



Executive Meeting

Tuesday, January 15, 2019.

Stratford, Ontario.



AGENDA...

1. **Call to Order** @ 9:40 By..... Brother Gene Dopp, Grand Master.

Opening Prayer by John Nichols
Welcome to all. -

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

3. **Attendance Register.**

4. **Minutes of last meeting**, October 16, 2018.

approved as: circulated and printed subject to any corrections.

5. **Committee Reports:**

- A) Budget year to date, attached. (Bob Schwalm)
- B) Proposed Budget for our Annual Session, attached. (Bob Schwalm)
- C) Other.

6. **Unfinished Business:**

- A) Mayflower #297 (**In Camera**) (Gene)
- B) Otter Lodge #50 (**In Camera**) (Gene)
- C) CHSC (John & Gene)
- D) Outstanding Annual Returns. (John & Bob)
- E) Other.

7. **New Business:**

- A) Argyle Lodge #212 (**In Camera**) (John & Bob)
- B) Ontario Code (Roger)
- C) Technology
- D)
- E) Other

8. **Date of Next Meetings** - March 12/19, Sessions if needed.

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

Executive Special Committees.

2018 -2019.

First Listed Person to Serve as Chair.

Budget Committee:	Investments and Endowments:
Bob Schwalm Tom Robinson Don Beach Philip Benson John Nichols, as resource.	Bob Schwalm John Nichols Gene Dopp Jim Broadfoot Roger Baker Jim Edwards Mark Blakey
Program Enhancement & Membership Development.	Administrative and Organizational Matters:
Jim Broadfoot Roger Baker Mark Blakey Charles Pole Resources: Peter Downey, Membership Chairman Wayne Geurts, Education Chairman.	Gene Dopp John Nichols Bob Schwalm Jim Broadfoot Roger Baker Jim Edwards Mark Blakey
Legislation and Code:	Grand Lodge and Component Unit Properties (Appointed by the Grand Secretary Chapter III, Section 9 A (2))
Charles Benson Wayne Gard Jim Edwards Resource: John Nichols Bob Schwalm	John Nichols Bob Schwalm Gene Dopp Jim Broadfoot Roger Baker
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 15, 2019, meeting of the Executive of the Grand Lodge of Ontario was called to order at 9:40 am by our Grand Master, Brother Gene Dopp. Brother Gene 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:**

Gene Dopp	Jim Broadfoot	Roger Baker	John Nichols
Bob Schwalm	Mark Blakey		

Absent: Jim Edwards

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

It was properly moved and seconded, that the Minutes of the last meeting, be adopted as printed and circulated, subject to any corrections. **CARRIED.**

5A. Budget Year to Date

Brother Bob presented the Budget, year to date and noted that everything is in really good shape at this point. Dues are under budget but we are still waiting for 4 Lodges to file their Annual Returns. Brother John will address the outstanding Annual Returns at a later point in the agenda. Expenses are well in line and we are making good process for the year.

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

It was properly moved and seconded that the Budget reports be approved as presented. **CARRIED.**

5B. Proposed Budget for our Annual Session.

Brother Schwalm presented the Proposed Budget, prepared by recommended by the Finance Committee, which will be presented to our upcoming Annual Session. Preparing a Budget is a multi layered process with our Finance Committee, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary doing the initial process. The Budget from the Finance Committee then comes to the Executive for review and approval. From the Executive the Budget goes to our Sessional Finance Committee for review and then goes to the

Grand Lodge in Session for final approval.

The Finance Committee has approved this proposed budget and referred it to our Executive.

It was properly moved and seconded that the proposed budget for the for 2019/2020 be approved as presented and referred to the Sessional Finance Committee. **CARRIED.**

6A Mayflower Lodge #297. (In Camera)

This matter was held in Camera due to it being the private business of one Lodge in the Jurisdiction.

There were no motions as a result of this discussion. This matter is left in the hands of Brother Mark Blakey, PGM, and Brother Gene Dopp, Grand Master.

6B Otter Lodge #50. (In Camera)

This matter was held in Camera due to it being the private business of one Lodge in the Jurisdiction.

There were no motions as a result of this discussion. This matter is left in the hands of Brother Gene Dopp, Grand Master.

6C Central Humanitarian Services Committee.

There have been some issues with the Central Committee due to the fact that there are currently approximately nine local Committees under the umbrella of the Central Committee and some of these are only hanging on tenuously. The Treasurer is working diligently to get all the required materials to our Auditors so we are not again in the position of losing the Charitable Registration with the Government. Between small numbers of member committees and costs to the committee it is difficult if not impossible to try to meet some expenses of the committee.

There was the question as to whether or not the Central Humanitarian Services Committee has served its purpose and had its day. This question has been asked for many years in a row now.

Brother Nichols stated that if the committee wishes to wind up that it will be a lengthy process. He stated that he felt it should be the committee that decided whether or not it would be favourable to close and that they should then approach the Grand Lodge Executive. If we lose the Charitable Registration again he doesn't think we would be able to get it back as the Government is attempting to wind up smaller

Charities in the Province.

If the Committee does, in future, decide they would like to wind up it would be up to them to pass a motion to do so, inform the Grand Lodge Executive and then legislation in our Code would need to be changed and/or deleted, prior to winding down the operation with the Government. It would be a lengthy process.

Brother Mark is going to see if he can get all of the key players together at our upcoming Annual Session and hold a discussion with them about the issues.

6D Outstanding Annual Returns.

Brother Nichols shared a list of Lodges that have not yet filed their Annual Returns. Brother Nichols had also shared the email sent to 3 of the Lodges and the letter sent to the fourth Lodge.

Discussion ensued about what needs to be done to get all Annual Returns filed by the proper dates and what to do with Lodges that are delinquent in filing the Annual Returns.

Brother Nichols has given these four Lodges until the end of January to get the returns and payments in and will communicate with the Executive on that date. It is hoped that there will be no Annual Returns outstanding after the end of January but if there are the Executive will be informed for further action.

7A Argyle Lodge #212. (In Camera).

This matter was held in Camera.

There were no motions as a result of this discussion. This matter is left in the hands of Brother John Nichols, and Brother Bob Schwalm, who will report back at future meetings of this Executive.

7B Ontario Code.

Brother Roger had brought a section of the Code to our attention in relation to the use of the name and emblems of the organization, Chapter IV, Section 115 (a) and raised a question about Aurora Lodge #148 and some crests, or patches, they were having made.

Brother Gene Dopp, since he was closely involved in the situation, recused himself and turned the Chair over to Brother Jim Broadfoot, Deputy Grand Master.

Brother Nichols said that either the Executive, or the Deputy Grand Master, would have to come to a decision as to whether or not the patch

would be in violation of this section of the Code.

Another question was about the Lodges selling things for profit instead of selling them for cost. It was noted that Lodges all over the Jurisdiction sell items, host dinners and hold events for making a profit and that these activities are allowed by our Customs, Laws, Rules and Regulations.

Brother Dopp showed a picture of what the patch would look like and it was commented that it looked clean and neat and would not be used solely by Members who rode motorcycles but could be used for promotion and visibility purposes by any Member who wished to have the patch on the back of a jacket or vest. There are currently Lodges using our name and emblems on jackets, shirts, vests etc., in the Jurisdiction and Lodges are entitled to use the same for promotion purposes.

Brother Jim Broadfoot made the decision, which was affirmed by the Executive, that Aurora Lodge #148 was not in violation of this section of the Code and that the crest was ok for use.

7C Technology.

Brother Nichols informed the Executive that the accounting computer needed to be replaced as it was becoming very unreliable and has served us well for many years. Brother Nichols has the right to replace capital equipment but informed the Executive of the need.

There was a discussion about a neck loop system that would feed into hearing aids or a cochlear implant that would make phone use, at the office, better and more reliable for Brother Nichols and others who wear hearing aids. As a result of the discussion it was properly moved and seconded that Brother Nichols purchase the neck loop system for use at the office. **CARRIED.**

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned at 11:45 am, with the **next meeting of the Executive to be held March 12, 2019, at the Grand Lodge Office at 10:00 am.** The meeting was declared closed.