

by Mary Elvers
Presenting Sheaf

Ruth

WORTHY MATRON, WORTHY PATRON, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
OF GOLDEN QUEEN # 17

IT IS MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT TO YOU THE EMBLEM
REPRESENTING THE STATION OF RUTH.

I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU TOOK ME IN
ENTREAT ME NOT TO LEAVE THEE, NOR UNCLASP THY LOOSENING HAND;
WHITHER THOU GOEST I WILL GO
AND WHERE THOU LODGEST I WILL LODGE
THY PEOPLE SHALL BE MY PEOPLE
AND THY GOD MY GOD

FROM THIS LESSON OF RUTH, WE LEARN TRUE CONSTANCY, BOTH
TO SERVICE AND THE PEOPLE OF GOD, IS ALWAYS REWARDED.
PLANT SEEDS OF FRIENDSHIP, THE SYMBOLIZATION OF THE SHEAF
AND IN DUE SEASON, YOU WILL REAP THE REWARD OF GOLDEN FRIENDS
AND PRODUCE A HUNDRED FOLD OF PEACEFUL FRUITS OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS. IF WE BIND LOVE AND CONSTANCY TOGETHER WITH
PATIENT INDUSTRY, GATHERING HERE AND THERE, WE WILL
GLEAN THE GOLDEN GRAIN OF LIFE'S HARVEST.

WITH THIS HARVEST, I PRESENT TO THE POINT OF RUTH
THE SHEAF OF BOUNTY TO CARE FOR AND PROTECT FOR THE
YEARS TO COME.