



**Executive Meeting  
Tuesday, September 14, 2010.  
Stratford, Ontario.**



**AGENDA...**

1. **Call to Order @** ..... By..... Brother Jim Edwards, Grand Master.
  
2. **Opening Prayer** by Brother  
**Welcome to all.**
  
3. **Quorum Present?** .....yes, .....no.
  
4. **Attendance Register.**
  
5. **Minutes of last meeting,**  
approved as: ..... - moved.....  $2^{\text{nd}}$  .....
  
6. **Committee Reports:**
  - A) Budget, to year end (Bob Schwalm) (Attached Sheets)
  - B)
  
7. **Unfinished Business:**
  - A) Capital Fund Update
  - B) Special Committee for Budget (from Annual Session, Terry Switzer)
  - C) Victoria Historical Lodge #6 (September 25, 2010)
  - D) Geneva Lodge (In camera)
  - E)
  - F) Other??
  
8. **New Business:**
  - A) Rebekah Assembly matters (In Camera)
  - B) Embro Lodge Hall update. (In Camera)
  - C) Legislation to Sovereign Grand Lodge and from our Session.
  - D) Next Annual Session & Arden Park Hotel.
  - E)
  - F)
  - G)
  - H) Other??
  
9. **Date of Next Meetings** - November 23, 2010, February 22, 2011.
  
10. **Adjournment @** ..... Moved by.....

# Executive Special Committees.

2010 -2011.

## First Listed Person to Serve as Chair.

<b>Budget Committee:</b>		<b>Investments and Endowments:</b>	
Charles Pole Russ Hadley  Resource: Bob Schwalm John Nichols	Members to ask if some say no:	Bob Schwalm John Nichols Ralph Dufresne	Members to ask if some say no:
<b>Program Enhancement &amp; Membership Development.</b>		<b>Administrative and Organizational Matters:</b>	
Charles Benson Charles Pole Jack McAllister Membership Committee  All Members of the Executive.		John Nichols Bob Schwalm Terry Switzer Don Beach  and all Elective and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers.	
<b>Legislation and Code:</b>		<b>Grand Lodge and Component Unit Properties (Appointed by the Grand Secretary Chapter III, Section 9 A (2))</b>	
Ralph Dufresne Wayne Geurts Don Beach  Resource: John Nichols Bob Schwalm	Members to ask if some say no:	John Nichols Terry Switzer Bob Schwalm Jim Edwards Ralph Dufresne	
<b>State of the Order:</b>			
Jim Edwards Ralph Dufresne Wayne Geurts John Nichols Jack McAllister Charles Pole			
<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 Executive Meeting for September 14, 2010 began at 10:00 am. Our Grand Master requested Brother John Nichols to open the meeting with prayer.

Brother Jim Edwards, Grand Master welcomed everyone to this Executive meeting and thanked all those present for their attendance. It was indicated that a Quorum was in attendance with the following people present:

Jim Edwards  
Bob Schwalm  
Charles Pole

Ralph Dufresne  
Terry Switzer

Wayne Geurts  
Don Beach

John Nichols  
Jack McAllister

Brother Ed Cudney, a member from Manitoba and a former member from Ontario, was also in attendance as a visitor at this meeting.

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed and circulated on motion of Brother Nichols, second by Brother Dufresne, subject to one correction. **CARRIED.**

#### **5B      Budget, to year end.**

Brother Bob Schwalm, Grand Treasurer, presented the Budget, to our year end, and noted that this is a "Pre Audit" draft of income and expenses to our year end. There are always some differences noted between our statements and the Auditors Statements because of the differences between the accrual vs cash basis of accounting. We are short a couple of thousand dollars in dues and that we really need to start to increase membership instead of merely increasing dues and we were also short a bit with interest rates being as low as they currently are.

Brother Schwalm reviewed the expenses and the budget shows that all expenses are in line to under budget. Brother Schwalm answered a couple of questions and it was moved by Brother Schwalm, second by Brother Ralph Dufresne, Deputy Grand Master, that the Budget, year to date, be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

#### **6A      Capital Fund Update.**

We need to push this project a bit as there is still approximately, at this time, six hundred and fifty five thousand dollars (\$655,000.00) owing on capital with interest being paid monthly. The quicker we get the capital portion down the more the interest payments come down. Payments are being made as soon as funds are available, as donations come in and this is important so we can reduce the amount of the interest payments that need to be made.

#### **6B      Special Committee for Budget from Annual Session**

Brother Switzer reported that there is no report for this meeting from the committee as they have not yet had opportunity to meet. There should be an official report for our next Executive Meeting. Ideas are being discussed and there were some ideas offered by the Executive

Committee and Brother Switzer stated that the Committee will look at all these ideas and others so that they can review the broad picture and come forwards with some scenarios for review.

#### **6C Victoria Historical Lodge #6.**

The information on the upcoming meeting of Victoria Historical Lodge had not gone out to all Lodges due to an oversight. Brother Nichols stated he would get information out in an email immediately. All is proceeding well for the upcoming meeting and all Officers, incoming and outgoing have been notified.

#### **6D Geneva Lodge Building Update (IN CAMERA)**

Due to this matter being in relation to the private business of one Lodge in the Jurisdiction the discussion in relation to this item was handled In Camera. There were no motions as a result of these discussions. The matter was left in the hands of Brothers Edwards, Nichols and Schwalm to monitor and report back when and if necessary.

#### **6E Motion to reconsider actions at the last Executive Meeting.**

It was moved by Brother Wayne Geurts with second by Brother Ralph Dufresne that we reconsider the motion from the last meeting that granted vote to the State of the Order Committee members who attend the Executive Meetings. It was explained that these members are not listed on the Directors and Officers Liability Insurance and that they would not be covered should there be a problem and they had voted on issues. Motion to reconsider **CARRIED**.

It was moved by Brother Bob Schwalm with second by Brother Terry Switzer that we amend the original motion from the last meeting by removing the words "and vote", with the remainder of the motion to remain the same, due to the liability issues that had been discussed. **CARRIED**.

#### **6F Jurisdictional Itinerary for the Grand Lodge.**

Brother Switzer reported that the Jurisdictional Itinerary for the Grand Lodge would be coming out shortly but that he was waiting for some information from Unit Heads to complete the pages.

#### **6G Educational Seminars.**

Brother Geurts reported that it was necessary to cancel two Educational Seminars, one in Thamesville and one in St Catharines, due to a lack of participation. The Seminar in Kingston was a great success with a lot of people attending. We need to actively push the seminars and get people to attend so that Lodges can be better prepared during the term.

Brother Nichols stated that additions to the agenda are fine but that it would be best to know what items the Executive Members would like to have on the agenda prior to it being printed for our meeting. Brother Nichols prepares and prints the agenda on the Friday prior to the meeting and requested that the members of the Executive notify him prior to the stated date so he can add the items to the agenda.

## **7A Rebekah Assembly of Ontario Matters. (IN CAMERA)**

Due to this matter being in relation to the private business of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, the discussion in relation to this item was handled In Camera. There were no motions as a result of these discussions. More information will be forthcoming as it is made available.

## **7B Embro Lodge Hall update. (In Camera)**

Due to this matter being in relation to the private business of one Lodge in the Jurisdiction the discussion in relation to this item was handled In Camera. There were no motions as a result of these discussions. The matter was left in the hands of Brothers Nichols and Schwalm to monitor and report back when and if necessary.

## **7C Legislation to Sovereign Grand Lodge and from our Annual Session.**

Our legislation, along with the changes made by the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, were submitted to the Sovereign Grand Lodge for approval and were passed without exception.

The legislation that our Representatives submitted to Sovereign Grand Lodge in relation to Ritual changes have been held over to the 2012 Annual Session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at which point they will again be referred to the Ritualistic Work Committee.

We should soon be in a position to have the Code of Ontario Odd Fellows Laws reprinted, along with Constitutions of Odd Fellows Lodges. The Code of Ontario Odd Fellows Laws would be sent to all Odd Fellows Lodges with a bill and be made available as an item of supply for individuals who wanted to purchase a copy. The Constitution of Odd Fellows Lodges will at that same time be made available as an item of supply.

## **7D Next Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Ontario & the Arden Park Hotel.**

With the contracts now having been signed with the Arden Park Hotel of Stratford and, with things progressing nicely, it was moved by Brother Nichols with second by Brother Schwalm that the arrangements for the next Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Ontario be turned over to the Committee on Arrangements. **CARRIED.**

## **7E Ontario District #41.**

We had a message from Ontario District #41 telling us that the DDGM was unable to continue due to health issues and that Brother Stephen Kelly of Britain Lodge #316 was willing to take over. Brother Jim Edwards was to call Brother Wilbert Marshal to make sure that everything was okay with the District.

After the call it was determined that Brother Kelly was going to do the installations and Brother Marshal was going to continue as DDGM.

Subsequent to the meeting and for information purposes, Brother Marshal decided it would be best to step back and have Brother Kelly take over as DDGM. A Commission has been given to brother Kelly and all is progressing well with the District.

## **7F Form of Funeral Service.**

Brother Nichols reported that the Sovereign Grand Lodge has not reprinted the "Form of Funeral Service" after it was approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge in Session a couple of years ago. Brother Nichols is getting a number of requests for the booklet and there are none to sell to Lodges and Individuals.

Brother Nichols distributed a booklet that he had done up using the official SGL approved Form of Funeral Service and, if the Executive approved of the booklet he would make them available as an item for sale.

After reviewing the booklet the Executive felt it was good and told Brother Nichols to go ahead.

## **7G Other.**

Brother Edwards addressed the Membership Problem that we are facing as a Jurisdiction and encouraged every member of the Executive to always carry a Membership Application in their pocket. Brother Jim is requesting that every Odd Fellow and Rebekah in the Jurisdiction always carry a Membership Application.

Brother Jim also stated that every time we get a new member that we give him/her a couple of applications as well to see if they have any friends who may like to join along with them.

No Further business being left to handle, our meeting was adjourned, in Friendship, Love and Truth, at 1:37 pm on motion of Brother Dufresne.