

## *Rules for the Hoosier Hammer*

The Hoosier Hammer is the property of the Indiana State Council, Order of DeMolay. All matters concerning the Hoosier Hammer will be referred to the Indiana State Council and will be subject to the approval of the Executive Officer.

1. A chapter may take possession of the Hoosier Hammer by:
  - a. Visiting the chapter that has possession of it. The visiting chapter must have at least two members and two advisors present at the event in order to be eligible to obtain the Hoosier Hammer.
  - b. A chapter may not regain possession of the Hammer from the chapter that received it from them, until a third chapter has obtained the Hammer. (e.g. Chapter B obtained the Hammer from Chapter A who cannot regain possession of the Hammer until Chapter C has obtained it.)
2. If more than one Chapter visits the Chapter that has possession of the Hammer:
  - a. The chapter which came the farthest distance will take possession of the Hammer, providing that they meet all of the above rules for taking possession of it. This will be measured from Google Maps using the shortest route from a chapter's home lodge to the location of the event.
  - b. The chapter which brings more active DeMolays will take possession of the Hammer in the event that there is a tie in distance travelled. In the event that there is a tie in each of the first two categories, the chapter which has possession of the Hammer will decide who shall take possession of the hammer.
3. As soon as a chapter takes possession of the Hammer, they are required to report that they now have possession of the Hammer, they are required to report that they have possession of the Hammer using the form on [IndianaDeMolay.org](http://IndianaDeMolay.org) under the "Hoosier Hammer Update" tab.
  - a. This update must be reported within 24 hours after the Hammer has been claimed by a chapter.

- b. Failure to do so will mean the forfeiture of the Hammer to the Chapter from which they took it.
4. The Hoosier Hammer must be displayed at all Stated Meetings, Installations, Degrees, and Public Ceremonies of the Chapter that has possession of it.
  - a. The Hoosier Hammer is to be exchanged at any event hosted by the chapter which has possession of it.
5. If a chapter has possession of the Hammer for more than 30 days, they must take the Hammer to another chapter in the State in order to keep the Hammer in circulation.
6. If the Hoosier Hammer or its case is damaged in any way, the chapter that caused it will have to pay for its repair.
7. The Hoosier Hammer must be present at all State Degrees, Congress, and Conclave.
  - a. If the chapter which has possession of the Hammer does not attend, the State Master Councilor is responsible for ensuring that the Hammer is present at the event.
  - b. The Hoosier Hammer will be handed out at the conclusion of the event per the rules, except for at Conclave.
8. On July 1st of every year, the Hoosier Hammer will remain in the possession of the chapter that has it until Conclave.
  - a. This chapter will take the Hammer to Conclave and turn it over to the State Master Councilor during the Opening Ceremony.
  - b. If the chapter that has possession of the Hammer on that date does not attend Conclave, the State Master Councilor is responsible for obtaining the Hammer before Conclave.
  - c. At the Conclave, the Hammer will be given to the new State Master Councilor to take to his Chapter and begin the circulation of the Hammer again.