The following is an assembly of suggestions and miscellaneous items that may be used at various times throughout the Silver Anniversary year.

The Worthy Matron Says:

At some time or other, each of us is prone to divide time into decades, eons, or specified periods of time, to better measure the progress achieved, or to compare it with other periods of time. The twenty-five years of growth measured here tonight has a heart-warming significance. It is as if we had come forward on silver wings from modest beginnings, when our pioneers began to make their dreams tangible. From a simple foundation of Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness, we have built a tower of strength, that has blossomed out in the virtues of our heroines, and become a power in the Community. I am proud, and I know that you are proud, to salute with me, this twenty-fifth Anniversary of our Chapter.

Twenty-five years of loving service,—
That is the record we honor tonight;
Twenty-five years of faith and good works
To keep our Star shining bright.
Five lessons from our Star rays,
Memories of untold worth,
A silver harvest of years well spent,
The most treasured gift on earth.
So, may this record of things gone by,
And all the things we've done,
Be the foundations for future dreams,—
The silver goal we've won.

The following verse may be used to present a gift to any honored Guest. Gift may be concealed in hold of ship. Ship may be set upon a mirror.

I saw a ship a sailing
Upon a silver sea,
And it was full of tribute
From Members and from me,
And now, this ship a sailing
Upon this silver sea,
Dear ------ -------, is waiting
To hear your just decree.
We know this ship a sailing
Has reached a harbor fair,
And in sweet silver memory
'Twill stay forever there.

TOAST
We'll say a toast to many things,
And gracious tribute give,
That, though their greatness may be past,—
In memory they will live.
We'll pledge our glowing service,
And all who give and strive;
And when it comes to toasting years...
We'll toast a twenty-five.
SONG WORDS

Tune: Rose of Tralee.
For twenty-five years our bright Star was ascending,
And all here received of the benefits fair;
As it grew in splendor, its glory is sending
The Star message out, so all people may share.
First our pioneers dreamed, then they set forth to labor,-
To build a fine structure to stand every test;
Tonight we salute them,- come closer, each Neighbor,
And sing to the glory that our Master blest.

INVITATION
We will have a silver birthday
Of our Chapter ------night;
And we now request your presence...
You will add to our delight.
’Twill be a neighborly affair,
To give a gay salute
To twenty-five years of growing
In service and repute.

SINGING GRACE

Tune: America, the Beautiful.
Be present at our table, Lord,
This is our prayer to Thee;
Guide Thou our ways, throughout the days,
And grant us fervency.
For twenty years, plus five, we shared
Thy blessed sheltering love;
Thy blessing cast on this repast
Like unto heaven above.
        - Amen.

THE SILVER MOTHER GOOSE

This short ceremony is for presenting a gift to a Worthy Grand Matron, or any honored Guest.

One Sister, dressed as traditional Mother Goose, enters Chapter room, marches directly East, bows to W.G.M., and offers arm. She takes arm, and to suitable tinkly music, they circle labyrinth to Adah, wo rises, holding a small silver bucket, which she gives to W.G.M., saying:

Jack and Jill went up the hill
To get for you a store of laughter;
Then silvery notes came from their throats,
To scatter joy forever after.

They continue to Ruth, who rises, gives W.G.M. a silvered cardboard # 25, as she says:

Little Jack Horner came out of his corner
For a jolly jubilee;
Then, to our surprise, he said "Boy, what a prize,
Our fine quarter century!"
They continue to Esther, who offers six silver pennies as she says:

Sing a song of silver
Chapter Jubilee;
Honoring a record of a
Quarter century.
And, when the record's opened,
Then all hearts will sing,
For all the gloried tribute,
And offerings we bring.

They continue to Martha, who offers a perpetual calendar, saying:

Old King Cole was a jolly old soul,
But, jollier far than he,-
Is our Lady Grand, who, at our command,
Came to our Silver Jubilee.

They continue to Electa, who offers a tiny garden basket of silvered shells,
or silver stars, saying:

Sister, Sister, so enchanting,
How does your garden grow?
With silver shells, and flower bells,
And shining Stars in a row.

They continue to Worthy Matron, who offers gift,(perhaps some silver) saying:

You are a dear lady,
Though not in a shoe,
With many fond Members... Who love you so true;
We give you their hearts... Our thoughts will entwine,
In fine Starry service... Forever you'll shine.

Immediately, Choir sings to tune "Coming Through the Rye," the words:

Our Queen of Hearts... Has made some charts, to
Guide our steps each day;
You are that Queen... In love serene
We'll follow in your way.

Now our Chapter shares its honor
Joyfully with you,-
The hopes and fears of many years
Blends with our love so true.

THE SILVER KEY

This short presentation is for any honored Guest. Six Sisters enter, three
by each door. They march East until in front of Adah and Electa, then march to meet.
First 2 circle each other, returning immediately to their own side. Second 2 circle
each other, following their leader back. Third 2 do the same. Again lines continue
East. At S.E. and N.E. both lines turn toward Altar, meeting to form pairs, who march
due East, separating in front of Worthy Matron, going South and North only far enough
to make room for the six to stand in line. The two leaders, now on outside, carry the
tribute,- leader on South holding a small chest,-leader on North, a small silver key.
The three on South speak first.
First:
To me, this looks like a chest of treasure,
We hope it will bring great joy and pleasure.

She passes chest to # 2.
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Second: It's heavy with love and happiness,
      May it have great power your life to bless.
      She passes chest to # 3.
Third: The treasure it holds are the wishes fair
      Of our Members,- wishes that all may share.
      She passes chest to honored Guest.
First: The key to our heart? Yes, it could be...
      Or the key to the door of Memory.
      She passes key to # 2.
Second: It is the key to joy and pleasure,
      For it opens the chest of our heart's best treasure.
      She passes key to honored Guest.
Third: Choir sings to tune "Was That Somebody You?" the words:
      Yes, we would give the key to our door,
      Giving the treasures that are in store;
      Offering all joys to one we adore,-
      Our admiration, our love, and more.
      Takes, then, this silver key
      And free love's melody.

The following jottings will be useful many times.
Place cards bearing the emblem of the honored Guest silvered on face. Favors
  to be a white rose tied with a silver ribbon at each place.
  White table cloth crisscrossed with bands of silver metallic paper. Metallic
  silver paper roses or tulips, each holding a tall white or black taper.
  Large silver stars on which sets of black or white shiny tapers stand... with
  frilly cellophane ruffles at base, tied with silver ribbon, and tiny silver stars
  stuck to ruffles.
  For Easter, favors may be hard boiled eggs in pastel colors with # 25 in heavy
  silver letters on the side, resting on a frill of silcer lace, or a frill of cello-
  phane with many tiny silver stars stuck to the frills.
  Pretty favors are bright colored pennants stuck in gum drops, each pennant
  bearing the number "25". The pennants may be all scarlet, green, blue, etc., or
  in mixed colors. Pastels are also pretty.
  A silver treasure chest can easily hold a gift,- or surprise gifts for all
  present.
  A wishing well, with silver bucket with large "25" on the side, brings up
  anniversary wishes for all.
  White satin sachet pillows with tiny forget-me-nots embroidered on the tops,
  or "25" instead, with a frill of silver lace, make lovely favors. A larger bundle of
  these make an attractive gift.
  A silvery mirror pool, with colored flowers and silver foliage for table.
  Silvered fish net for nautical scheme. Also silvered ropes, anchors and other
  nautical emblems, symbolic of a 25 year voyage.
  Fringe of white tissue to circle lights or other decoration... five or six in.
  wide, with touches here and there of silver paint. Pendant, are fine silk threads of
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varying length, each supporting 2 or 3 small silver stars, (two stars stuck back to back with thread between) or have clear cellophane fringe, which looks like silver. Use white balloons, with silver "25" on them. White bells with silver clappers, or white bells with gardenia clappers, and silver ribbon.

For Thanksgiving, silver cornucopias with fruit or flowers. For Valentine, pink or red hearts with silver arrows. Silver bows and arrows are usable for many occasions. Silvered good-luck emblems... horse shoes, wish bones, four leaf clovers, etc. Silvered pussy willows with spring flowers are lovely. For May Day... silvered Maypole surmounted with banner bearing "25". Ribbons in pastel colors, or colors suitable to the occasion. Could be used as table center with ribbons reaching favors of nosegay of tiny flowers (forget-me-nots?) edges with frill of silver lace, and silver ribbon bows.

White scrolls and silver keys.

For Grand Matron's visit, or events, silvered gavels, silvered emblems, as crown, cross, Bible, etc. White satin covered booklets for programs with silver "25" on cover, and silver letters inside. (silver ink is obtainable) This, in tiny form, containing G. M.'s motto, and with O.E.S. on cover make effective place cards. Small silver baskets or flower pots containing miniature flowers make pretty favors. These may be real or artificial.

Decorated Birthday cakes are always good, and combine with any plans. State maps outlines in silver ink, showing home city of honored Guest make interesting place cards.

Gifts of gray chiffon party handkerchiefs trimmed with silver lace are liked. Also silver trimmed handke cases, or other similar gifts may be made. Silver nut cups combine with everything.

Silver framed pictures, mottoes, portraits of significant Members, etc., make lovely gifts. Also framed flower pictures, each picture being a spray of flowers tied with silver ribbon.

Tiny dolls standing in shower of cellophane fringe, and stars are nice for a shower of gifts for the Chapter sometime during the year.

A silvered ox-cart combines to make an attractive table center for the pioneer or Charter Member dinner. Tiny silvered ox-carts (or carettas) make attractive nut cups for the occasion.

White iced cup cakes with silver candies, (tiny) make pretty favors, and may have a tiny white candle stuck in top, with silver ribbon bow.

It is often a good idea to grow some decorative gourds, to be painted to suit any type of entertainment. Silvered, they work in well with many decoration themes.

A quarter of a century,
In memory and in years,-
A quarter of a century,
Of hopes and joys and fears.

'Tis how all growth is measured,-
Not just by slender hours;
And blended into each bouquet
Are thorns as well as flowers.

A quarter of a century... Since our pioneers first dreamed,-
And strove to serve the Master well... Beneath a Star that gleamed.
And we who reap the harvest... And share their loved bequest,-
Must pay our joyous tribute... To the way they passed each test.