

ONEIDA DISTRICTS TRAVELING GAVEL RULES COMPETITION

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1. A Master or one of the Wardens, plus at least five (5) brothers of a lodge, must be present, at a STATED communication of the lodge in possession of the gavel. The gavel may **NOT** be claimed at a District Deputy visitation.
2. The visiting [claiming] lodge must have its brothers present, in the lodge room, at the opening through closing of the communication.
3. Should more than one lodge be present to claim the gavel, the lodge with the greatest number of OFFICERS present shall win. If the claiming lodges have the same number of OFFICERS present, the lodge that has traveled the greatest distance, shall win.
4. The gavel shall be used to conduct ritual and business, the better to show visitors that it resides in the lodge.
5. The lodge claiming the gavel shall notify other Oneida District lodges [First and Second], in writing within one week of claiming the gavel.
6. Each lodge claiming the gavel, is also responsible to enter the date won and its' lodge name on a card in the notebook. It is recommended that a list of the traveling brothers also be included.
7. The MASTER AND WARDENS COUNCIL is the governing body for managing the gavel. Therefore, the claiming lodge is also responsible to notify the council of the gavel's movements.

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See attached for original document.