



Executive Meeting

Tuesday, June 25, 2019.

Stratford, Ontario.



AGENDA...

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**, March 12, 2019.

approved as:

5. **Committee Reports:**

- A) Appointment of Committees (Jim & John)
- B) Budget year to date, (Bob Schwalm)
- C) Other.

6. **Unfinished Business:**

- A) Otter #50 (**In Camera**) (Jim and Gene)
- B) Argyle #212 (**In Camera**)
- C) Mayflower #297 (**In Camera**) (Mark and Jim)
- D) Outstanding Semi Annual Returns (John)
- E) Cataraqui-Granite #10 (**In Camera**) (Mark and Jim)

7. **New Business:**

- A) 2021 Annual Session and Hotel Contract (Bob & John)
- B) Executive Cell Phone List (John)
- C) Bank Signing Authorities (Bob)
- D) ZOOM (John)
- E) Oakville Lodge #132 (**In Camera**) (Jim, John & Bob)
- F) Appointment of Gene Dopp as Special Deputy (Jim)
- G) Victoria Historical Lodge #6 (Bob and John)
- H) Grand Warden Nomination. (Attached) (John)
- I) Other ???

8. **Date of Next Meetings** - October 22/19, January 21/20, March 17/20, Sessions if needed.

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

Executive Special Committees.

2019 -2020.

First Listed Person to Serve as Chair.

Budget Committee:	Investments and Endowments:
Bob Schwalm Tom Robinson Don Beach Phillip Benson John Nichols, as resource.	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 June 25, 2019, meeting of the Executive of the Grand Lodge of Ontario was called to order at 10:00 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
Bob Schwalm

Mark Blakey
Gene Dopp

Bob McMahon

John Nichols

Absent: None.

Brother Nichols stated that, on the advice of the consultant, we are using the format for motions that we state they were "properly moved with second" instead of listing the names of the mover and seconder. We are using this format for a trial period, this year, to ensure it meets the needs of this Grand Lodge Executive.

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 Executive Committee appointments By Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

Brothers Jim and John reviewed the names of those they had appointed to the several committees they are responsible to appoint. The Executive reviewed the list and it was properly moved, with second that the Committee Appointments, as made by our Grand Master and Grand Secretary, be accepted. **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 under budget due to the fact that we have never seen as many Non-Contibuting and Confined Members reported. We will need to ensure that the Lodges are following the Code of Ontario Odd Fellows Lodges in relation to Non-Contibuting and Confined Members.

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.**

5C Membership Application Brochure done by Brother Nichols.

Brother Blakey wanted to discuss the Membership Application Brochure that Brother Nichols had designed and said it was very good.

Brother Nichols distributed a copy of the brochure and a discussion ensued. There was a question that, due to the fact that this would be for the use of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in the Jurisdiction, if it would be better to have a Rebekah Emblem on the brochure as well. Brother Nichols said this would be a relatively easy fix and could do that.

Brother Nichols said it would be nice to see if we could find a Lodge that would be willing to sponsor the brochure printing. It was mentioned that perhaps, if we could find a Lodge to sponsor the printing that it would be nice to make mention of that on the brochure. Brother Nichols said that could be easily accomplished on the front page at the bottom.

As a result of the discussion it was properly moved with second that the Executive of the Grand Lodge accept this Membership Application Brochure as it will be revised. **CARRIED.**

Brother Jim mentioned that he has tasked our Membership Committee with designing an information brochure and will be looking for a Lodge to sponsor the printing of that brochure as well. After the brochure is designed it will be sent to the Executive for review and modification if necessary.

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.

6B Argyle Lodge #212. (In Camera)

This matter was held in Camera for information purposes only. There were no motions as a result of this discussion. This matter is now closed and will not appear on future Executive Agendas.

6C Mayflower Lodge #297.

This matter was held in Camera due to it being the private business of one Lodge in the Jurisdiction. This matter is now considered closed and will not appear on future Agendas for the Executive.

6D Outstanding Annual Returns. (In Camera).

There is only one Lodge with an outstanding Semi Annual Return, Otter #50 and this matter was left with Brother Jim Broadfoot for resolution in conjunction with the In Camera matters on this agenda.

6E Cataraqui-Granite Lodge #10 (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 Jim Broadfoot, and Brother Mark Blakey, who will report back at future meetings of this Executive if necessary.

7A 2021 Annual Session and Hotel Contract.

Brother Schwalm spoke about the Hotel Contract for the 2021 Annual Session. The Hotel will need this contract signed and back to them to ensure we have our space for the 2021

Annual Session.

As a result of the discussion it was properly moved, with second, that Brothers Nichols and Schwalm review the contract and that if everything is in order that they sign it to guarantee our space for the Sessions. **CARRIED.**

7B Executive Cell Phone List.

Brother Nichols sent around the sheet for the cell phone numbers, in case of emergency, for the members of the Executive. It is the understanding that these cell phone numbers will remain private and will not be giving to anyone without prior permission of the Executive Member.

7C Bank Signing Authorities.

Brother Schwalm had Brother Broadfoot sign the necessary forms and provide the necessary information for the Bank so that he would become a signing Office of the Grand Lodge.

7D ZOOM

Brother Nichols made a presentation on *ZOOM*, a video conferencing platform that would allow us to have meetings in real time, online. There were costs associated with the *ZOOM* platform that had not been built into the budget but the kilometrage paid out for one executive meeting would cover the cost of the *Zoom* platform.

Each member of the Executive would need to have a stable internet connection, a webcam and a microphone.

There were a few questions from the members of the Executive in relation to how it works, what was needed and how we would go about the meetings in this format and Brother Nichols answered the questions.

As a result of this presentation it was properly moved with second that we do a trial run with the *Zoom* platform and if it meets our needs, that we do the *Zoom Pro* subscription. **CARRIED.**

7E Oakville Lodge #132.

This matter was held in Camera.

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

7F Appointment of Gene Dopp as a Special Deputy.

Brother Jim Broadfoot, in consultation with this Executive, appointed Brother Gene Dopp, PGM, Grand Representative, as a Special Deputy Grand Master for Maple Leaf Lodge #57.

7G Victoria Historical Lodge #6.

With the actions of the Grand Lodge of Ontario at our last Annual Session and the decision to close Victoria Historical Lodge #6, the matter of funds remaining in the bank account

were discussed. As a result of the discussion it was properly moved with second that the remaining monies in the Victoria Historical Lodge account be placed into a separate section of the Grand Lodge General Fund and that the next Annual Session be allowed to decide whether this money (there is about \$1,000.00) will be donated to Camp Trillium or placed in the Grand Lodge General Fund. This is possible because it was money collected from dues from those attending the meetings of Victoria Historical Lodge #6 and there were no protected funds in the account. The motion was **CARRIED**.

7H Grand Warden Nomination 2020.

We received an email from Brother Kevin Merkley of Algoma Lodge #267 in Thunder Bay declining the Nomination for Grand Warden for the Annual Session of May 2020. This left us with no person nominated for the position. Brother Nichols had drafted a letter and supporting paper work to be sent to the Lodges so a Grand Warden could be nominated by September 30, 2019. It was properly moved with second that this letter and forms be sent via email, with a request to share the information to all other Lodges in their Districts, to all on our regular emailing list. **CARRIED**.

7I Happenings at Last Year's Annual Session.

With Brother Roger Baker Vacating the position of Grand Warden prior to our Grand Lodge Session of 2019, we had to make some scrambling at the Session. The Grand Lodge had accepted that Brother Roger had vacated the position and we made some accommodations. Plans are being put in place to ensure a seamless year, next year, with Brother Mark Blakey as Grand Master and Brothers Jim Broadfoot and Gene Dopp as "Special Deputy Grand Masters" to assist with the position. This matter is now considered closed.

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned at 11:45 am, with the **next meeting of the Executive to be held October 22, 2019 at 10:00 am.** The meeting was declared closed.