

Presentation of Fifty Year Emblem

Worshipful Master:

Brethren, we pause in our deliberations for the purpose of paying a tribute of respect to Brethren who have served in the ranks of the Masonic Fraternity for a period of two score and ten years. The Years of Man are readily divisible by the symbolic number "3".

Youth: The springtime of life, when with vision and energy, the attainment of useful knowledge is planned.

Manhood: Bring to fruition, the visions of Youth by performing our duties to God, our Country, our neighbor and ourselves.

Maturity: The time for relaxation, contemplation and retrospection; the period of time, that from the experience of the past, we are able to give counsel, advice and guidance for the building of every good and laudable service for the perpetuity of Freemasonry. It is the recognizing of this phase of life – Maturity – to which we are now directing our attention.

Brothers _____, _____ and _____ having attained this distinction, I congratulate you. That the Brethren may know of your Masonic affiliation, the Secretary will read from our records.

(The Secretary reads the records)

Worshipful Master:

The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, recognizing this Masonic Maturity, presents a Fifty Year Service Emblem of Gold. Brother _____, Representative of the Grand Master, will on his behalf, present this Emblem of Service.

Representative of the Grand Master:

Brother Steward, you will present Brothers _____, _____ and _____, at the Altar of Freemasonry.

Presentation of Fifty Year Emblem, Continued

(The Brethren having been presented, the Representative of the Grand Master continues.)

Brethren, fifty years ago, you stood, as you do now, before the Altar of Freemasonry, where you obligated yourselves to be true and faithful Brethren of the Craft; to observe with diligence, your duties to God, your Country, your neighbor and yourselves. For fifty years, you have labored to spread Masonic Light and Knowledge, and have reached this Maturity that is especially recognized by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Before engaging further, let us invoke a Divine blessing upon this our present undertaking. – Brother Chaplain –

Chaplain: (From his place in the East)

Most Holy and Glorious Lord God, thou Great Architect of heaven and earth, who art the giver of all good gifts and graces, vouchsafe to us Thy guidance and grace. Look down with favor upon these our Brethren who have been endued with the Spirit of Masonry during the length of days. Give them grace to continue this service in health, strength and abiding faith. May the Light of Thy Countenance shine upon them that they may dwell in Thy love all the days of their lives. This we ask to the glory and honor of Thy Name, world without end. Amen.

Response by the Brethren: So mote it be.

Representative of the Grand Master:

Brother Steward, conduct the Brethren to the East.

Brethren, we have heard read the Masonic records of the Brethren we are honoring at this time. Each has attained the Fiftieth Milestone of the pilgrimage of Symbolic Masonry. Brethren, in recognition of your Fifty Year membership in the Masonic Fraternity, the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has seen fit to prepare and bestow upon you an Emblem of Gold. By virtue of the authority in me vested by The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of The Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, I do present to you the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge Award of Gold as a visible token of its Fraternal love and grateful appreciation. (Invest with Emblem.) May you wear this Emblem with pleasure to yourself and with honor to the Fraternity wheresoever dispersed. I congratulate you upon this distinctive recognition.