

SCOTTISH RITE  
CLUB  
OF  
BARRIE

CONSTITUTION  
AND  
OPERATING PROCEDURES

FOUNDED 2014



“SAPIENTIA PAX FRATERITAS”

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#### FORMATION & AUSPICES

The Club is created under the auspices of the Valley of Barrie Trustees (Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada).

The Club was founded on April 14<sup>th</sup> 2014.

The founding members were: Steve Barendregt, Doug Crawford, Dwight Fielder, Cam Goodman, James Greaves, Mark Linnemoller and Chris Wiwchar (Honorary Founding Member – Robert Brethour).

#### PURPOSES

To enhance the experience of being a Scottish Rite Freemason through social assemblies and events.

To create an atmosphere for personal growth – learning, understanding and enlightenment.

To provide a medium for the exchange of ideas and knowledge in a social environment.

To create enthusiasm and a desire to be included and participate in Valley of Barrie Scottish Rite activities.

To provide a medium for participation where members otherwise may find a void.

The Club is focused on 21<sup>st</sup> century living and technology for its communications and records maintenance.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

“To provide and maintain a stimulating social environment promoting individual enlightenment.”

#### MOTTO

“Sapientia Pax Fraternitas”

#### MEMBERSHIP

32<sup>nd</sup> Degree member, in good standing, of Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

#### REGULAR MEETINGS

Two regular meetings shall be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of February and October and shall be somewhat informal in order to focus on the social and other beneficial aspects of the assembly. The inaugural meeting is on October 8<sup>th</sup> 2014.

#### EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

The Executive shall operate the business affairs and finances of the Club. Meetings shall be held for that purpose and for planning regular meetings and social events. Meetings shall be held as determined by the President.

#### SOCIAL EVENTS

Social events will be held from time to time as approved by the Executive. Some social events will include guests (spouses and family/friends).

## GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Club operates within any rules, regulations and guidelines for social gatherings which may pertain to or be provided by the Valley of Barrie Trustees and/or Supreme Council.

Executive – The club executive shall be comprised of seven Directors, elected by the membership. The Directors for the initial two years were elected by the founding members on April 14<sup>th</sup> 2014 (Steve Barendregt, Doug Crawford, Dwight Fielder Cam Goodman, James Greaves, Mark Linnemoller, Chris Wiwchar).

The elected Directors form the Executive of the Club which shall operate, maintain and manage the affairs of the Club. The Executive shall elect the Officers of the Club (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer). On April 14<sup>th</sup> 2014, the Executive elected the Officers of the Club for the initial two years: President – Cam Goodman; Vice President – James Greaves; Secretary – Dwight Fielder; Treasurer – Steve Barendregt.

President – Will chair regular meetings and executive meetings.

Vice President – Will chair regular and executive meetings in the absence of the President (and in his absence, a member selected by the Executive).

Secretary – Will maintain an up to date membership data base, in conjunction with the Treasure. Will notify members of meetings. Will record minutes of regular and executive meetings. Will collect dues and meal proceeds and turn over same to the Treasurer. Will maintain the Constitution and Operating Procedures in conjunction with other designated Directors.

Treasurer – Will maintain an up to date membership listing in conjunction with the Secretary. Will manage the Club's bank account and maintain a current financial record for the Club. Will provide financial reports at executive meetings and regular meetings. Will provide an annual financial statement to the Executive prior to the Executive Meeting preceding the February regular meeting.

Elections and Annual Meeting – Seven Directors shall be elected by nominations (each called three times) and in the event of more than seven members seeking nomination, the Executive will determine whether do elect the Directors by open vote or by ballot. The elected Directors will then meet at once and elect the officers of the Club for the ensuing year. Elected Directors shall serve for a one year term (February to February) – except for the founding Directors who shall serve until October 2016. The Annual Meeting shall be held at the October regular meeting (the first such annual meeting and election shall be in October 2016).

## VOTING

Voting of members at a regular meeting will be by simple majority and will be by open vote or ballot as determined by the Executive.

Voting at Executive Meetings will be by simple majority. A quorum of four Directors is required.

## FINANCIAL

The Club shall be financially self-sustaining.

Fiscal Year – November 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Annual Dues - Annual Dues are due and payable by the October meeting for the ensuing year.

Annual Dues are for the purpose of operative expenses.

Annual Dues approved and set by the Executive on April 14<sup>th</sup> 2014 are \$25.

Excess Funds – if any, shall be utilized at the discretion of the Executive or vote of Membership if so determined by the Executive.

AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO CONSTITUTION AND OPERATING PROCEDURES

Future amendments and additions to the Constitution and Operating Procedures will be as approved by the Executive and then by simple majority vote of the membership at a regular meeting.

Adopted by unanimous vote of the Executive, and,

Dated at Barrie Ontario this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014 on behalf of the Executive:

\_\_\_\_\_, President

\_\_\_\_\_, Vice President

\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary

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**FIRST AMENDMENT**

It was duly moved, seconded and carried at the September 9<sup>th</sup> 2015 Executive Meeting that commencing in 2016, the regular meetings of the Club shall be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of April and October.

Dated at Barrie, Ontario this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2015

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C. H. (Cam) Goodman, President

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James Greaves, Vice President

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**SECOND AMENDMENT**

It was duly moved, seconded and carried at the December 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 Executive Meeting that the Amendment dated September 9<sup>th</sup> 2015 is hereby repealed; and commencing in 2018, the regular meetings of the Club shall be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of May and October.

Dated at Barrie, Ontario this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017

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C. H. (Cam) Goodman, President

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Christopher Wiwchar, Vice President