

Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario East

Bylaws

Preamble: It is understood that the guiding principles under which the Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario East shall operate will be the current version (and any updates henceforth) of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Orange Lodge of Canada. The Bylaws stated below will be only for further details pertaining to a specific part of the Constitution and Laws for operation purposes and not in any way supersede the actual Constitution and Laws directive.

1. This Grand Lodge shall be known as the Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario East (PGOLOE).
2. Membership shall include all Primary Orange Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario East including all Lodges associated with the Loyal Orange Young Britons Association (LOYBA). Recognized members of the Loyal Orange Young Britons Association must also be a member of a Primary Orange Lodge (as per the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Orange Lodge of Canada) and have the same degree qualifications as an Orange Lodge Member for voting privileges at Grand Lodge Sessions.
3. The elected Officers for the Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario East shall be considered the Executive. The Executive shall meet at least quarterly, or more often, at the call of the Provincial Grand Master. It is the duty of all Executive members to attend Executive meetings. Location and time of meeting to be sent to all members of the Executive at least one week in advance. Absence from any meeting of the Executive by a member must be approved by the Right Worshipful Grand Master. Executive members only shall have a vote on decisions to be made at Executive meetings. A quorum will be three Executive members.
4. A Public Relations Officer shall be appointed each year by a vote of the membership present at Annual Sessions approving the appointment. The Public Relations Officer shall attend Executive meetings as requested in an ex-officio status (non-voting). All press releases and promotional activities shall be approved by the Executive and comply with the Constitutions and Laws prior to release. Other duties of the Public Relations Officer shall be determined as required by the Executive.
5. Consideration of communication being released publicly shall be as determined by the Constitution and Laws with discussion with the Grand Orange Lodge of Canada to ensure compliance.
6. The appointed representative to attend Most Worshipful Grand Orange Lodge of Canada Sessions from this Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario East shall vote according to the findings, agreement and ruling from The Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario East Sessions.
7. Money held by the Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario East shall be invested at the discretion of the Provincial Executive with no more than 70% held in financial instruments other than Guaranteed Investment Certificates. All GIC investments shall be insured by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation.

8. All Lodges that hold Trust Accounts are to report each year on Annual Returns as to amount, official signing officer(s) and termination date. This shall not restrict in any way, the assignment and operation of the Lodge in how it invests its monies.
9. County Orange Lodges may hold 12th of July celebrations subject to the applicable Rules of the Constitution and Laws, and the approval of the Executive of the Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario East. The Provincial Grand Orange Lodge will only act in an advisory capacity in an attempt to avoid conflict between celebrations.
10. A County Lodge, Primary or District Lodge under the auspices of a County Lodge, or an assembly of said Lodges, hosting a July 12th Celebration shall be held responsible by the Provincial Grand Orange Lodge for all phases of the Celebration and for any financial commitments. All Concessionaires having any connection with such celebrations shall be responsible to the County, District or Primary Lodge hosting the Celebrations.
11. These Bylaws, and any future revisions thereto, shall come into force after approval of the Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario East at Annual Sessions and approval by the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Sovereign of the Grand Orange Lodge of Canada. Changes to these Bylaws will be through presented Notice of Motion processes at Annual Sessions as detailed and presented to the membership in attendance by the Provincial Grand Secretary.
12. Failure to comply with any, or all, Bylaws herein may result in disciplinary action being taken by the Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario East.