



Executive Meeting
Wednesday, May 27, 2009.
Barrie, Ontario.



AGENDA...

1. **Call to Order @** pm . By.....Brother Don Beach, Grand Master.
Opening Prayer by
Welcome to all.
2. **Quorum Present?**yes,no.
3. **Attendance Register.**
4. **Minutes of last meeting,**
approved as: - moved..... 2nd
5. **Committee Reports:**
 - A) Appointments to Committees of the Executive.
 - B) Budget, year to date (Bob Schwalm) (Attached Sheets)
 - C)
6. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A) Forest City #38 (**In Camera**) (John & Bob)
 - B) Samaritan #35 (**In Camera**) (John & Bob)
 - C) Milton #94 (**In Camera**) (Charlie)
 - D) Broadview #294 (**In Camera**) (Charlie)
 - E) State of the Order (John)
 - F) Other?
7. **New Business:**
 - A) Accounting Manager and Contract. (John)
 - B) Sovereign Grand Lodge and Legislation (Terry)
 - C) Midland Lodge #274 (**In Camera**)
 - D) Membership Strategy (Don)
 - E) Napanee Lodge Hall (Charlie)
 - F) Brochures (Don)
 - G) Other.
8. **Date of Next Meetings** - Dates to follow from Don's Itinerary.
9. **Adjournment @** Moved by.....

Executive Special Committees.
2009 -2010.
First Listed Person to Serve as Chair.

Budget Committee:		Investments and Endowments:	
Charles Pole Russ Hadley Bev Rabbets Resource: Bob Schwalm John Nichols	Members to ask if some say no:	Bob Schwalm Jim Edwards John Nichols	Members to ask if some say no:
Program Enhancement & Membership Development.		Administrative and Organizational Matters:	
Charles Benson All Members of the Executive.		John Nichols Terry Switzer Charles Benson Bob Schwalm and all Elective and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers.	
Legislation and Code:		Grand Lodge and Component Unit Properties (Appointed by the Grand Secretary Chapter III, Section 9 A (2))	
Jim Edwards Ralph Dufresne Charles Benson Resource: John Nichols Bob Schwalm	Members to ask if some say no:	John Nichols Terry Switzer Bob Schwalm Charles Benson Jim Edwards	
State of the Order:			
Don Beach Jim Edwards Ralph Dufresne John Nichols Jack McAllister Charles Pole			
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 May 27, 2009 meeting of the Executive of the Grand Lodge of Ontario was called to order at 6:45 pm by our Grand Master, Brother Don Beach.

Brother Don 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:

Don Beach.	Jim Edwards	Ralph Dufresne	John Nichols.	Bob Schwalm.
Terry Switzer	Charles Benson.			

5A Committee Appointments.

Brother Don Beach, Grand Master, made his appointments to Special Committees of the Executive.

It was moved by Brother John Nichols and seconded by Brother Terry Switzer, that the Committee Appointments that had been made by the Grand Master, and as listed on the preceding page, be ratified by this Executive Committee. **CARRIED.**

Brother John Nichols, Grand Secretary, made his appointments to the "Grand Lodge and Component Unit Properties Committee.

It was moved by Brother John Nichols and seconded by Brother Charles Benson, that the Committee Appointments that had been made by the Grand Secretary, and as listed on the preceding page, be ratified by this Executive Committee. **CARRIED.**

5B Budget Year to Date.

Brother Schwalm presented the report on the Budget so far this year. Everything currently is falling in line and there is nothing surprising at this point. It was moved by Brother Schwalm and seconded by Brother Switzer that the report on the budget year to date be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

It was moved by Brother Robert Schwalm and seconded by Brother Terry Switzer that since this meeting was being held in the evening after a full day of meetings that this meeting be adjourned at 9:00 pm. **CARRIED.**

Unfinished Business:

6A Forest City Lodge #38.

The discussion on this item was held in camera due to it being the personal and private business of one Lodge in our Jurisdiction. There were no motions forthcoming as a result of this discussion. This matter was left in the hands of Brothers Nichols and Schwalm who will continue to report to the Executive Committee at future meetings.

6B Samaritan Lodge #35.

The discussion on this item was held in camera due to it being the personal and private business of one Lodge in our Jurisdiction. There were no motions forthcoming as a result of this discussion. This matter was left in the hands of Brothers Nichols and Schwalm who will continue to report to the Executive Committee at future meetings.

6C Milton Lodge #94.

The discussion on this item was held in camera due to it being the personal and private business of one Lodge in our Jurisdiction. There were no motions forthcoming as a result of this discussion. This matter was left in the hands of Brother Don Beach to handle and report to the Executive Committee at future meetings.

6D Broadview Lodge #294.

The discussion on this item was held in camera due to it being the personal and private business of one Lodge in our Jurisdiction. There were no motions forthcoming as a result of this discussion. This matter was left in the hands of Brothers Nichols and Schwalm who will continue to report to the Executive Committee at future meetings.

6E State of the Order and Rebates.

The matter of rebates for new membership was discussed by the Executive with a view of coming up with a different idea for Rebates that may better assist our Jurisdiction in obtaining new members. It was discussed that we shouldn't be paying people to bring in new members but that we have to have some sort of incentive for people to be active in recruitment.

Brother Nichols brought up that we currently have legislation in place that defines the Rebates and that any changes would have to be handled by the Grand Lodge in Session with a proper Notice of Motion.

Brother Beach suggested that we refer this matter to our new "State of the Order" Committee of the Executive, when they meet in the fall and that Brother Benson, as upcoming Membership Chairman be involved in that discussion.

The terms of reference for the State of the Order Committee were discussed and Brother Nichols was thanked for writing up the "Terms of Reference". This Committee would be a sub committee of our Executive. The updated Terms of Reference follow:

State of the Order Committee.

Sub Committee of the Executive, Terms of Reference.

This State of the Order Committee will be a subcommittee of the Executive Committee of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

This Committee shall consist of the Grand Master as Chair, the Grand Secretary as the Secretary of the Committee, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Warden and two Past Grands of the Odd Fellows Lodge to be selected by the Grand Master and approved by the Executive of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

This Committee will have access to confidential information and the members of the Committee are admonished to keep all such confidential information secure, private and confidential and shall not share the confidential information outside the confines of the Committee. The Grand Secretary shall share any other additional information to which he is privy when requested by the Committee and when it is deemed that it is necessary to share this information and is pertinent to the discussions at hand.

Materials available to the Committee shall include, but not be limited to, the Master Report compiled by the Grand Secretary composed of information taken from the Annual Returns of Lodges to the Grand Lodge, DDGM reports and reports of Official Visits of the Grand Master to Districts in the Jurisdiction of Ontario.

Current and up to date Membership Plan Information will also be provided.

It shall be the duty of this State of the Order Committee to Report to the Executive Committee at each Executive Meeting on its findings and suggestions and to refer pertinent items to Grand Lodge Standing Committees for action, with follow up to ensure that appropriate action is being taken. In addition, this State of the Order Committee will also be required to submit a report to the Grand Lodge of Ontario in Annual Session, each year with the report to be submitted to the Grand Secretary no later than February 15 of each year. The Annual Report of the State of the Order Committee shall be referred to the Sessional Committee on State of the Order for each regular Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Items to be considered to this Committee will be the State of the Order in the Jurisdiction of Ontario, Membership Retention, Membership Growth, Establishing New Lodges, Working with Existing Lodges to assist them in excellency in the Work of the Order, assuring quality in programs of the Grand Lodge and general work to ensure the success of the Order in Ontario.

As a subcommittee of the Executive Committee of the Grand Lodge of Ontario this Committee shall meet immediately following each meeting of the Grand Lodge Executive Committee and at other times necessary when called by the Chairman. Additional Meetings may be requested of the Chairman by any three members of the Committee making such request in writing. Mileage, at the current rates as set by the Grand Lodge of Ontario shall be paid to members of the State of the Order Committee for attendance at meetings of the Committee.

Brother Beach will look for Members interested in serving on this special sub committee and will include it when making appointments to Committees of the Executive.

New Business:

7A Accounting Manager and Contract.

Brother Nichols presented the Contract for our Grand Lodge Accounting Manager and the Executive carefully reviewed the Contract. It was moved by Brother Charles Benson and seconded by Brother

7B Sovereign Grand Lodge and Legislation.

Brother Switzer mentioned that, due to the actions of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario in Session, that the appropriate legislation would have to be drafted for presentation to the upcoming Annual Session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Our Rebekah Assembly had passed changes to the Membership Application form that is used by all Units of the Order. Brothers Switzer, Benson and Nichols were to look after this matter and ensure that the appropriate legislation had been drafted.

Brother Beach brought up that it was time to have a look at the Degrees in our Ritual with a view to modernizing them and making them better reflect the times in which we are living. Brother Beach asked that we study the Initiatory Degree to see how it could be brought a bit more in line with the times.

7C Midland Lodge #274.

The discussion on this item was held in camera due to it being the personal and private business of one Lodge in our Jurisdiction. There were no motions forthcoming as a result of this discussion. This matter was left in the hands of Brothers Beach and Nichols who will attempt to bring the situation to a conclusion and

continue to report to the Executive Committee at future meetings.

7D Membership Strategy.

Brother Charles Benson is our New Membership Chairman and has a good Committee to work with. Brother Benson is to draft a membership strategy and Brother Beach is going to work on a letter to go out to each of the Lodges in the Regular September Mailing from the Grand Lodge Office to discuss our Membership Situation.

Brother Benson discussed that the strategy would be based on the Membership Prospect Card and Dinner Program that the Sovereign Grand Lodge is promoting. Brother Charlie would like to set meeting times with Districts to bring the Lodges together to discuss this plan and program and get the Lodges knowing that they can indeed turn around their membership decline. Brother Benson feels that the DDGMs need to be more active in promoting this membership strategy and in bringing the Lodges in their respective Districts together to discuss issues facing the Lodges and the Order.

7E Napanee Lodge Hall.

With the upcoming sale of the Lodge Hall in Napanee Brother Benson felt that a letter needed to be sent to the Rebekah Lodge using the Hall so that we could have everyone knowing exactly what was going to happen. Brothers Nichols and Benson were set to work on this matter.

7F Brochures

Brother Beach brought up the issue of having a Jurisdiction specific brochure made up to adequately reflect what happens here in the Jurisdiction of Ontario. Brother Beach would like to see a glossy colour brochure, much like the new Sovereign Grand Lodge Brochure but making it Jurisdiction specific.

The question of cost and where the money to pay for the printing of the new brochure would come from was discussed with thoughts being shared that we could find places in the budget to pay for the brochure if it were not too expensive.

This matter was left to be referred to the State of the Order Committee and then to be brought back to our Executive for discussion.

No further business appearing this meeting was closed on motion of Brother Nichols with the next meeting of our Executive planned for September 22, 2009, at the Grand Lodge Office.

Date of future meetings - September 22, Further Dates to be Discussed at our next meeting .