



Executive Meeting
Tuesday, January 12, 2010.
Grand Lodge Office, Stratford, Ontario.



AGENDA...

1. **Call to Order** @ pm . By.....Brother Don Beach, Grand Master.
Opening Prayer by
 Welcome to all.
2. **Quorum Present?**yes,no.
3. **Attendance Register.**
4. **Minutes of last meeting,**
approved as: - moved..... 2nd
5. **Committee Reports:**
 - A) Budget, year to date. (Bob Schwalm) (Attached Sheets)
 - B) Final Audited Financial Statements, including a wind up of 816012 Ontario Ltd. (Bob)
 - C) Proposed Budget to go to Sessions from the Finance Committee.
 - D) State of the Order Minutes and approval.
 - E) Other?
6. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A) Geneva #320 **(In Camera)** (Terry Switzer)
 - B) Harmony Lodge #115 **(In Camera)** (Don)
 - C) Victoria Historical Lodge #6 (Terry)
 - D) Outstanding Annual Returns
 - E) Capital Fund Update. (Bob)
 - F) Other?
7. **New Business:**
 - A) State of the Order Committee suggestions. (John)
 - B) Elections at Sessions, Letter from Wayne Geurts (attached)
 - C) DDGM Luncheon for Sessions. (John)
 - D) Room bookings for Annual Session. (John)
 - E) Membership Letter
 - F) SGL Membership Letter
 - G) Mayflower Lodge #297. **(In Camera)**
 - H) Other.
8. **Date of Next Meetings** - January 12, 2010; February 23, 2010; At Sessions.
9. **Adjournment** @..... . Moved by.....

Executive Special Committees.

2009 -2010.

First Listed Person to Serve as Chair.

Budget Committee:		Investments and Endowments:	
Charles Pole Russ Hadley Bev Rabbets Resource: Bob Schwalm John Nichols	Members to ask if some say no:	Bob Schwalm Jim Edwards John Nichols	Members to ask if some say no:
Program Enhancement & Membership Development.		Administrative and Organizational Matters:	
Charles Benson All Members of the Executive.		John Nichols Terry Switzer Charles Benson Bob Schwalm and all Elective and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers.	
Legislation and Code:		Grand Lodge and Component Unit Properties (Appointed by the Grand Secretary Chapter III, Section 9 A (2))	
Jim Edwards Ralph Dufresne Charles Benson Resource: John Nichols Bob Schwalm	Members to ask if some say no:	John Nichols Terry Switzer Bob Schwalm Charles Benson Jim Edwards	
State of the Order:			
Don Beach Jim Edwards Ralph Dufresne John Nichols Jack McAllister Charles Pole			
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 January 12, 2010 meeting of the Executive of the Grand Lodge of Ontario was called to order at 10:00 am by our Grand Master, Brother Don Beach.

Brother Don welcomed everyone present and asked Brother John Nichols to open our meeting with prayer.

Brother Nichols ascertained that a quorum was present and the attendance register was circulated. Present at this meeting were:

Don Beach.	Jim Edwards	John Nichols	Bob Schwalm.
Terry Switzer	Charles Pole	Jack McAllister	

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

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

5A. Budget Year To Date.

Brother Bob Schwalm gave the report on the Budget Year To Date to this Executive. It was noted that everything seems to be fairly on track at this time. We can further reduce some areas of budgetary concern by getting more Lodges and Individuals to receive the Grand Lodge mailings via email thus cutting down the costs of office supplies, postage and copier expenses. Everything is good at this point but there will be some major mailings in the near future for the upcoming Annual Session of the Grand Lodge.

It was moved by Brother Bob Schwalm and seconded by Brother Terry Switzer that this report be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

5B. Final Audited Financial Statements, including a wind up of 816012 Ontario Ltd.

Brother Schwalm presented the Final Audited Financial Statements for 816012 Ontario Ltd.

816012 Ontario Ltd will soon be wound up but, due to forgiving the debt owed to the Grand Lodge in the difference realized in the sale of property it will cost us around \$35,000.00 plus the costs of winding down the corporation. It is recommended that we wind down and close this corporation while we can still realize some of the tax benefits from former years.

It was moved by Brother Schwalm and seconded by Brother Switzer that the Audited Financial Statements for 816012 Ontario Ltd, and the recommendations be accepted as presented and that the Financial Statements be signed by the appropriate Officers. **CARRIED.**

Brother Schwalm presented the Final Audited Financial Statements for the Grand Lodge of Ontario. Due to the differences in the way that the Grand Lodge operates and the Auditors operate there was a net loss in operations this year. Brother Schwalm's report to the Grand Lodge will have all the matters broken down and will appear in the Advance Journal to show exactly where we stood at year end. Brother Nichols also stated that Brother Schwalm's report will be sent to all of the Lodges with the advance information for Sessions.

A couple of pertinent questions were asked and Brother Schwalm answered these questions in relation to the differences between the "cash basis of accounting" and the "accrual basis of accounting.

It was moved by Brother Schwalm and seconded by Brother Jim Edwards that the Audited Financial Statements and recommendations for the Grand Lodge of Ontario be accepted as presented and signed by the appropriate Officers. **CARRIED.**

5C. Proposed Budget to go to Sessions from the Finance Committee.

Brother Schwalm presented the budget that had been prepared by the Finance Committee of this Executive. It was noted that cost cuts must be made if we are to remain viable as an organization. Recommendations from the Finance Committee were presented and discussed .

It was moved by Brother Terry Switzer and seconded by Brother Charlie Pole that the proposed budget and recommendations be accepted and provided to the Sessional Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Ontario in its Annual Session. CARRIED.

It was moved by Brother Charlie Pole and seconded by Brother Jim Edwards that per diem no longer be paid for the Executive Meetings and that we continue to provide a light lunch so that we may realize cost savings for these meetings. CARRIED.

5D. State of the Order Minutes and approval.

The State of the Order Committee had met after our last Executive Meeting and Minutes of that meeting had been circulated to all of the members of this Executive. It was moved by Brother Schwalm and seconded by Brother Edwards that this minutes be approved. CARRIED.

6A & 6B. Geneva #320 & Harmony Lodge #115.

These items were held In Camera due to the fact that they dealt with the personal business of the Lodges stated. No Motions were made as a result of these discussions but the matter is to be left in the hands of Brothers Beach, Nichols, McAllister and Pole to report to any future Executive Meetings if necessary.

6C. Victoria Historical Lodge #6

We had received letters from two Lodges that were interested in hosting the Annual Meeting of Victoria Historical Lodge #6. At last year's Annual Meeting it was decided, on motion, that the location of future meetings would be left in the hands of the Executive of Victoria Historical Lodge.

A discussion ensued on the location and purpose of Victoria Historical Lodge and it was moved by Brother Switzer and seconded by Brother Edwards that we hold the 2010 Annual Meeting at the Lodge Hall in Brooklin and that Legislation be proposed to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, for its Annual Session, outlining the location for future meetings. CARRIED.

6D. Outstanding Annual Returns.

Brother Nichols reported that there were still a number of Annual Returns that have not been received by us. Letters have been sent to these delinquent Lodges by Sister Geurts and Brother Schwalm and we are soon going to be at a point where we will have to debar these Lodges and their Representatives from attendance at the upcoming Annual Session.

It was moved by Brother Switzer and seconded by Brother Pole that Brother Nichols send a letter to each of these Lodges, requesting their Annual Returns and informing them that if the Complete Returns are not received by April 15, 2010, that they will be debarred from the upcoming Annual Session. CARRIED.

6E. Capital Fund Update.

Brother Schwalm gave us a report on how we are doing with the Camp Trillium, Odd Fellows and Rebekah Capital Fund and how we are doing with OuR Island. Currently still owing on OuR Island is

\$723,000.00. The funds are coming in slowly and we need to ensure we can make a good effort so we can get this Island paid off as quickly as possible. We are sitting in a good position but cannot rest on our laurels.

7A. State of the Order Committee suggestions.

The Executive had not reviewed the suggestions of the State of the Order Committee and are to review the suggestions and come prepared to discuss them at our next Executive Meeting.

7B. Elections at Sessions, Letter from Brother Wayne Geurts.

We had received a letter from Brother Wayne Geurts in regard to the manner in which we conduct Elections at our Grand Lodge Sessions. Brother Wayne had expressed concerns that the Tellers should give a written report to our Grand Master who should declare the numbers of votes and whether or not a Brother or Sister had been elected to the position in question. The Executive discussed the letter and agreed that the suggestions were in good Order and that our Elections Committee would be provided with Teller Report Forms and advised, prior to Elections on the process we would be following.

7C. DDGM Luncheon for Sessions.

We reviewed menu selections and considered pricing for the Annual DDGM Luncheon which is held after the DDGM Seminar on the Monday of our Sessional Week. Once again the prices seem to be continuing to increase which leaves the Grand Lodge either having to increase the price or subsidize the luncheon.

It was moved by Brother Terry Switzer and seconded by Brother Charlie Pole that the fee for the DDGM Luncheon be set at the traditional \$20.00 with the Grand Lodge to cover the remainder. CARRIED.

7D. Room Booking for the Annual Session.

A discussion was held in relation to the number of Rooms that the Grand Lodge has to book for the Annual Session and costs related to those bookings. The Hospitality Room at our Annual Session has been working well but the Hotel has advised us that this Room cannot be treated as a "Guest Room" with people sleeping in there at night time. As a result of the discussions it was moved by Brother Pole and seconded by Brother Edwards that the cost of the Grand Treasurer's room be covered by the Grand Lodge of Ontario. CARRIED.

7E. Membership Letter.

Brother Charles Benson had proposed a Membership Letter to be sent out to all Lodges in the Jurisdiction and the letter was reviewed by the Executive. The Executive felt that the letter was excellent and should go out to the Lodges when Brother Benson can get a finalized copy to the Grand Secretary and in a regular mailing.

7F. SGL Membership Seminar.

Brother Don Beach raised a question in relation to the Sovereign Grand Lodge Membership Seminar and where and when we could host one in the Jurisdiction. Brother Don Reported that the Rebekah Assembly will be holding an SGL Membership Seminar in Brooklin at the Hall of Beethoven Lodge #165 on March 20, 2010 and that he thought this Seminar would be open to Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. Brother Don is also to contact Brother Smith, the SGL Membership Co-Chair for this area

to see if we could arrange for another Membership Seminar to be held on the Monday afternoon of our Annual Session week.

Since that time arrangements have been made to hold a Sovereign Grand Lodge Membership Seminar instead of a Representative's Seminar on the Monday afternoon of our Sessional Week, immediately after the DDGM Luncheon and in that same Room (Victoria and Albert).

7G. Mayflower Lodge #297.

This matter was dealt with in camera since it affects the private business of one Lodge in our Jurisdiction. There were no motions as a result of this discussion but the matter was left in the hands of our Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Brothers Wayne Gard and Wayne Vanalstine.

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.