



Executive Meeting

Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

Stratford, Ontario.



AGENDA...

Meeting via ZOOM

1. **Call to Order** @ By.....Brother Jim Broadfoot, Grand Master.

Opening Prayer by
Welcome to all. -

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

3. **Attendance Register.**

4. **Minutes of last meeting**, October 22, 2019.

approved as:

5. **Committee Reports:**

- A) Audited Financial Statements (Bob Schwalm)
- B) Budget year to date, (Bob Schwalm)
- C) Proposed Budget. (Bob Schwalm)

6. **Unfinished Business:**

- A) Otter #50 (**In Camera**) (Jim)
- B) Outstanding Annual Returns (John)
- C)
- D)
- E)
- F)

7. **New Business:**

- A) Phones and Phone System (John)
- B) Maple Leaf #57 (**In Camera**) (Gene)
- C) Cataraqui-Granite #10 (**In Camera**) (Mark)
- D) *zoom* meeting debrief. (John)
- E)
- F)
- G)
- H)
- I) Other ???

8. **Date of Next Meetings** - March 17/20, Sessions if needed.

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

Executive Special Committees.

2019 -2020.

First Listed Person to Serve as Chair.

Budget Committee: Bob Schwalm Tom Robinson Don Beach Phillip Benson John Nichols, as resource.	Investments and Endowments: Bob Schwalm John Nichols Jim Broadfoot Mark Blakey Bob McMahon Gene Dopp
Program Enhancement & Membership Development.	Administrative and Organizational Matters:
Mark Blakey Bob McMahon Gene Dopp Charles Pole Resources: Peter Downey, Membership Chairman Wayne Geurts, Education Chairman.	Jim Broadfoot John Nichols Bob Schwalm Mark Blakey Bob McMahon Gene Dopp
Legislation and Code:	Grand Lodge and Component Unit Properties (Appointed by the Grand Secretary Chapter III, Section 9 A (2))
Charles Benson Gene Dopp Bob McMahon Resource: John Nichols Bob Schwalm	John Nichols Bob Schwalm Jim Broadfoot Gene Dopp Mark Blakey Bob McMahon
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 21, 2020, meeting of the Executive of the Grand Lodge of Ontario was called to order at 9:45 am by our Grand Master, Brother Jim Broadfoot. Brother Jim 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:**

Jim Broadfoot	Mark Blakey	Bob McMahon
John Nichols	Bob Schwalm	Gene Dopp

Absent: None.

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 Audited Financial Statements.

Brother Schwalm presented the Audited Financial Statements for the period ending August 31, 2019.

The Executive reviewed the Statements and found all to be in good order. It was properly moved with second that the Audited Financial Statements be accepted and signed by the appropriate Officers. **CARRIED.**

5B 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 down somewhat but we still have some Annual Returns to come in.

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.**

5C Proposed Budget.

Brother Schwalm presented the proposed budget for 2020 - 2021. This budget has been reviewed by the Budget Committee and is now before the Executive.

The Executive reviewed the proposed budget and Brother Schwalm answered questions. It was properly moved with second that the

proposed budget, as presented, be approved and forwarded to the Sessional Finance Committee for their work. **CARRIED.**

6A Otter Lodge #50 (In Camera)

This matter was held in Camera due to it being the private business of one Lodge in the Jurisdiction. This matter was left in the hands of Brother Jim Broadfoot, John Nichols and Duncan McMillan.

6B Outstanding Annual and Semi Annual Returns.

Brother Nichols reported on the outstanding annual returns and noted that there was one lodge that was still delinquent on the Semi Annual Return from last year.

It was noted that, as of this time, 23 Annual Returns remain outstanding. Penalties for late returns will be applied as at the end of October.

Numerous emails have been sent to the Lodges that do not have their returns in at this point and Brother Broadfoot has made a couple of calls. The Lodges that we have not received the returns from, at this point, are:

Otter # 50 (in process and we should receive next week)

Aurora #148 (in process and we should receive next week)

Sudbury #282

Athena #306

Brother Nichols reported that the 10% Penalty has been applied and the Lodges notified of the same. It was mentioned that the Penalty needs to be applied sooner to spur Lodges to get their reports in on time and Brother Nichols responded that he will send a letter with next year's returns stating that, allowing a bit of grace for Canada Post, the 10% Penalty will be applied to all Annual Returns not in the Office by October 15.

Brother McMahon will be talking with Athena Lodge #306 and Brother Dopp will speak with Sudbury Lodge #282.

7A Phones and Phone System.

Brother Nichols advised that we have switched our phone service to Wightman Telecom for a variety of reasons. There should be no disruption of service and we should receive better service than we had been receiving.

Brother Nichols also talked about our phone system that is now rather old and obsolete. The phone system is currently still working but we can no longer get parts and service on the system. Wightman does sell phone systems so that may be an option for the future. Brothers Nichols and Schwalm will keep the Executive up to date on the phone system situation.

7B Maple Leaf #57 (In Camera)

This matter was held in Camera due to it being the private business of one Lodge in the Jurisdiction. This matter was left in the hands of Brother Jim Broadfoot and Gene Dopp.

7C Cataraqui - Granite #10. (In Camera)

This matter was held in Camera due to it being the private business of one Lodge in the Jurisdiction. This matter was left in the hands of Brother Jim Broadfoot, John Nichols and Mark Blakey.

7D ZOOM meeting debrief.

Brother Nichols chatted in relation to a *Zoom* meeting debrief. We had a couple of small technical issues to overcome but we were able to fix those issues somewhat.

All members of the Executive expressed that they were happy with the *ZOOM* Meeting and felt it went well. We would not look to hold all of our meetings via *ZOOM* but will continue to talk about how and when we will hold our meetings via this online platform.

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned at 11:00 am, with the **next meeting of the Executive to be held March 17, 2020 at 10:00 am, location or platform as yet to be determined.**

The meeting was declared closed.