



# Executive Meeting Tuesday, October 22, 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**, June 25, 2019.

approved as:

5. **Committee Reports:**

- A) Budget to actual last fiscal year (pre audit) (Bob Schwalm)
- B) Budget year to date, (Bob Schwalm)
- C) Other.

6. **Unfinished Business:**

- A) Otter #50 (**In Camera**) (Jim and Gene)
- B) Outstanding Annual and Semi Annual Returns (John)
- C) Oakville Lodge #132 (**In Camera**) (Jim, John & Bob)
- D) Grand Warden Nomination. (John)
- E) Codes. (Jim)
- F) Cataraqui-Granite #10 (**In Camera**)

7. **New Business:**

- A) **ZOOM** Test Run, Bring your Laptop Computer. (John)
- B) Phones and Phone System (John & Bob)
- C) Wightman and Internet (John & Bob)
- D) EPY and letter from Brother Charles Benson (attached)
- E) SGL Session in August (Gene and John)
- F) Camp Trillium
- G)
- H)
- I) Other ???

8. **Date of Next Meetings** - 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.

<b>Budget Committee:</b>	<b>Investments and Endowments:</b>
<b>Bob Schwalm Tom Robinson Don Beach Phillip Benson</b>  <b>John Nichols, as resource.</b>	<b>Bob Schwalm John Nichols Jim Broadfoot Mark Blakey Bob McMahon Gene Dopp</b>
<b>Program Enhancement &amp; Membership Development.</b>	<b>Administrative and Organizational Matters:</b>
<b>Mark Blakey Bob McMahon Gene Dopp Charles Pole</b>  <b>Resources: Peter Downey, Membership Chairman Wayne Geurts, Education Chairman.</b>	<b>Jim Broadfoot John Nichols Bob Schwalm Mark Blakey Bob McMahon Gene Dopp</b>
<b>Legislation and Code:</b>	<b>Grand Lodge and Component Unit Properties (Appointed by the Grand Secretary Chapter III, Section 9 A (2))</b>
<b>Charles Benson Gene Dopp Bob McMahon</b>  <b>Resource: John Nichols Bob Schwalm</b>	<b>John Nichols Bob Schwalm Jim Broadfoot Gene Dopp Mark Blakey Bob McMahon</b>
<b>Special Note:</b>  <b>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.</b>	

The October 22, 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.

#### **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 Budget to Actual for Last Year, Pre Audit.**

Brother Bob Schwalm presented the Budget to Actual for last year and noted that this material was being presented as pre audit. Some numbers tend to change after the audit due to the auditors working on an accrual basis of accounting and the Grand Lodge working on a cash basis of accounting. The figures all look fairly good and though we showed a loss for the year we finished the year well.

It was properly moved with second that this financial report 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. September doesn't say too much because we have just started the year and things will happen as they happen.

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 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, John Nichols and Gene Dopp.

## **6B Outstanding Annual and Semi Annual Returns.**

Brother Nichols reported on the outstanding annual returns and noted that there was one lodge that was still delinquent on the Semi Annual Return from last year.

It was noted that, as of this time, 23 Annual Returns remain outstanding. Penalties for late returns will be applied as at the end of October.

There was a comment on the New Annual Return Form and Brother Gene stated that his Lodge felt the new form was difficult to fill out and prepare. Others at the table noted that they found the new form to be easier than the old forms and Brother Nichols and Schwalm stated that they have had feedback from Lodges on the new form saying that the new forms were a big improvement. As of this point only 6 returns have been sent back to Lodges (a huge improvement from other years) and those have been returned due to missed or missing information or math errors. Brother Nichols sent a copy of the new return forms with Brother Dopp so he could try to help his lodge complete the returns.

## **6C Oakville Lodge #132.**

This matter was held in Camera due to it being the private business of one Lodge in the Jurisdiction. This matter is left in the hands of Brothers Broadfoot, Nichols and Dopp.

## **6D Grand Warden Nomination.**

With the letter of declination we had received from the Brother nominated at the 2019 Annual Session, a notice calling for "Special Nominations" had gone out to the lodges. As a result of the Special Nominations we have one person nominated for the position of Grand Warden for the 2020 Annual Session of the Grand Lodge/

## **6E SGL Code and Ontario Code.**

Brother Broadfoot asked about the status of SGL Code of General Laws and the Code of Ontario Odd Fellows Laws.

Brother Nichols had provided electronic copies and a printed copy of the Ontario Code to Brother Jim.

Brother Nichols will get Ontario Codes printed after all the updating is done for the 2019 Annual Session.

The issue with the Code of General Laws is that the ones in the SGL Office are as of 2004. When a person orders a complete Code we need to charge them for the Code and binder and all the updates. Currently that cost is about \$100.00 when all added together. People do not want to purchase a Code of

General Laws for \$100.00. Brother Nichols will look for a solution as we can't afford to just eat the cost of the updates from 2004.

**6F Cataraqui-Granite Lodge #10.**

This matter was held in Camera due to it being the private business of one Lodge in the Jurisdiction. This matter is left in the hands of Brothers Broadfoot and Nichols.

**7A ZOOM Test Run.**

Everyone had brought along their computer and we had a test run of ZOOM prior to the start of the Executive Meeting. Brother Nichols was able to show everyone how Zoom looks and works but we had an issue with microphones and feedback due to the close proximity of everyone at the table. We will look to schedule a complete test run at 7 pm some evening in the near future. Brother Nichols will attempt to find a suitable date for all those involved.

**7B Phones and Phone System.**

Brother Nichols advised that we have switched our phone service to Wightman Telecom for a variety of reasons. There should be no disruption of service and we should receive better service than we had been receiving.

Brother Nichols also talked about our phone system that is now rather old and obsolete. The phone system is currently still working but we can no longer get parts and service on the system. Wightman does sell phone systems so that may be an option for the future. Brothers Nichols and Schwalm will keep the Executive up to date on the phone system situation.

**7C Wightman and Internet.**

Brothers Nichols and Schwalm explained that our internet service provider had switched to Wightman Telecom.

**7D EPY Letter from Brother Charles Benson.**

Brother Nichols had included a copy of the email from Brother Charles Benson requesting that the Grand Lodge issue an appeal to raise funds to help to defray costs when the buses from the EPY come into Canada. In the past Lodges have generously donated and helped by providing meals for students on the buses.

It was properly moved with second that Brother Nichols will send an appeal out after we have been informed of the itinerary for the EPY when they come to Canada and are notified how the funds will be administered. **CARRIED.**

**7E SGL Session in August of 2019.**

Brothers Nichols and Dopp presented the report of the Grand Representatives that will be going into the Advance Journal. They also spoke about certain legislative highlights that affect the Order. This presentation was for information purposes.

**7F Camp Trillium.**

Brothers Broadfoot, Nichols and Schwalm had met with Marci Shea-Perry from Camp Trillium and Alex Robertson from Camp Ooch. Camp Trillium and Camp Ooch are in the process of merging.

We addressed cares and concerns and came away with a good feeling about the road ahead. This merger will be a good thing.

Additional information will be coming from the Grand Lodge in the coming week.

7G Brother Nichols proposed that we hold our January Executive Meeting using the ZOOM platform. There was some discussion and the Executive agreed to try this platform for the meeting but would like to have another test run prior to the meeting. Brother Nichols will do his best to schedule something for some evening at 7 pm when everyone can be available.

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned at 11:45 am, with the **next meeting of the Executive to be held January 21, 2020 at 10:00 am, location or platform as yet to be determined.**

The meeting was declared closed.