



Executive Meeting

Tuesday, October 16, 2018.

Stratford, Ontario.



AGENDA...

1. **Call to Order** @ By..... Brother Gene Dopp, Grand Master.

Opening Prayer by
Welcome to all. -

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

3. **Attendance Register.**

4. **Minutes of last meeting**, June 19, 2018.

approved as:

5. **Committee Reports:**

- A) Appointment of Committees (Gene) **as per attached**
- B) Budget to year end unaudited. (Bob Schwalm)
- C) Budget year to date, (Bob Schwalm)
- D) Other.

6. **Unfinished Business:**

- A) Mayflower #297 (**In Camera**) (John for Mark, as attached)
- B) Otter Lodge #50 (**In Camera**)
- C) Victoria Historical Lodge #6
- D) Other.

7. **New Business:**

- A) CHSC (Gene)
- B) Argyle Lodge #212 (**In Camera**) (John)
- C) Tabloid Funding (Gene)
- D) Outstanding Annual Returns (John)
- E)
- F)
- G)
- H)
- I) Other

8. **Date of Next Meetings** - January 15/19, March 12/19, Sessions if needed.

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

Executive Special Committees.

2018 -2019.

First Listed Person to Serve as Chair.

Budget Committee:	Investments and Endowments:
Bob Schwalm Tom Robinson Don Beach Philip Benson John Nichols, as resource.	Bob Schwalm John Nichols Gene Dopp Jim Broadfoot Roger Baker Jim Edwards Mark Blakey
Program Enhancement & Membership Development.	Administrative and Organizational Matters:
Jim Broadfoot Roger Baker Mark Blakey Charles Pole Resources: Peter Downey, Membership Chairman Wayne Geurts, Education Chairman.	Gene Dopp John Nichols Bob Schwalm Jim Broadfoot Roger Baker Jim Edwards Mark Blakey
Legislation and Code:	Grand Lodge and Component Unit Properties (Appointed by the Grand Secretary Chapter III, Section 9 A (2))
Charles Benson Wayne Gard Jim Edwards Resource: John Nichols Bob Schwalm	John Nichols Bob Schwalm Gene Dopp Jim Broadfoot Roger Baker
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 October 16, 2018, meeting of the Executive of the Grand Lodge of Ontario was called to order at 9:50 am by our Grand Master, Brother Gene Dopp. Brother Gene 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:**

Gene Dopp	Jim Broadfoot	Roger Baker	John Nichols
Bob Schwalm	Jim Edwards		

Absent: Mark Blakey

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. Appointment of Committees.

The Committee Appointments as made by our Grand Master, Brother Gene Dopp, were listed on the back page of the agenda and it was properly moved and seconded that the appointments made be approved. **CARRIED.**

5B. Budget to year end unaudited.

Brother Schwalm presented the Budget to our last fiscal year end and pointed out that these figures had not yet been audited. Some figures are likely to change due to the fact that the auditors are currently working on our books.

We are showing a loss at the year end because we were in a good cash position at the time and it was not necessary to move a portion of the miscellaneous income into our account. It was deemed to be better to reinvest the monies and be able to receive interest on the investment. So while we are showing a loss it is a paper loss and does not reflect our actual standing.

It was properly moved and seconded that the report on the budget for the last fiscal year, unaudited, be approved as presented. **CARRIED.**

5C. Budget, year to date. (Bob Schwalm)

Brother Bob presented the Budget, year to date and noted that everything is in really good shape at this point. Dues are under budget but Annual Returns are in the process of coming in. We have a number of outstanding Annual Return which will be addressed later by Brother John.

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.**

6A Mayflower Lodge #297. (In Camera)

This matter was held in Camera due to it being the private business of one Lodge in the Jurisdiction.

There were no motions as a result of this discussion. This matter is left in the hands of Brother Mark Blakey, Special Deputy and Brother Gene Dopp, Grand Master.

6B Otter Lodge #50. (In Camera)

This matter was held in Camera due to it being the private business of one Lodge in the Jurisdiction.

There were no motions as a result of this discussion. This matter is left in the hands of Brother Gene Dopp, Grand Master.

6C Victoria Historical Lodge #6.

The matter of Victoria Historical Lodge #6 was brought forward. We had received a couple of different suggestions as to how we could continue to hold this annual meeting, which had been discussed at our last meeting. The suggestions had been seen to be unworkable due to logistical issues and cost issues.

The Executive continued discussions as to how we could keep Victoria Historical Lodge going. The discussions centred around the purpose of Victoria Historical Lodge. It was mentioned that attendance has been minimal and that Victoria Historical Lodge has not always met its purpose.

It was also noted that Brother Charles Benson, PGM, has notices of motion in the Journal from 2018 to do away with Victoria Historical Lodge.

As a result of the discussion, It was properly moved and seconded that this Executive supports the Notices of Motion as submitted by Brother Charles Benson, PGM, to close Victorian Historical Lodge. **CARRIED.**

7A Central Humanitarian Services Committee.

We had a general discussion in relation to the Central Humanitarian Services Committee. Brother Dopp reported that a couple of places are doing very well with their programs in relation to this Committee.

Brother Dopp mentioned that Brother Ted Meuhlbacher, of Maple Leaf Lodge #57, had agreed to be the Treasurer of this Committee and had found that the books and work were somewhat difficult. Sister Kathryn Bellmore, Chair of the CHSC, is

currently helping Brother Ted get the books in order and get things so they are more workable for Brother Ted.

It was noted that some Lodges are not a part of the Central Committee and have their own Charitable Number and operate in that way. Issues of liabilities were discussed. Brother Jim Edwards reported that there are currently 15 -18 Lodges associated with the CHSC.

There are issues with some of the local Lodges and groups not supplying the proper or correct information to the Central Committee which is making things difficult for getting information to the Auditors and making it difficult to get the Annual Filing in for the Charitable Number. It was also noted that the Committee had been in the position of losing the Charitable Number in the past but that we were able to keep the number at the time. The Government is in the process of doing away with a number of the smaller charities and if we lose this number it is unlikely that we would ever get it back.

There was discussion in relation to moving other charitable works into the CHSC, such as Memorial Research, if we would be allowed to do such a thing with the current status of the CHSC. Any of these moves would require Notices of Motion to be submitted to our Annual Sessions.

There was discussion as to whether or not the CHSC should continue. Brother Nichols stated that the decision as to whether or not the Committee should continue would need to come from the Committee and then the Grand Lodge in Session.

Since Brother Dopp has been in close contact with Sister Bellmore, it was decided that Brother Dopp would talk with Sister Bellmore as to the Committee's wishes and report to us as subsequent meetings.

7B Argyle Lodge #212. (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 John Nichols, and Brother Bob Schwalm, who will report back at future meetings of this Executive.

7C Tabloid.

Brother Dopp presented an appeal from Brother Paul Jackson, Tabloid Editor for \$1000.00 in additional funding to help to improve and expand the Tabloid and to defray current costs. It was noted that the current budget is set and that we could not increase the amount for this fiscal year. Brother Dopp is going to speak with Brother Jackson about submitting a request for increased budget, by December 1, 2018, so it could be considered for next year's budget.

Brother Nichols stated that he would like to receive a communication from the

Tabloid, to be sent out to each Lodge (Odd Fellows and Rebekah) in the Jurisdiction, requesting that each Lodge subscribe to one or more copies of the Tabloid and encouraging members to subscribe to the Tabloid. If we can increase subscription numbers it would increase cash flow and help with bulk mailing numbers and budget concerns.

7D Outstanding Annual Returns.

Brother Nichols circulated a list of Lodges with outstanding Annual Returns. It was noted with regret that there are currently 27 Lodges on this list. Eight of the Lodges are on the list because, while the return has been received, it could not be processed due to errors and additional work being needed.

Brother Nichols has sent an email to the Lodges with outstanding returns requesting the Returns be submitted no later than October 31, 2018. A couple of Lodges have requested additional time due to unusual and extenuating circumstances. The Penalties for late returns are to be put in place as at November 1, 2018.

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm, with the **next meeting of the Executive to be held January 15, 2019, at the Grand Lodge Office at 10:00 am.** Due to the fact that we often have trouble with bad weather for this meeting, Brother Nichols stated that he would get to the Office very early that day and let people know if we can have the meeting or not. Brother Nichols will call folks to let them know if we need to cancel the meeting due to weather.