



**Executive Meeting
Tuesday, June 11, 2013.
Stratford, Ontario.**



AGENDA...

1. **Call to Order @** By.....Brother Tom Robinson, Grand Master.
Opening Prayer by Brother John Nichols
Welcome to all.
2. **Quorum Present?**X.....yes,no.
3. **Attendance Register.**
4. **Minutes of last meeting,**
approved as: as printed and circulated, subject to any corrections. M/S Terry Switzer/Sandra McWhirter. **CARRIED.**
5. **Committee Reports:**
 - A) Executive Committee appointments and approval (Tom & John)
 - B) Budget, year to date, (Bob Schwalm) (Attached Sheets)
 - C)
 - D)
6. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A) Harrow #309 (In Camera) (Wayne Geurts and Tom Robinson)
 - B) Minnetonka #292 (Wayne Geurts)
 - C)
 - D)
 - E)
 - F)
7. **New Business:**
 - A) Mayflower Lodge #297 (In Camera) (Tom Robinson)
 - B) New Hope UYG #1 (In Camera) (Terry Switzer)
 - C) Cataraqi - Granite #10 (In Camera) (Tom Robinson)
 - D) Membership in smaller Lodges (Tom Robinson)
 - E) Order of Business for Lodges (Terry Switzer)
 - F) Computer Testing of prospective Grand Secretaries and Grand Treasurers (Terry Switzer)
 - G) Requests and Suggestions for the next Annual Session.
 - H) Hospice Quinte Golf Tournament (Tom Robinson)
 - I)
 - J) Other.
8. **Date of Next Meetings** - October 8, January 14, 2014, March 11, 2014, Session 2014 if needed.
9. **Adjournment @**..... . Moved by.....

Executive Special Committees.

2013 -2014.

First Listed Person to Serve as Chair.

Budget Committee:	Investments and Endowments:
Bob Schwalm Don Beach Don Sedgwick Tom Robinson	Bob Schwalm John Nichols Wayne Gard Tom Robinson Sandra McWhirter Terry Switzer Wayne Geurts
Program Enhancement & Membership Development.	Administrative and Organizational Matters:
Sandra McWhirter Wayne Gard Charles Benson Dave Longfield Charles Pole	Tom Robinson Sandra McWhirter Wayne Gard John Nichols Bob Schwalm Terry Switzer Wayne Geurts
Legislation and Code:	Grand Lodge and Component Unit Properties (Appointed by the Grand Secretary Chapter III, Section 9 A (2))
Terry Switzer Wayne Geurts Tom Robinson Resource: John Nichols Bob Schwalm	John Nichols Bob Schwalm Terry Switzer Sandra McWhirter Wayne Gard Wayne Geurts
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 June 11, 2013 meeting of the Executive of the Grand Lodge of Ontario was called to order at 10:00 am by our Grand Master, Brother Tom Robinson.

Brother Tom 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:

Tom Robinson	Sandra McWhirter	Wayne Gard	John Nichols
Bob Schwalm	Terry Switzer		

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

It was moved by Brother Terry Switzer and seconded by Sister Sandra McWhirter that the Minutes of the last meeting be approved as printed and circulated, subject to any corrections.

CARRIED.

5A. Appointments to Executive Special Committees.

Brother Tom Robinson named the people he had appointed to the special Committees of the Executive and it was moved by Brother John Nichols, with second by Brother Wayne Gard that these committee appointments be approved. **CARRIED.**

Brother John Nichols named the people that he had appointed to the Grand Lodge and Component Units Property Committee and it was moved by Brother Terry Switzer, with second by Brother Bob Schwalm that the appointments to this committee be approved. **CARRIED.**

The Committee appointments are listed on the Executive Special Committees 2013 - 2014 Sheet in these minutes.

5B. Budget Year To Date.

Brother Bob Schwalm presented the Budget year to date and noted that while things are going well for this point in the year, income from Dues and Sovereign Grand Lodge Dues is down. Interest income is also down at this point but should be on target by the year end. Our Insurance premium went down this year by about 30% for the same, and in some cases improved, coverage, which has realized a good savings for us. Lodges that are on the Canadian Odd Fellows Insurance Plan, with Orr Insurance, have found that their premiums have decreased this year as well.

We have been keeping a careful eye on expenses to bring the costs in under the budget amounts and make good savings and everything should be in a great position for our year end.

It was moved by Brother Bob Schwalm with second by Brother Wayne Gard that the report of the budget, year to date, be approved as presented. **CARRIED.**

There was a question about our Insurance coverage and why the rates have gone down. It was explained that we have had good experience on this program with very few claims and that this has contributed to rate decreases for us with the same excellent insurance coverage.

6A Harrow Lodge #309.

This item of business was held "In Camera" since it was the private business of one Lodge in our Jurisdiction. There were no motions as a result of the discussion. This matter was left in the hands of Brothers Robinson and Nichols.

6B. Minnetonka Lodge #292.

This Lodge had been given a dispensation to continue in operation until May of 2013 in order for them to have a chance to reorganize and start meeting on a regular basis. Brother Wayne Geurts had submitted a report to advise everyone that as of the Grand Lodge Annual Session, Minnetonka Lodge #292 had closed and the assets had been turned in to the Grand Lodge Office.

7A. Mayflower Lodge #297.

This item of business was held "In Camera" since it was the private business of one Lodge in our Jurisdiction. There were no motions as a result of the discussion.

7B. New Hope United Youth Group #1.

This item of business was held "In Camera" since it was the private business of one Lodge in our Jurisdiction. There were no motions as a result of the discussion.

7C. Cataraqui - Granite Lodge #10.

This item of business was held "In Camera" since it was the private business of one Lodge in our Jurisdiction. There were no motions as a result of the discussion. This matter was left in the hands of Brother Tom Robinson.

7D. Membership in Smaller Lodges.

Brother Charles Benson, Membership Chairman, had requested that he be given approval to send a letter to any Lodges with fewer than 7 dues paying members,, requesting a plan of action for getting the Lodge back above 7 members and offering to have the Membership Committee help them with their plan.

It was moved by Brother Nichols with second by Brother Schwalm that the Executive support Brother Benson in this endeavour. **CARRIED.**

7E. Order of Business for Lodges in Ontario.

There has been discussion, the last two years, at our Annual Session in relation to the Order of Business for Lodges in Ontario. Some Lodges use the Order of Business in the Ritual and other Lodges use the Order of Business in our Code. At the Annual Session there had been talk about the Grand Master forming a Committee to review the appropriate Code sections and preparing the necessary legislation for a new Order of Business for Lodges in Ontario.

Brother Switzer presented an Order of Business that is used in Millbrook Lodge #308 as a starting point in our discussion.

As a result of our discussions, Brother Tom Robinson will appoint a committee to review the Order of Business in the Code of Ontario Odd Fellows Laws and have them report back to our January Executive Meeting, and have them prepare the necessary legislation to come before the next Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

7F. Computer Testing of Prospective Grand Secretaries and Grand Treasurers.

There was a general discussion of the manner in which we conduct computer testing for our prospective Grand Secretaries and Grand Treasurers as a result of our last Annual Session. It was determined that firm guidelines need to be established, that a time certain be set for the testing to be completed, prior to the person signifying that they are willing to stand for election and that we need to look to an outside firm to do the testing.

Brother Switzer volunteered to get the information together and requested that members of the Executive email him with suggestions for qualifications so he can get everything prepared for preparation at our October meeting of the Executive.

7G. Requests and Suggestions for the next Annual Session.

A general review of the last Annual Session took place and everyone seemed very happy with the way things have progressed at the Arden Park Hotel. In the future we will be having the back row of tables, in our Sessional Room, removed and an extra row of chairs for visitors placed at the back of the room.

Brother Schwalm mentioned that we have had to tentatively book the hotel for 2015 because another group was interested in booking during the time that we would be there and we had to book the hotel to ensure we had the space. The Executive was in agreement with booking for 2015.

7H. Hospice Quinte Golf Tournament.

Brother Tom Robinson brought up the Hospice Quinte Golf Tournament that will be taking place, for information purposes. The proceeds from this fund raiser will be divided between the Camp Trillium Capital Fund and Hospice Quinte.

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned at 12.04 pm, with the next meeting of the Executive to be held October 8, at the Grand Lodge Office.