



Executive Meeting January 16, 2026, 2:30 pm. Stratford, Ontario.



AGENDA...

Via Zoom.

1. **Call to Order @** By.....Brother Jason Walt, Grand Master.

Opening Prayer by
Welcome to all. -

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

3. **Attendance Register.**

4. **Minutes of last meeting,**

approved as:

5. **Committee Reports:**

- A) Budget year to date, (Bob Schwalm)
- B) Audit and Year End (Bob)
- C) Approval of Audited Financial Statements and Signatories (Bob)

6. **Unfinished Business:**

- A) Collingwood #54 (In Camera) (Gene)
- B) Outstanding Annual Returns (John) (Semi Annuals sent 08/01/2026)
- C)
- D)
- E)

7. **New Business:**

- A) Grand Lodge of Ontario Membership Data Base (Jason)
(Name, address, phone, email, DOB, rank, Membership status, for each member in the Jurisdiction)
- B) 2026/27 Budget for approval prior to Annual Session. (Bob)
- C)
- D)
- E)
- F)

8. **Date of Next Meetings - Friday January 16, Zoom, Friday March 13,** In Person Stratford.

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

Executive Special Committees.

2025 -2026.

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 Jason Walt Mark Volkov Gene Dopp
Program Enhancement & Membership Development.	Administrative and Organizational Matters:
Gene Dopp Kathie Noble Philip Benson Resources: Barry Smith, Membership Chairman Paul Jackson, Tabloid Editor	Jason Walt John Nichols Bob Schwalm Mark Volkov Philip Benson Gene Dopp
Legislation and Code:	Grand Lodge and Component Unit Properties (Appointed by the Grand Secretary Chapter III, Section 9 A (2))
Wayne Geurts Philip Benson Mark Volkov Resource: John Nichols Bob Schwalm	John Nichols Jason Walt Bob Schwalm Mark Volkov Philip Benson Gene Dopp

The January 16, 2026, ZOOM meeting of the Executive of the Grand Lodge of Ontario was called to order at 2:28 pm by our Grand Master, Brother Jason Walt. Brother Jason requested Brother John to open the meeting with prayer.

Our Grand Secretary, Brother John, ascertained that a quorum was present. There was a quorum present for the transaction of our business.

Present at this meeting were:

Jason Walt	Mark Volkov	Philip Benson	John Nichols
Bob Schwalm	Gene Dopp		

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 Year to Date.

Brother Bob Schwalm presented the year-to-date budget report, noting that per capita and Sovereign dues were under budget due to members being added to the Non Contributing Membership category.

While receipts are down a bit everything else is right in line for where it should be for the year.

The Budget is in good shape for this point and it will continue to be closely monitored by Brothers Nichols and Schwalm.

It was properly moved and seconded that the Budget report be approved as presented. **CARRIED.**

5B Audit and Year End.

The books were properly closed for year end and all the necessary materials were gathered and sent to Allay LLP, our Auditors, for our Audit for the year. The Audit was completed well and had been sent to all members of the Executive. After reviewing the statements with explanations from Brother Bob it was properly moved, with second, that the Audited Financial Statements be approved. **CARRIED.**

It was further moved, with second that Brothers Nichols and Schwalm sign the Audited Financial Statements for the Executive. **CARRIED.**

6A Collingwood Lodge #54. (In Camera)

This item was held In Camera due to it being the private business of one Lodge in our Jurisdiction. There was nothing to report at this time and there were no motions as a result of this order of business. Brother Gene will continue to

monitor this situation.

6B Outstanding Annual Returns.

It was noted, by Brother John that the Semi Annual Returns had been sent to all Lodges for which we had received their Annual Returns, on January 8, 2026. Returns had been a bit slow coming in due to the Postal disruptions and there were a few remaining as outstanding. Members of the Executive said they would call the Lodges for which we had not received the Annual Returns.

7A Grand Lodge of Ontario Membership Data Base.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge had contacted Brother John about 3 Lodges whose membership rosters were badly out of date. Brother John had subsequently received, electronically, the Membership Rosters for every Lodge in the Jurisdiction.

Brother Jason stated it would be good to have our own data base of Members in the Jurisdiction. Brother John stated that we can likely do this as the membership rosters from SGL are received back in the Grand Lodge Office, and will work at looking to compile these as they come in.

We had a very good discussion around getting a co op or summer student to come in and get this all together for us, as well as looking for possible grants to get someone who could compile all of this for us by Lodge and by the Jurisdiction. This will be an ongoing project that will not likely happen over night.

The matter was left in the hands of our Executive to explore and come with ideas to future meetings.

7B 2026 - 2027 Budget for approval prior to the Annual Session.

Brother Bob presented the budget for the upcoming term, as prepared by our Finance Committee. Brother John noted that the budget for the upcoming term gets presented to the Executive and is then referred to the Sessional Finance Committee to review and then present to the Annual Session. The budget process is a multi level proposition.

Questions were asked and answered as to how things proceed and in reference to a couple of different budget line items. The budget as presented is balanced with a projected surplus of \$120.00.

Brother Jason said he wanted to add to the budget to provide an honourarium for the Grand Representatives to Sovereign Grand Lodge. Brother John responded that this would first require a Notice of Motion for Sessions to add the authority to give such an honourarium to the Grand Representatives. Brother John reminded everyone that any and all legislative changes are required to be in the Grand Lodge Office by 12:00 noon, February 28.

The budget, as presented, was properly moved, with second, to be accepted and referred to the Sessional Finance Committee. **CARRIED.**

With no further business on our Agenda, it was properly moved we adjourn, at 3:58 pm.

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned with the **next meeting of the Executive to be held, Friday March 13, In Person Stratford, unless a zoom meeting needs to be called in the interim for specific purposes.**

The meeting closed in harmony.