



RULES APPERTAINING TO THE TRAVELLING GAVEL OF THE CIRCUIT OF SERVICE LODGES

1. The intention of the Travelling Gavel is to encourage visits between Lodges in the Circuit of Service Lodges.
2. The Travelling Gavel will be presented, upon demand, provided attendance of the visiting Lodge is of four or more in number.
3. If two or more sister Lodges visit with the intention of rescuing the Travelling Gavel, and demand its surrender, the Master must comply but will surrender it to the visiting Lodge that has travelled the greatest distance to be at the holding Lodge.
4. Notwithstanding the above, visiting Lodges who are eligible through numbers to rescue the Gavel, but have rescued the Gavel in the previous 12 rolling months from the same Lodge, will forfeit that right of rescue for that visit, providing another Lodge or Lodges are in attendance and in sufficient numbers, and demand its surrender. If two or more eligible Lodges (i.e. they have sufficient numbers and have not previously rescued the Gavel from the same Lodge in the previous 12 months) and demand its surrender, Rule 3 shall apply.
5. Rescuing Lodges must inform the Secretary of the Lodge to be visited of their intention to rescue the Travelling Gavel in order to avoid any unforeseen events.
6. In order for potential Rescuing Lodges to discover the present location of the Travelling Gavel the Rescuing Lodge must inform the Secretary of the Circuit of Service Lodges as soon as possible to enable the location of the Travelling Gavel be published on the Circuit website. Contact details can be found on the Circuit website at <http://www.militarymasons.org.uk/index.html>. The Rescuing Lodge must also enter their Lodge Number, date and location from which the Travelling Gavel was rescued in the Travelling Gavel Passport so that a permanent record is maintained.
7. Any Lodge that takes the Gavel "Home" is requested to make a Donation of £10 to the funds of the Circuit of Service Lodges.
8. The Travelling Gavel remains the property of the Circuit of Service Lodges, and maybe recalled at any time. This recall will not be done unreasonably, but if recalled, the current holders must ensure its safe return.
9. Intending rescuing Lodges must agree to the Rules applicable to the Travelling Gavel and it is assumed that those Lodges rescuing the Travelling Gavel have undertaken to comply with the Rules in full.
10. The Lodge in possession of the Gavel is requested to display it at any regular meeting.