BIRTHDAY CEREMONY FOR THE PRESIDING OFFICER

From one to twelve people may take part in this ceremony. Paragraphs are numbered, making for easy division of speaking parts. In this manner one person may present the complete ceremony, two people may alternate with verses, or one verse may be given by each of twelve people, etc.

1

There are special times for everything.
    There are special days beyond our count.
The weeks and days that are set aside
    To celebrate something mount and mount.

2

There is a day for firecrackers and guns.
    There is a day for planting trees.
There is a time for writing letters,
    And one for selling milk and cheese.

3

There's a special time for honoring
    The famed hot dog within its bun.
There's a day for eating pumpkin pie,
    A day for spooks and ghostly fun.

4

And then there is another day
    That never received quite the fame
We all agree that it deserves,
    Officially, it even has no name.

5

The story behind this celebration
    Is simple enough for me to tell.
Because it's all about a someone
    Whom we all know quite well.

6

Once upon a time, and really,
    It wasn't so very long ago,
The stork paid a little visit,
    And brought someone we know.

7

Most of us knew nothing of this.
It was years before most of us knew,
That the little bundle of joy,
Was a sister to me and to you!

8

The little infant grew and then,
Blossomed into girlhood's grace,
Each lovely trait reflected,
In her kindly, well loved face.

9

Attentive to the tasks she had,
She learned with gracious ease.
And, she mastered the difficult job
Of learning just how to please.

10

By this time you must have guessed,
That the day we are about to celebrate
Might not be in any history books
But it's still a very important date.

11

For this is the very day on which
Our (Presiding Officer) met her Mom and Dad.
(Little did they guess at this late date
Their blessed event would make us glad!)

12

(Presiding Officer), our Lodge Members
Wish for you everything fine and grand,
For we are very sure that we have,
The finest (Presiding Officer) in the land!

As the lodge members join in singing "Happy Birthday to You," a birthday cake is brought in. If the Presiding Officer's color for the year is suitable, the frosting of the cake may be tinted this color. Should the Presiding Officer's color not lend itself well to this decoration, a small celluloid or plastic doll may be dressed from pieces of material used in the gowns for the officers. The cake may then be frosted in white, and the tiny doll placed on top. If a musical revolving birthday plate is available, it may be used effectively before the membership joins in the singing.