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## Grand Chapter of Oregon Order of the Eastern Star

Hello, Sisters and Brothers,

Welcome to the Miracle Believer Eastern Star year. This year the requirements for proficiency are a little different. There are two parts, the first is reciting the Obligation, Star Point signs and passes, the Salutation sign and response and the Grip of the Order from memory. The second is a written, open book test. The written portion is taken from the ritual, the Constitution and Bylaws, Uniform Workbook and Jurisprudence Committee findings. Please keep in mind that the Uniform Workbook and Jurisprudence findings are not law, but guidelines.

In order to earn your proficiency, you must satisfactorily:

1. Recite the Obligation
2. The Signs and Passes of each Degree
3. Grip of the Order
4. The Salutation sign and Response
5. In addition, you must answer 23 out of 25 written questions correctly. In your own words with reference to where the answer was found.

Your chapter's proficiency committee must earn this year's proficiency to be valid. Last year's proficiency will not count to qualify you for the proficiency committee.

There are a couple of ways you can complete your proficiency. They are:

1. Submit your written test to the Grand Lecturer then recite the obligation, etc. to your instructing officer upon her visit.
2. Recite the obligation, etc. to your instructing officer upon her visit and then send your written test to the Grand Lecturer.
3. Recite the obligation, etc. to your proficiency committee and send your written test to the Grand Lecturer.

Sample question and answer:

Question: When and where did Dr. Morris become a Master Mason?

Answer: March 5, 1846 in Oxford, Mississippi. Ritual pg. 7

The instructing officers would appreciate it if you would send your written test to the Grand Lecturer well before their official visit so they can have the pleasure of presenting you with your proficiency pin personally.

If you have any questions, please direct them to the Grand Lecturer

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Star Love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Drushella".

Mary Drushella, Worthy Grand Matron

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