Ian)
- J) International Friendship Rally (Ian)
- K) Selected Ontario Lodges (Ian and Charlie) **(In Camera)** **(Sheets)**
- L) Marilyn Wilson, VP IARA and fundraising. (Terry Switzer)
- M) Other?

8. **Date of Next Meetings** - December 4/07, February 5/08, March 11/08.

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

**Executive Special Committees.
2006 -2007.**

First Listed Person to Serve as Chair.

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Bev Rabbets Don Beach Jim Barker Resource: Bob Schwalm John Nichols	Members to ask if some say no:	Bob Schwalm John Nichols Bill Thompson Ian McWhirter	Members to ask if some say no:
Program Enhancement & Membership Development.		Administrative and Organizational Matters:	
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Legislation and Code:		Grand Lodge and Component Unit Properties (Appointed by the Grand Secretary Chapter III, Section 9 A (2))	
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The September 25th, 2007 meeting of the Executive was called to Order at 10:00 am by our Grand Master, Brother Ian McWhirter. Brother Ian welcomed everyone present and asked Brother John Nichols to open the meeting with prayer.

Present at this meeting were:

Ian McWhirter
John Nichols

Charles Benson
Bob Schwalm

Don Beach
Terry Switzer

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

Executive Committee Appointments and Approval.

Brother McWhirter polled the Executive to see if those present were willing to serve on various Committees and it was moved by Brother Terry Switzer and seconded by Brother John Nichols that the appointments be approved and that the remainder of the appointments be made as soon as possible. **CARRIED.**

Budget, year end.

Brother Schwalm presented and explained the Budget as at year end and answered the questions that arose from his presentation. We finished off the year in good shape and will closely monitor the Budget of the upcoming term to ensure that we can finish off next year in good shape as well.

Bob explained that we are still waiting for advice from our Auditing Firm to see how 816012 Ontario Ltd can be wound up properly and without any tax implications for that corporation or the Grand Lodge.

It was moved by Brother Schwalm and seconded by Brother Benson that this pre audit presentation of the Budget year end be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

SGL and legislative changes.

Brother Nichols and our Representatives to Sovereign Grand Lodge explained that the legislation to remove the word "Model" from the Code of General Laws, in relation to the Grand Lodge Constitution and Odd Fellows Lodge Constitution, was again put on hold this year. It looks like we may have to continue with the status quo until after the next Annual Session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Brother Nichols had addressed the SGL Committee on Legislation and spoke with them about the things we currently have in our Code. The SGL Committee on Legislation has suggested that we move the things we would like to keep from our Grand Lodge Constitution and, with the Constitution of Odd Fellows Lodges, place the things we would like to keep into a set of mandatory Bylaws of Odd Fellows Lodges with the Lodges being able to frame additional Bylaws as per our current practice.

Brinston Lodge Hall .

The discussion on this matter was held in camera as it deals with the personal business of one Lodge in our Jurisdiction. As a result of the discussion it was moved by Brother Schwalm and seconded by Brother Switzer that this matter be left as status quo with additional information to be communicated as it is received. **CARRIED.**

Samaritan #35.

The discussion on this matter was held in camera as it deals with the personal business of one Lodge in our Jurisdiction. As a result of the discussion our Grand Master decided that we would continue with this matter as we are.

Victoria Historical Lodge #6 Trial Agenda for this year.

Brother Nichols, at the request of the Executive, had worked on a Trial Agenda for this year, for Victoria Historical Lodge. The Executive reviewed the Trial Agenda and thought it was good, provided the Grand Master would grant a dispensation to try it out. The Trial Agenda was approved by the Executive on motion of Brothers Schwalm and Benson. **CARRIED.**

Our Grand Master stated that he would grant the dispensation and ordered it to be done.

Victoria Historical Lodge bylaw changes.

Brother Charles Benson presented some proposed Bylaw amendments for Victoria Historical Lodge #6 which were reviewed by the Executive. Brother Nichols stated that these changes would have to be reviewed by Victoria Historical Lodge #6 and if approved there they would have to be presented to the next Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Ontario for approval.

It was moved by Brothers Schwalm and Beach that the Executive has no problem with the proposed amendments and that Brother Benson should present this proposed amendments to Victoria Historical Lodge for their action. **CARRIED.**

Belleville Hall Update.

The discussion on this matter was held in camera as it deals with the personal business of one Lodge in our Jurisdiction. As a result of the discussion it was moved by Brother Switzer and seconded by Brother Nichols that Belleville Lodge switch real estate agents when the current contract is completed and adjust the asking price of the Hall to \$310,000.00 if necessary. **CARRIED.**

It was noted that Brother Benson abstained from this vote since he is a member of Belleville Lodge #81.

Eastern Star #72.

The discussion on this matter was held in camera as it deals with the personal business of one Lodge in our Jurisdiction. As a result of the discussion it was moved by Brother Nichols and seconded by Brother Switzer that the remaining financial obligations of this Lodge be completed and that permission be granted, after all required terms have been completed, for them to merge with Beethoven Lodge #165. **CARRIED.** Brother Don Beach was appointed by our Grand Master to bring this matter to its completion.

Joint Meetings of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly Executives.

The matter of Joint Meetings between the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly Executives was discussed. Brother McWhirter stated that he would contact the Rebekah Assembly President, Sister Dorothy Lawrence to try to set up a date. Proposed meeting dates were December 11 and February 12.

Possible agenda items would be requested from the Rebekah Assembly and our Executive stated that the following would be suggested agenda items from the Grand Lodge Executive:

Membership - Recruitment and Retention.
Joint Installation.

Joint Receptions for Unit Heads.
Code of Ontario Odd Fellows Laws.

Relationships between the GI & RA.

Fundraising for Sister Marilyn Wilson.

Brother Ian is to contact Sister Dorothy and see what can be set up.

Broadview Lodge #294.

The discussion on this matter was held in camera as it deals with the personal business of one Lodge in our Jurisdiction. As a result of the discussion Brother Ian appointed Brothers Switzer and Thompson (subject to his acceptance) to handle this concern.

Brother Nichols is to do a letter to accompany Brothers Switzer and Thompson.

Order related Funerals and notification.

We had a discussion relating to the recent Funeral for Sister Vi Higgs. In the past, when a notable person has passed, the Grand Lodge Office was to be notified and notification would then go out via our system. It appears that we did not follow this system in relation to Sister Higgs.

It was suggested that in the event that a death should transpire on a weekend that John or Bob should be notified at home so that the appropriate notification can go out.

Grenville Lodge #279.

The discussion on this matter was held in camera as it deals with the personal business of one Lodge in our Jurisdiction. As a result of the discussion it was moved by Brothers Nichols and Schwalm that this Lodge be notified to proceed. Brother Schwalm will notify them.

CARRIED.

SGL Membership Seminars.

The major thrust of the new SGL Membership Program is the implementation of a Membership Prospect Card program with Dinners and invitations to join. Brothers Benson and McWhirter are to speak with Brother Wayne Geurts to see if this program can be joined with the Educational Seminars to get the information into the hands of the Lodges.

DDGM Workshop 2008.

Brother Benson discussed the DDGM Workshop that we have every year at our Annual Session with a view to implement some of the changes that we have been discussing for the past few years. Brother Charlie is to speak with Brother Wayne Geurts in regards to addressing these changes and look to find ways that the DDGM's could be installed at our Sessions each year and work on a plan.

Code Revisions.

Brother Charlie addressed many of the housekeeping issues that we need to make with our current Code and asked the Executive for their input. We have addressed many of these issues in the past and need to continue to address the necessary changes. This matter was left with Brother Benson to address.

Joint Installation at upcoming Sessions.

Brother Benson addressed the Joint Installation of Officers that our Grand Lodge will be having with the Officers of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario. Many different ceremonies have been received and the Past Grand Masters and Past Assembly Presidents, in charge, are currently working on drafting a ceremony for use. Brother Benson will keep us advised as

information is made available.

Unification Committee.

Brother Ian addressed the current committee that has been struck by the Joint Planning Board to see if there is a way to bring all of our Jurisdictional Annual Sessions together, once again. Brother Ian will see if Brother David Longfield will work for the Grand Lodge on this Committee and will look for another Member willing to serve as well.

Assembly President's Reception date and IOOF Senior Citizen's Homes Annual Meeting.

Brother Ian addressed the matter that the incoming Assembly President, Sister Margaret Reynolds, reception has been scheduled for the same day as the Annual Meeting of the IOOF Senior Citizen's Home Inc.

There was a great deal of discussion in regards to conflicting dates and that we have to ensure that people are looking at the Jurisdictional Itinerary so that we do not have conflicts.

Brother Schwalm is to contact Doreen Saunders to verify the yearly dates of the Annual Meeting and notify Brother Switzer for the Jurisdictional Itinerary.

Invitation to Michigan Grand Lodge Sessions.

Brother Ian expressed his regret that he would not be able to be in attendance at the upcoming Annual Sessions for the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of Michigan and asked if there was anyone from our Executive who would be able to attend. Brother Don Beach was to check his schedule to see if he could represent Brother Ian and if he is unable to go Brother Switzer stated that he would be able to go. Brother Beach discovered that he was able to attend these Annual Sessions and arrangements were made.

International Friendship Rally.

Brother Ian discussed this upcoming Rally and stated that he was going to be in attendance. Brother Benson also stated that he would be attending the Rally.

Information had not come to the Grand Lodge Office for us to send out to our Lodges.

Selected Ontario Lodges.

This item was held in camera due to the nature of the concerns for Membership. As a result of the discussion it was decided that we would continue our discussions of this matter via email.

Marilyn Wilson, VP IARA and fundraising.

The Executive discussed fundraising to assist Sister Marilyn Wilson, Vice President of the IARA with her year as International President. It was the general view that having Sister Marilyn as the International President was a huge honour for our Jurisdiction.

Brother Nichols raised the idea of our Executive hosting an 1851 Rebekah Degree Night in honour of Sister Marilyn and to help in raising funds and the Executive thought it was an excellent idea and pledged their support to do the work.

As a result of the discussion it was moved by Brother Switzer and seconded by Brother Schwalm that Brother Nichols send a letter, in his next mailing, to encourage every Lodge to host a fundraising event to support our Sister Marilyn for her year. **CARRIED.**

No further business appearing, this meeting closed at 2:20 pm.