



**Executive Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 2012.
Stratford, Ontario.**



AGENDA...

1. **Call to Order @** By..... Brother Wayne Geurts, 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) Executive Committee Appointments and Approval.
- B) Budget, year to date, (Bob Schwalm) (Attached Sheets)
- C)

6. **Unfinished Business:**

- A) Report on Brucefield (John Nichols)
- B) Grand Lodge Accessibility Committee. Update.
- C) Meritorious Service Award for Florence #196, Update. (John Nichols)
- D)
- E)
- F)

7. **New Business:**

- A) Resolution from Grand Lodge re: Home Funds (Wayne Geurts)
- B) PGM Luncheon and Sessions (Terry Switzer)
- C) Campbellford Lodge #248 (**IN CAMERA**) (John Nichols)
- D) Computer Testing of Prospective Grand Secretary (Wayne Geurts)
- E)
- F)
- G)
- H)
- I)

8. **Date of Next Meetings** - October 9/12, January 15/13, March 12/13, Sessions if necessary.

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

Executive Special Committees.

2012 -2013.

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 Geurts Tom Robinson Sandra McWhirter Terry Switzer Jim Edwards
Program Enhancement & Membership Development.		Administrative and Organizational Matters:
Tom Robinson Sandra McWhirter Charles Benson Dave Longfield Charles Pole		Wayne Geurts Tom Robinson Sandra McWhirter John Nichols Bob Schwalm Terry Swtizer Jim Edwards
Legislation and Code: ???		Grand Lodge and Component Unit Properties (Appointed by the Grand Secretary Chapter III, Section 9 A (2))
Terry Switzer Jim Edwards Wayne Geurts Resource: John Nichols Bob Schwalm		John Nichols Terry Switzer Bob Schwalm Jim Edwards Ralph Dufresne Wayne Geurts
State of the Order:		
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 12, 2012 meeting of the Executive of the Grand Lodge of Ontario was called to order at 9:50 am by our Grand Master, Brother Wayne Geurts.

Brother Wayne 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:

Wayne Geurts John Nichols Bob Schwalm Terry Switzer Jim Edwards

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

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

Brother Wayne asked about the motion in relation to the Audited Financial Statements and wondered if the motion, as listed, was correct as he thought that the motion should contain the fact that the Audited Financial Statements were to be signed by the appropriate Officers. Brother Nichols stated that the notes from the day did contain that part of the motion and stated that he would correct the Official Minutes of the last meeting. **CARRIED.**

5A. Executive Committee Appointments and Approval.

The Committee Appointments of this Executive, by our Grand Master and Grand Secretary, and as found on the second page of these minutes were presented and discussed.

Brother Wayne Geurts stated that it was his desire that every Committee on this list should meet at least once during our year.

As a result of the discussion it was moved by Brother John Nichols with second by Brother Terry Switzer, that the Appointments made to these Special Committees of the Executive, as made by our Grand Master, be approved. **Carried.** It was moved by Brother John Nichols with second by Brother Terry Switzer that the Committee Appointed by our Grand Secretary be approved. **Carried.**

5B 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. Income is greater than we had budgeted and this was due to errors being found on Annual Returns and those errors being corrected at the Office.

All expenses currently are in line or under budget and we are sitting in a better position this year than we were last year at the same time. Brother Schwalm also reported that while there will not be any more per capita dues coming in for this year we will still have expenses to pay out but that we should be in a good position at the end of the year.

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

6A Report on Brucefield Lodge #210.

Brother Nichols reported that the "Chair Lift" has been installed at the Hall owned by Brucefield Lodge #210 and that this takes care of this renovation project.

6B. Grand Lodge Accessibility Committee.

Brother Nichols reported that this Committee is working on our Accessibility Policy and

hopes and trusts that it will be ready for the next Annual Session. Sister Kathleen Noble is doing a lot of the “leg work” for the Committee and Brother Charles Benson, Committee Chair is keeping abreast of things as they transpire. There is a lot of work to do in drafting this policy.

Brother Nichols is going to order a couple of ‘Braille’ Rituals from the Sovereign Grand Lodge and will have them on hand in the case that they are needed. Copies of all Committee Emails should be kept electronically for future reference.

6C. Meritorious Service Award for Florence Lodge #196.

Brother Nichols reported that the information that we had requested from Florence Lodge in relation to this Meritorious Service Award had come into the Office and was in excellent form. With the actions taken at the Annual Session, Brother Nichols considered that the award had been approved by the Grand Lodge in Session and shipped a Meritorious Service Award to Florence Lodge for Brother Russell Elliot.

A presentation of the Award is to be made on Monday June 25, in Florence. Brother Geurts stated that he could not be in attendance and asked Brother Nichols if he could attend to represent the Grand Master and Grand Lodge. Brother Nichols will attend.

7A. Resolution from the Grand Lodge Session Re: Home Funds.

Brother Nichols, Grand Secretary, requested that he not be required to vote on any motions that may come forward as a result of this discussion. Brother Nichols, as an employee of the Grand Lodge, felt that he was in a position of conflict. Brother Nichols did ask permission to discuss the matter as he was aware of pertinent background information that would be useful to our deliberations. The Grand Master, Brother Wayne Geurts, granted approval to this request.

A Discussion took place about working with the IOOF Senior’s Home Inc., in the administration of the funds, should that take place. No motions were necessary at this time but with the actions of the Grand Lodge in Session we will monitor this matter as it happens.

7B. PGM Luncheon at the Annual Session.

Brother Switzer reported that there were people who were not pleased with the PGM Luncheon at the Annual Session. Brother Schwalm stated that this was a situation of which we were aware and that steps would be taken to make improvements in the future.

7C. Campbellford Lodge #248. IN CAMERA.

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 Brother John Nichols, Grand Secretary. Brother Nichols will report to this Executive as necessary.

7D. Computer Testing of Prospective Grand Secretary.

Information that persons standing for election to the position of Grand Secretary need to qualify, as per the Code of Ontario Odd Fellows Laws is to be included in the mailing for acceptance to stand for election to this Office.

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.