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Suggested Ideas for a Golden Anniversary

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Invitations printed in gold letters may be sent all Chapters within a radius of many miles. They may also be sent to out of town members and former members who have moved away. If a dinner is being served previous to the Chapter meeting, a small card is included giving the designated place of the dinner, the time, price (if a charge is made) and the names of persons taking reservations. Guests could not expect to come to a dinner of this kind without reservations.

The most honored guests of the occasion are, of course, the charter members, if any survive. They should receive written invitations, and have special attention throughout the evening, being presented to the East and given flowers of a golden hue or a small gift in commemoration of the occasion. The Past Matrons and Patrons should also be introduced and given words of appreciation for their part in making the Chapter history.

Included in the evening's program should be the Chapter history, beginning with its institution and carried down to the present. Different members, preferably the older ones, might be asked to recall events and incidents that have happened thru the years. None of these should be extemporaneous--have everything planned and ask members in advance for these talks.

Songs, old and new may be sung. A fashion show during the dinner or refreshment period, depicting dresses of the styles worn by worthy matrons over a period of years might add interest and fun.

Cutting of the Birthday cake, either in the dining room or chapter room, should be made a colorful ceremony. Charter members and past officers may cut the cake.

Decorations--Gold, gold just everywhere. Greenery may be gilded and used profusely. Gold crepe paper streamers and gold crepe paper table decorations. Place cards, if used, printed in gold. One other color may be added for contrast, blue, red or green but if this is done the second color should not be very prominent.

Corsages of gilded greenery is paper lace (gold ones) make pretty table favors. Little ships made of pipe cleaners, gumdrops and gold cellophane sails make attractive table decorations. If the birthday is held in the flower season, nasturtiums, daffodils, sinias, marigolds and many other flowers are suitable. Gold tapers on the table also add to the beauty.

Refreshments served may carry out the same golden hue. Gelatine salad, open faced sandwiches, gold cake, etc.

If possible, officers should wear gold dresses. In one Chapter which celebrated its golden anniversary this year, the officers have been wearing gold lace dresses all made alike, throughout the year.

Second Chapter February
Fall

A GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY

Presentation of Gift to the Chapter

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NOTE: A gift to the Chapter, preferably by all the members, is most fitting for an anniversary of this sort. A new corn and sceptre for Esther's pedestal, a golden sheaf of barley for Ruth's station or a golden cup for Klara's chair-- or perhaps a golden signet. It is best to have a gift that will be lasting and that may be enjoyed by all the Chapter.

(Select a person with a good speaking voice to present this gift.)

Speaker: For 50 years we've worked together
Odd members, tried and true;
No task too great, no work too hard,
'twas thus our long friendship grew.

Time has increased our numbers
But we are still working side by side
Enjoying the privilege of brotherly love
And maybe puffed up with pardonable pride.

'twas this pride that jumped right over the traces
Why it started straight off on high
'til we got busy and bought this memo
To remember this evening by.

It's a golden gift we give to our Chapter
From every member in it
May it speak of good cheer
Thru the coming years
As time ticks off the minutes.