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FIFTY YEAR CEREMONY

To be given under "Good of the Order"

Worthy Patron addresses 50 year member(s) and says:

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The records tell that fifty years ago
You joined the members of this Order grand,
For all that you have done we'd like to show
Respect and honor, therefore we have planned
This tribute on a night we set aside
As yours alone, we think it is your due;
And now, with our Conductress as your guide,
Hear what our officers would say to you.

(A. C. will assist Conductress if there is more than one fifty year member to be honored).

Conductress rises, goes to the station of the 50 year member, bows, offers her right arm. They circle the room, stopping at the station of each point of the Star but NOT winding the labyrinth.

Adah: God gave us summer skies of beauty rare,
Small wonder that they chose the blue so fair
To represent Fidelity, and you
Exemplify its light in all you do.

Ruth: The glory of the sunshine marks the way
Of Constancy, and from the yellow ray
We honor you on this, your special night,
As you exemplify the golden light.

Esther: Significant of many things is white,
Of joy and purity and wondrous light;
We honor you for walking in the way
Of noble virtues taught by our white ray.

Martha: The resurrection story is revealed
In springtime beauty, aching hearts are healed
By Faith in God, you'll never walk alone
As long as you make this great truth your own.

Electa: A fervent love shines forth from our red ray,
Still radiant and beautiful today;
Fraternal love shall be for you the key
To blessings rich through all the years to be.

Conductress pauses between Electa and Chaplin, facing East.

Marshal: It is our joy to honor you tonight,
And as you cherish memories so dear,
May you find added to them all the bright
And loving tribute to your golden year.

Chaplain: I'll never know why stars at night
Shine in the heavens blue,
And twinkle with a silver light -
I only know they do.

I like to think a Loving Friend
Has lighted candles there,
Assuring us that He will send
An answer to each prayer.

Conductress proceeds to the Station of the Worthy Matron, ~~remembering~~
~~not to cross between the altar and the East.~~

Worthy Matron: As we turn down the lane of yesterday
We pay tribute to those who blazed the trail,
Your deeds shall live on for you paved the way
That we follow now and we cannot fail.

Dear Golden Member(s), I take great pride
In presenting 50 year honors to you;
God cherish you tenderly, be your guide
As He has all your faithful lifetime through.

(Present pin(2)).

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~~X~~You may say something like this:

As Worthy Matron of -----Chapter, it is my happy privilege
to present to you this 50 year award of gold as a token of our love
and appreciation of your outward symbol of an inner loyalty and
faithfulness.