

# 34th Masonic District

## Traveling Gavel



**Current Location:**

**Catawba Valley Lodge No. 217, Morganton, NC**

**Captured: January 13, 2025**



## **PURPOSE:**

- 1. TO PROMOTE AND CEMENT THE BROTHERLY LOVE AND FELLOWSHIP AMONG THE BRETHREN OF FREEMASONRY ESPECIALLY OF THE 34TH MASONIC DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA.**
- 2. TO REVITALIZE AND RENEW THE INTEREST, DEDICATION, COMMITMENT, ENTHUSIASM AND LOVE FOR FREEMASONRY BY THE BRETHREN, WHITHERSOEVER DISPERSED.**
- 3. TO INCREASE ATTENDANCE OF LODGES' STATED AND EMERGENT COMMUNICATIONS BY VISITS OF BRETHREN OF OTHER LODGES COMPRISING 34TH MASONIC DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA.**
- 4. TO ENCOURAGE BRETHREN TO VISIT OTHER LODGES IN THE DISTRICT FOR MASONIC FELLOWSHIPS, EDUCATION, AND RENDERING ASSISTANCE IN LODGE'S RITUALISTIC FUNCTIONS.**
- 5. TO SHARE COMMON KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCES OF MASONIC HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY AND OTHER SORTS OF MASONIC INTERESTS.**
- 6. TO ESTABLISH A RESERVOIR OF FRIENDSHIP AND BROTHERLY LOVE.**

## **RULES:**

- 1. THE TRAVELING GAVEL IS SPONSORED BY THE 34TH MASONIC DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA.**
- 2. THE FIRST HOST LODGE OF THE TRAVELING GAVEL WILL BE DETERMINED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY OF MEMBERS OF A LODGE PRESENT DURING THE DISTRICT MEETING IN MARCH 2013.**
- 3. THE HOST LODGE WILL DISPLAY THE TRAVELING GAVEL IN THE LODGE ROOM AND THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER MAY USE THE GAVEL IF HE SO DESIRES.**
- 4. THE "CAPTURE" OF THE GAVEL CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED ONLY WHEN AT LEAST 4 MEMBERS OF A VISITING LODGE ARE PRESENT DURING A STATED OR EMERGENT COMMUNICATION OF THE HOST LODGE. THE CAPTURING LODGE MUST HAVE AT LEAST 4 MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE BEGINNING AND END OF A COMMUNICATION. IN CASE OF A TIE, THE VISITING LODGE WITH THE MOST MEMBERS PRESENT WILL WIN. IN THE EVENT OF A TIE IN NUMBERS THE LODGE TRAVELLING THE GREATEST DISTANCE WILL WIN.**
- 5. DUAL MEMBERS OF DIFFERENT VISITING LODGES SHOULD DECLARE WHICH LODGE THEY SHOULD BE COUNTED ON.**

6. LODGES OUTSIDE OF THE 34TH MASONIC DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO CAPTURE THE GAVEL.

7. PRESENTATION OF THE TRAVELING GAVEL BY THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER OF THE HOST LODGE TO THE VISITING LODGE WILL BE DONE IMMEDIATELY BEFORE CLOSING THE LODGE.

8. THE CAPTURING LODGE IS RESPONSIBLE TO MAKE THE GAVEL'S WHEREABOUTS KNOWN AS SOON AS IS PRACTICAL BY AT LEAST, ALERTING THE WEBMASTER OF THE DISTRICT WEBSITE OF THE LOCATION CHANGE AND ANY OTHER MEANS AVAILABLE TO DISSEMINATE THE INFORMATION TO THE LODGES WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

9. THE TRAVELLING GAVEL PROGRAM IS AT ALL TIMES TO BE FUN.

10. THE GAVEL CONTINUES TO TRAVEL ONWARD AND MUST NOT STOP.

## The 34th District Traveling Gavel



**Initial Traveling Gavel presented to Master Charles McNally, Catawba Lodge No. 248  
by DDGM Russell Bridges**

### HISTORY OF PAST RECIPIENTS:

- 68. Catawba Valley Lodge No. 217, Morganton, NC - Captured January 13, 2025
- 67. Maiden Lodge No. 592, Maiden, NC - Captured September 3, 2024
- 66. Denver Lodge No. 757, Denver, NC - Captured August 12, 2024
- 65. Maiden Lodge No. 592, Maiden, NC - Captured July 9, 2024
- 64. Denver Lodge No. 757, Denver, NC - Captured June 24, 2024
- 63. Maiden Lodge No. 592, Maiden, NC - Captured June 13, 2024
- 62. Conover Lodge No. 709, Conover, NC - Captured March 18, 2024
- 61. Hickory Lodge No. 343, Hickory, NC - Captured September 21, 2023

60. Cookville Lodge No. 502, Cooksville, NC - Captured May 4, 2023
59. Hibriten Lodge No. 262, Lenoir, NC - Captured April 13, 2023
58. Catawba Valley Lodge No. 217, Morganton, NC - Captured February 23, 2023
57. Hibriten Lodge No. 262, Lenoir, NC - Captured February 9, 2023
56. Catawba Valley Lodge No. 217, Morganton, NC - Captured January 16, 2023
55. Mystic Tie Lodge No. 237, Marion, NC - Captured January 9, 2023
54. Joppa Lodge No. 401, Old Fort, NC - Captured January 2, 2023
53. Mystic Tie Lodge No. 237, Marion, NC - Captured December 8, 2022
52. Conover Lodge No. 709, Conover, NC - Captured November 19, 2022
51. Riverside Lodge No. 606, Catawba, NC - Captured September 15, 2022
50. Conover Lodge No. 709, Conover, NC - Captured August 1, 2022
49. Hickory Lodge No. 343, Hickory, NC - Captured April 19, 2022
48. Conover Lodge No. 709, Conover, NC - Captured March 1, 2022
47. Cookville Lodge No. 502, Cooksville, NC - Captured May 10, 2021
46. Maiden Lodge No. 592, Maiden, NC - Captured April 29, 2021
45. Cookville Lodge No. 502, Cooksville, NC - Captured March 15, 2021
44. Maiden Lodge No. 592, Maiden, NC - Captured March 2, 2021
43. Denver Lodge No. 757, Denver, NC - Captured October 28, 2019
42. Maiden Lodge No. 592, Maiden, NC - Captured July 15, 2019
41. Denver Lodge No. 757, Denver, NC - Captured January 28, 2019
40. Maiden Lodge No. 592, Maiden, NC - Captured January 22, 2019
39. Cookville Lodge No. 502, Cooksville, NC - Captured July 26, 2018
38. Conover Lodge No. 709, Conover, NC - Captured July 10, 2018
37. Catawba Lodge No. 248, Newton, NC - Captured May 10, 2018
36. Conover Lodge No. 709, Conover, NC - Captured May 3, 2018
35. Hibriten Lodge No. 262, Lenoir, NC - Captured April 16, 2018
34. Hickory Lodge No. 343, Hickory, NC - Captured January 23, 2018
33. Catawba Lodge No. 248, Newton, NC - Captured December 16, 2017
32. Conover Lodge No. 709, Conover, NC - Captured November 21, 2017
31. Denver Lodge No. 757, Denver, NC - Captured July 6, 2017
30. Conover Lodge No. 709, Conover, NC - Captured March 30, 2017
29. Hibriten Lodge No. 262, Lenoir, NC - Captured March 13, 2017
28. Joppa Lodge No. 401, Old Fort, NC - Captured February 6, 2017
27. Mystic Tie Lodge No. 237, Marion, NC - Captured January 26, 2017
26. Catawba Valley Lodge No. 217, Morganton, NC - Captured May 25, 2016
25. Mystic Tie Lodge No. 237, Marion, NC - Captured May 9, 2016
24. Joppa Lodge No. 401, Old Fort, NC - Captured April 7, 2016
23. Hibriten Lodge No. 262, Lenoir, NC - Captured March 10, 2016
22. Catawba Valley Lodge No. 217, Morganton, NC - Captured March 3, 2016
21. Hibriten Lodge No. 262, Lenoir, NC - Captured January 14, 2016
20. Catawba Valley Lodge No. 217, Morganton, NC - Captured September 21, 2015
19. Mystic Tie Lodge No. 237, Marion, NC - Captured August 13, 2015
18. Catawba Valley Lodge No. 217, Morganton, NC - Captured May 12, 2015
17. Catawba Lodge No. 248, Newton, NC - Captured January 22, 2015
16. Conover Lodge No. 709, Conover, NC - Captured December 15, 2014
15. Hickory Lodge No. 343, Hickory, NC - Captured October 13, 2014
14. Riverside Lodge No. 606, Catawba, NC - Captured May 6, 2014

13. Cookville Lodge No. 502, Cooksville, NC - Captured April 8, 2014
12. Catawba Lodge No. 248, Newton, NC - Captured April 1, 2014
11. Cookville Lodge No. 502, Cooksville, NC - Captured January 9, 2014
10. Conover Lodge No. 709, Conover, NC - Captured December 2, 2013
9. Lincoln Lodge No. 137, Lincolnton, NC - Captured November 19, 2013
8. Cookville Lodge No. 502, Cooksville, NC - Captured November 11, 2013
7. Lovelady Lodge No. 670, Valdese, NC - Captured August 8, 2013
6. Catawba Valley Lodge No. 217, Morganton, NC - Captured May 2, 2013
5. Hibriten Lodge No. 262, Lenoir, NC - Captured April 29, 2013
4. Lovelady Lodge No. 670, Valdese, NC - Captured April 11, 2013
3. Catawba Valley Lodge No. 217, Morganton, NC - Captured March 25, 2013
2. Riverside Lodge No. 606, Catawba, NC - Captured March 12, 2013
1. Catawba Lodge No. 248, Newton, NC - Captured March 7, 2013 (initial recipient)

*Please send any updates on the current location of the Traveling Gavel to Mack Sigmon at [dmsigmon@glnc.us](mailto:dmsigmon@glnc.us)*

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