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PRESENTING A FIFTY YEAR PIN AND CERTIFICATE

Under the Good of the Order

Worthy Matrons: Sisters and Brothers, tonight marks one of the happiest occasions of our year. We are to have the pleasure of presenting a fifty-year pin and certificate to a member. Sister _____ will you please stand?
Sister Conductress, will you escort our distinguished member to the East.

(The honored member is introduced and welcomed. Since fifty year members are quite elderly, she should be seated immediately before any part of the addendum is given. Have the chair placed as near the front of the dais as is feasible so that the Sister can see the Star Points as they speak.)

Worthy Matron: Sister _____, no words can express the gladness in our hearts as we honor you tonight. You are truly a most distinguished member of the Eastern Star. Over a period of fifty years you have served our Order, giving your best efforts to the welfare of others, and to promoting the principles of Charity, Truth, and Loving-kindness. You have seen our Order rise to be one of the greatest and strongest fraternities in existence. It is people like you -- the steadfast, unselfish, and true -- who have made the Eastern Star what it is today.

Soloist sings "I Love You Truly", or some other appropriate song - perhaps some old-fashioned song that would tie in with the member's name. While music is in progress the Star Points turn out their lights.

Worthy Matron: Sister Adah, have you a tribute from the ray of blue to our faithful member so loyal and true?

Adah: (Rises and turns on her station light)
My friend, because of your fidelity to convictions of right this ray of blue has shed its light over these fifty years

Worthy Matron: Sister Ruth, have you a tribute from the yellow ray to our sister who has followed it day by day?

Ruth: (Rises and turns on her station light)
My friend, because of your constancy to our Chapter here, the yellow ray has shown out so bright and clear over these fifty years

Worthy Matron: Sister Esther, have you a tribute from the ray of white for our sister who exemplifies joy, purity, and light?

Esther: (Rises and turns on her station light)
My friend, the white ray of joy, purity, and light, has shown out in life so lovely and bright, over these fifty years

Worthy Matron: Sister Martha, have you a tribute from the ray of green to our sister whose faith we have seen?

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Martha: (Rises and turns on her station light)
My friend, the lessons of faith as taught in this ray has
been your inspiration from day to day over these fifty years

Worthy Matron: Sister Electa, have you a tribute from the ray of red for our
sister, who a courageous life has led?

Electa: (Rises and turns on her station light)
My friend, the ray of beautiful red around us all you've
helped to spread, over these fifty years.

After the Star Points have finished their part of the program, the Worthy Matron asks
the honored member to stand. If she has requested that a certain person be allowed
to present the pin, or if the Worthy Matron has someone in mind for this part of the
ceremony, the conductress would be asked to escort this person to the East at this
time. The pin and certificate are presented with appropriate remarks.

All could unite in singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds", if the Worthy Matron so
wishes.

The Conductress is instructed to return the members to their places in the Chapter.

This is a basic addendum. Many variations are possible. Much depends on the
physical condition of the honoree.

The Bible could be closed and the Conductress could lead the Sister around to the
Star Points as they speak. If the Chapter wishes to present a gift in addition to
the pin, the Star Points could place a flower in a small "Eastern Star" vase, held
by the Conductress; or ribbon book marks in a small volume of poetry.

The Star Points may sit as each one completes her verse, or they may remain standing
until Electa has finished and all sit in unison.

The honored Sister usually gives a response, but some are unable to do so.