

# *The First Masonic District Officers Association*

## TRAVELING GAVEL AWARD

### Rules for District Association Meetings

- The gavel will be awarded to the Lodge with the largest number of members in attendance
- The Host Lodge is excluded from acquiring the gavel
- The Lodge that brings the gavel to the meeting cannot take the gavel back home
- The Sgt. At Arms roll call is the official count
- In the case of a tie, the Lodge with the most elected officers present will be awarded the gavel
- All Lodge members present at sign in must be present at the time the gavel is awarded
- At the time the gavel is awarded to the Lodge, the presiding Officer will inform all present when the gavel will be available (Degree work, special meeting, etc.)

### Rules for Lodge Meetings

- The gavel may be taken by any Lodge visiting the Lodge in possession of the gavel during any of the following: a) any degree work. b) Special education nights. c) Inspection night. d) Table Lodge (if host Lodge agrees). e) Light Nights. f) A Stated Meeting. g) Installation
- The minimum number of visiting members of an individual Lodge is 8 and the Lodge with the most members over 8 will be awarded the gavel. However, all of these members must be present during the entire meeting thru Lodge closing\
- In the event of a tie, the Lodge having all members sign in first will be awarded the gavel
- Immediately after receiving the gavel, the receiving Lodge must call the Secretary of the District Association informing him of such. This will allow the Secretary to keep a record of the gavel's location and a record of which Lodges have had it
- Immediately upon receiving the gavel, the receiving Lodge must announce its upcoming dates on which the gavel will be available
- Plural members shall be counted only as to the Lodge they signed under
- In the event of a question regarding the above rules, the decision of the President of the First Masonic Officers Association is final