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PRESENTING 50-YEAR PINS.

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Worthy Matron: Sister Marshal, you will present ----- and ----- back of Esther's chair for welcoming.

To soft music, this is done.

Worthy Matron: Tonight is an important milestone to each of us. ----- and ----- are being presented with their 50-year pins. No words of mine can add to the glow in our hearts when we think of their years of faithful service in our Order. Our present importance and prosperity are built upon the firm strong foundation of the past... and these dear Members have contributed much to that past. Dear ones, our debt of gratitude is not paid by presenting you with these pins, but it is a tangible reminder of our loving association.

Sister Marshal, you will present these Members in the East.

To soft music this is done. Either five or six Sisters in formals move forward. If six Courtesy Girls are used, one holds a decorated basket, from which each of the other five take items. If not, use five, and each carries her own. In a small Chapter, these may be the Star Points. Each places article about honored Member, as she speaks her lines.

First Sister: Dear Members, I give you this robe of Charity, that you may show Charity for our future efforts, as you have in the past. (Robes may be paper or cloth in midnight blue, decorated as desired. Bands of gold metallic paper adds richness. These are placed about the shoulders.)

Second Sister: Dear Members, I place upon your brows these crowns of Virtue. For fifty years, your exemplification of the virtues of our Order has deserved a crown. (These may be gilded cardboard, or wire screen beautifully trimmed with sequins and beads.)

Third Sister: Dear Members, these are the ties of friendship. Throughout the past fifty years they have grown stronger and stronger. We know that they will never break. (They are interwoven knots of silver and gold cord.)

Fourth Sister: Dear Members, these flowers of love are blossoming good wishes from the heart of every Member of our Chapter, - to you, who have given so much to us, in love and labors. (This is a boutonniere for each.)

Fifth Sister: Dear Members, these are the gifts of memory. We hope that the memory of this meeting will live for you, as precious as the memory of all that you have done, which will be forever bright to us. These pins will be a constant reminder that we appreciate all that you are and do. (Pins are pinned on.)

Choir or Soloist sings, to tune "Mighty Lak a Rose", the words...

You are precious Members... Everybody knows,
Memories of your service, have the ...Fragrance of a rose.
In our Chapter's morning, you... Served in harmony,
We pay the tribute to your faith, with... Love's sweet melody.
You grow ever dearer... And, in every thought,
Is the shining pattern... That your hearts have wrought.
In our Chapter's growing... You have done your part,
That is why, this evening... Love is in each heart.
Happiness in service... Loyalty and more;
You have added blessings... To our Chapter's days of yore.
So, tonight, dear Members... All our love we share,
You reflect the brilliance... Of our Star beyond compare.

Members are seated.

This concludes ceremony.