**News Release: Service Awards**

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**NEWS**

 ***(Mm/day/yr)***

**For further information, please contact: *(Name of Lodge Secretary and telephone number.)***

 The ***(Name)*** Masonic Lodge No. ***(#)*** in ***(City)*** paid tribute to ***(#)***of its longtime members at its annual awards night ***(Month & day)*** at ***(Place****.****)***

 Those honored were **(*Full Name(s))*** for 60-years of membership; ***(Full Name(s))*** for 50-years of membership; and ***(Full Name(s))*** for 25-years of membership. Each man received a commemorative pin and certificate to mark the occasion.

 Guests at the meeting were ***(Names and titles.)***

 ***(Fill in more detailed information about a particular award recipient if newsworthy.)***

Charity is an important tenet of the Masonic fraternity. The 90,000 Masons in Ohio provide approximately $15 million in charitable giving annually, including college scholarships, support of the Special Olympics Ohio Summer Games, and free training for Ohio school teachers to recognize students at non-academic risk.

 General information is available at [www.freemason.com](http://www.freemason.com/). For local information, contact ***(name of Lodge Secretary and telephone number)****.*

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**EXAMPLE:** The ***(Name)*** Masonic Lodge No. ***(#)*** honored several of its members on ***(Month & day)*** for their combined ***(#)*** years of service. Pictured are: (first row, from left) ***(Full Name) (# of years), (Full Name) (# of years)… .***