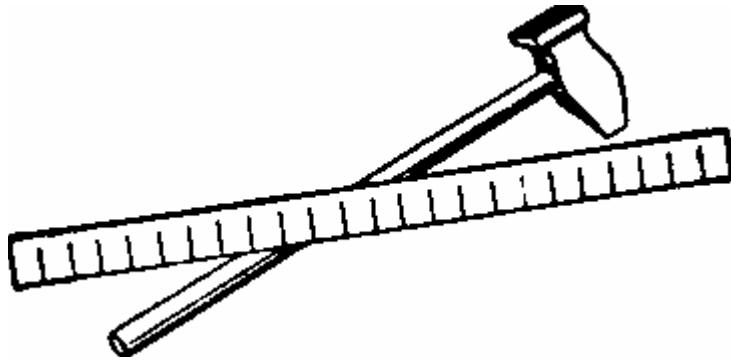


GAUGE & GAVEL



The Gauge is an instrument made use of by Operative Masons to measure and layout their work, but we as Free and Accepted Masons are taught to make use of it for the more noble and glorious purpose of dividing our time. Time for God and helping your brothers, our usual avocations and time for sleep.

In the Masonic system the Gavel is employed as a symbol by which the Mason is constantly admonished to divest his mind and conscience of all the vices and errors of life, thereby fitting his body as a living stone for that Building “that house not made with hands”, Heaven. It is also used as an emblem of authority, and is used by the Master in governing the Lodge.