

PROFICIENCY AND ADVANCEMENT

Prior to advancement to the Fellow Craft degree, every Mason in Minneapolis 19 must be able to answer certain questions and reach a required level of proficiency in the work of the Entered Apprentice Degree. The proficiency requirements should be explained in detail by the members of the lodge. The purpose of the requirements is to teach each candidate the language of Freemasonry, fix in his memory the teachings and structure of the degree, impress upon his consciousness the different points of the Obligation, and to teach the value of ancient methods of learning and contemplation.

The questions may be answered in written form, though it is highly encouraged to read the answers in open lodge in the form of a brief presentation.

- I. What is initiation? Please describe in your answer some historical and symbolic aspects of initiation, what role it has played in human society, and what role you view it playing in your life.
- II. What symbols or aspects of the Entered Apprentice degree ritual had particular personal significance to you? Please explain what was most meaningful to you and how you expect it to affect your life in the future.
- III. What do you view as the most important lessons in experiencing the Entered Apprentice degree? Please explain what you think the experience is meant to convey and how you benefited from it.