



**Executive Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 17, 2012.**  
**Stratford, Ontario.**



**AGENDA...**

1. **Call to Order @** By.....Brother Ralph Dufresne, Grand Master.  
**Opening Prayer** by Brother  
**Welcome to all.**
2. **Quorum Present?** .....yes, .....no.
3. **Attendance Register.**
4. **Minutes of last meeting,**  
approved as:
5. **Committee Reports:**
  - A) Budget, year to date, (Bob Schwalm) (Attached Sheets)
  - B) Proposed Budget, 2012 - 2013
  - C) Audited Financial Statements
6. **Unfinished Business:**
  - A) Accessibility Committee
  - B)
  - C)
  - D)
  - E)
  - F) Other??
7. **New Business:**
  - A) Deputy Grand Master request for “**In Camera**” discussion. (Wayne Geurts)
  - B) Meritorious Service Award. **In Camera**
  - C) Sick Kids Hospital, Toronto.
  - D) Outstanding Annual Returns.
  - E)
  - F)
  - G)
  - H)
  - I)
8. **Date of Next Meetings** - Sessions if necessary.
9. **Adjournment @**..... . Moved by.....

**Executive Special Committees.**  
**2011 -2012.**  
**First Listed Person to Serve as Chair.**

<b>Budget Committee:</b>		<b>Investments and Endowments:</b>	
<b>Duncan McMillan</b> <b>Charles Pole</b>  <b>Resource:</b> <b>Bob Schwalm</b> <b>John Nichols</b>	<b>Members to ask if some say no:</b>	<b>Bob Schwalm</b> <b>John Nichols</b> <b>Ralph Dufresne</b>	<b>Members to ask if some say no:</b>
<b>Program Enhancement &amp; Membership Development.</b>		<b>Administrative and Organizational Matters:</b>	
<b>Charles Benson</b> <b>Tom Robinson</b>  <b>All Members of the Executive.</b>		<b>John Nichols</b> <b>Wayne Geurts</b> <b>Bob Schwalm</b>  <b>and all Elective and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers.</b>	
<b>Legislation and Code:</b>		<b>Grand Lodge and Component Unit Properties</b> <b>(Appointed by the Grand Secretary Chapter III, Section 9 A (2))</b>	
<b>Terry Switzer</b> <b>Jim Edwards</b> <b>Wayne Geurts</b>  <b>Resource:</b> <b>John Nichols</b> <b>Bob Schwalm</b>	<b>Members to ask if some say no:</b>	<b>John Nichols</b> <b>Terry Switzer</b> <b>Bob Schwalm</b> <b>Jim Edwards</b> <b>Ralph Dufresne</b>	
<b>State of the Order:</b>			
<b>Ralph Dufresne</b> <b>Wayne Geurts</b> <b>Tom Robinson</b> <b>John Nichols</b>			
<b>Special Note:</b>  <b>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.</b>			

## Minutes of the Executive Meeting held January 17, 2012.

The Executive Meeting for January 17, 2012, began at 9:55 am. Our Grand Master requested Brother John Nichols to open the meeting with prayer.

Brother Ralph Dufresne, Grand Master welcomed everyone to this Executive meeting and thanked all those present for their attendance. It was indicated that a Quorum was in attendance with the following people present:

Ralph Dufresne  
Bob Schwalm

Wayne Geurts  
Terry Switzer

Tom Robinson  
Jim Edwards

John Nichols

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed and circulated on motion of Brother Switzer, second by Brother Edwards. **CARRIED.**

### 5A Budget Year to Date.

Brother Schwalm went over the budget and noted that all expenses are in line with where they should be at this point in the year. Dues are coming in, and it was noted that we still have five Annual Returns not in as yet but we are anticipating that they will be in soon. Over half of the Annual Returns we have received at this point, have had to be sent back for corrections and modifications. The Annual Returns are not in good shape this year and the corrections have been necessary so we could do our Annual Report to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

We need to get more donations in for the UNEPY as they have some major expenses coming up and we do not have enough in to cover these expenses, even when we combine the budget amount with the donations received. Brother Nichols has contacted Brother Wanamaker, PGM, and the appeal is going to be sent out again to see if this situation can be rectified.

It was moved by Brother Bob Schwalm with second by Brother Jim Edwards that this report be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

### 5B Proposed Budget for the Ensuing Term.

As the result of the motion passed, under item 7G, of these Minutes, the discussion in relation to the Proposed Budget was considered to be **"IN CAMERA"**.

As a result of the discussions the following motions were made:

It was moved by Brother Wayne Guerts with second by Brother Terry Switzer that \$500.00 be transferred from "General Travel" to "Grand Master's Promotion". **CARRIED.**

It was moved by Brother Geurts with second by Brother Switzer, that this proposed budget, as amended, be approved and forwarded to the Sessional Finance Committee for review and presentation at our upcoming Annual Session. **CARRIED.**

### 5C Audited Financial Statements.

Brother Schwalm presented the Financial Statements, of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, as prepared by Campbell Lawless Professional Corporation, our Auditors.

Our Internal Statements show an internal surplus of around \$4500.00 and the Audited Statements show a loss of \$52,177.00 and this difference is in the way that the Auditors do the Statements on the accrual basis of accounting and the Grand Lodge does their statements on the cash basis of accounting. With "Non Recurring Items", the Auditors bring them in during the year that they occur and the Grand Lodge brings those items in within the year they are needed and this is the basic difference in the statements.

All items in the Audited Financial Statements were reviewed and found to be in good order. It was moved by Brother Geurts with second by Brother Robinson that our Audited Financial Statements be accepted as presented and included in our Advance Journal for review by the Sessional Finance Committee and All Representatives. **CARRIED.**

#### **6A Grand Lodge Accessibility Committee.**

This Committee is working diligently at this time to prepare working possibilities for our Order in Ontario. There is a lot of work to be done and little time in which to prepare everything that needs to be accomplished. This Committee does not have a report for the Executive nor the Grand Lodge, at this point, but will continue working to get all of our proverbial “ducks in a row” for presentation of a policy at a later point.

Brother Dufresne has appointed the following members to this Committee:

Brother Charles Benson  
Brother Bob Schwalm

Sister Kathleen Noble  
Brother John Nichols

Sister Shirley Hunt

And these Members will continue with their work on this very important matter.

#### **7A Deputy Grand Master request for “In Camera” discussion.**

Due to this matter being in relation to the private business of our Order in Ontario, the discussion in relation to this item was handled In Camera. As a result of the discussion it was decided that the matter be left in the hands of Brothers Geurts, Nichols and Schwalm and that they would report back as necessary.

#### **7B Meritorious Service Award Applications.**

Due to this matter being in relation to the private business of our Order in Ontario, the discussion in relation to this item was handled In Camera. As a result of these discussions it was moved by Brother Nichols with second by Brother Geurts that request #1 be approved by this Executive and presented to the Grand Lodge in Session for their action. **CARRIED.**

It was moved by Brother Nichols with second by Brother Schwalm that pending the receipt of more, and appropriate documentation on request #2 be approved by this Executive and should the documentation be appropriate that this request be presented to the Grand Lodge in Session for their action. **CARRIED.**

It was moved by Brother Nichols with second by Brother Schwalm that this Executive approve the Meritorious Service Award for an outstanding Brother, as suggested by Brother Nichols, as per the Code of Ontario Odd Fellows Laws, and that this recommendation be submitted to the Grand Lodge in Session for their approval. **CARRIED.**

#### **7C Sick Kids Hospital, Toronto.**

An appeal had been received by the Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto, asking for the support of our Order in this very worthwhile project. There was a good deal of discussion because of the nature of this hospital but it was decided that our support is with OuR Island and Camp Trillium and that we are supporting the good works of Toronto Sick Kids Hospital in this way. Lodges may,

should they wish, assist with Sick Kids Hospital, as some have in the past but our continued support will remain with Camp Trillium in general and OuR Island specifically. The matter was left with Brother Nichols to send a letter to the Hospital.

**7D Outstanding Annual and Semi Annual Returns.**

The list of Lodges which have not submitted their Annual and Semi Annual Returns was reviewed by the Executive. It was moved by Brother Wayne Geurts with second by Brother Bob Schwalm that this Executive debar from attendance at the upcoming Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, Members from any Lodge that has not submitted their Annual and/or Semi Annual Returns by March 30, 2012. **CARRIED.**

**7E Brucefield Lodge #210. In Camera.**

Due to this matter being in relation to the private business of one Lodge in the Jurisdiction the discussion in relation to this item was handled In Camera. It was moved by Brother Nichols with second by Brother Schwalm that pending receipt of the appropriate documentation, that Brucefield Lodge #210 be authorized to use up to \$10,000.00, as needed, of their investments for the installation of a chair lift in the Lodge building. **CARRIED.**

**7F Noble Grand Charge for the Initiatory Degree.**

Brother Fred McGregor of Brucefield Lodge #210 was present, at this time, and stated that he could give the Noble Grand Charge for the Initiatory Degree by memory and was willing to travel to Lodges to do so if they requested. Brother Fred would want for the Lodge requesting him to provide accommodations. Brother Fred and his wife would travel to the Lodge and do the Noble Grand part and would include the "Grave Digger's Song" as part of the work.

**7G A Motion in relation to the Report of the Grand Treasurer and the Proposed Budget for our Annual Session.**

At this point it was moved by Brother Wayne Geurts with second by Brother Terry Switzer that the discussion in relation to the Proposed Budget be considered **"IN CAMERA"**. **CARRIED.**

No further business appearing, the meeting of the Grand Lodge Executive closed in Friendship, Love and Truth, at 1:15 pm.

The next meeting of the Grand Lodge Executive will be held June 12 2012, at 10:00 am, at the Grand Lodge Office.