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"SILVER STARS"
by Lola Lamoreux

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PREPARATION:

Prepare as many lovely card board silver stars as you have members to honor. These stars may be outlined with tinsel or silver ribbon. Attach to each Star a loop of ribbon long enough to be a necklace. The men's stars may have pins attached and be pinned on coat lapels or they may be made the same as the ladies'. If twenty-five year pins are to be presented then these may be attached to the Stars. If gifts are to be given or flowers, the stars may be attached to them instead of ribbons to be placed about the neck. On each star the name and number of the Chapter should be printed along with the date and the number "25".

The Collector of Stars may wear a white choir robe and a silver crown. She carries a pretty basket in which are placed the stars, gifts and flowers (if any).

MUSIC:

Songs to the tunes of "Sweet Genevieve", "Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown", and "Blest Be the Tie That Binds".

CHARACTERS:

Collector of Silver Stars, Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Chaplain, Warder, Singers.

PROGRAM

Worthy Matron speaks:

Sisters and brothers, this is a very special night in our Chapter for we are honoring all of our members who have been in the Eastern Star for twenty five years. So in reality tonight is a twenty-fifth anniversary for these honored guests.

Twenty-five years of labor
Have builded our Star so fair,
Love was its inspiration
And faith laid a cornerstone there.

Sisters Marshall and Conductress, you will escort our honored members to the East for presentation.

When the members have arrived in the East, the Worthy Matron introduces each of the sisters, closing by saying:

The thrill of this anniversary day
Is indeed to us a silver ray
Shining back through the past over twenty five years
Where a silver lining on each cloud appears.

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The Worthy Patron introduces the brothers, closing his remarks by saying:

The thrill of this anniversary day
Is indeed to us a silver ray
Shining on toward the future in ages unfurled
When the beautiful Star shall enlighten the world.

The guests are seated in the East or in the N.E. and S.E. near the platform. A choir or a soloist sings the following song to the guests:

Tune: "Sweet Genevieve"

Oh, members dear, we sing to you
Our loyal friends so tried, so true;
We welcome you with hearts sincere
You bring us joy when you are near.

We greet you in this twenty fifth year
We'll love you always never fear.
You've made our Star so clear and bright
That all may see its silver light.

Chorus

Oh, members dear, time passes by
The days do come, the days do fly,
But loving friends still honor you
For all these years, you've been true blue.

At the close of the song an alarm is heard at the door.

Warder speaks:

Worthy Matron, there is an alarm at the door.

Worthy Matron speaks:

Sister Warder, you will ascertain the cause of the alarm.

Warder:

The Collector of Silver Stars seeks admission.

Worthy Matron:

Sister Warder, you will admit her.

~~The Collector of Stars enters and takes a position behind Esther's chair. She speaks:~~

Worthy Matron, I am the Collector of Silver Stars. These Stars have been shining for twenty five years through the lives of faithful members. They have been scattered over countless miles in these many years. They are unusually bright and shining.

Worthy Matron speaks:

What makes these lovely stars so bright
And where do they get their silver light?

Collector of Stars replies:

All the kind deeds throughout the years
Have helped to make these beams more clear.
And all the pleasant words and smiles
Have travelled for miles and miles and miles
Until they reached these silver stars
That now today shine out afar:
For kindness is the silver light
That makes these lovely stars so bright.

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Collector of Stars continues:

I seek permission to present these silver stars to the faithful members who have given twenty-five years of service to our beautiful Order.

Worthy Matron:

Collector of Silver Stars; permission is granted.

Song, "Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown" (well-known hymn) is played or sung as the Collector presents the Stars to the guests of honor. She may be assisted by the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron.

When the Stars have been distributed the Collector takes a position before the station of the Associate Matron.

The Worthy Matron says:

Let us unite in prayer.

The Chaplain goes to the Altar. All officers form a golden chain as for initiation and the twenty five year members are taken into the circle standing on either side of the Worthy Matron.

Prayer: Kind Heavenly Father, we look to Thee with grateful hearts for the blessings of these past twenty five years. They have been many and varied, Oh Father, and for each individual blessing we thank Thee. We ask Thy continued blessing upon our Order. Make us eager and willing to serve Thee, and walk only in the paths that are pleasing in Thy sight. Our Father, we ask a special blessing upon these our sisters and brothers who have just completed twenty five years of service in our Chapters. If it be Thy will may they have many more useful years before them. Be with us in our deliberations. May all that we do be done to Thy honor and glory. In Thy Name we ask it. Amen.

At the close of the prayer all join in singing a verse of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds".

When all the officers have resumed their places the Collector of Stars steps to a place behind Esther's station and says:

Worthy Matron, my mission is completed and I beg leave to retire.

Worthy Matron says:

Collector of Silver Stars, we thank you for coming; and as your mission is completed we grant you permission to retire.

Collector bows and says:

Farewell.

Worthy Matron responds:

Farewell.