BIRTHDAY CAKE CEREMONY

By Lola Lamoreux

After all members and guests are seated in the dining room have birthday cake surrounded by candles, brought into the room and put on a small table in a prominent place.

The Worthy Matron then says: Sisters and brothers, if our birthday cake could speak this is probably what it would say:

I'm just a cake to some folks,
A pretty thing to see,
With many candles burning
Like a Yuletide Christmas tree.

My many candles glowing,
Mean that many years have gone,
Each year a treasured memory
Full of work and deeds well done.

I'm just a cake with frosting,
A birthday symbol sweet
Presented to this Chapter
For the O.E.S. to eat.

I'm just a cake to some folks,
And I care not who they are
So I'm wishing happy birthday
To this Chapter of the Star.

At this time we will ask the Past Matrons of this Chapter to rise. My sisters, on our anniversaries our thoughts are always turned to you—

for to your efforts we owe in a large measure the success of our Chapter. You have been the faithful leaders of our Order, and each year of the past has belonged to you. We ask you now to form a line, and as we all join in singing this birthday song will you each cut a piece of our birthday cake.

Tane-Jusahita.

Copies should be placed on the tables so that all may join in singing.

Eastern Star we love you,
As we celebrate this night
Mary years we've served you,
'Math your glowing light,
Our first Worthy Matron,
Worked so hard for our success,
With the helpful Patron,
Brought us happiness.
Then followed some others,
Who did much to bring us cheer,
Charity, love and courage,
And our sisters dear.

As time moved onward,
As it brought on other years,
New sisters helped us
See our Star shine clear.
Then our Star grew brighter
With new faces in the East
They worked hard for others,
Counted self the least.
Now we join together
On this happy birthday night,
Wishing each other pleasure
In our Star so bright.

At the close of the song, the cake is taken cut and a committee finishes cutting before it is put on the table and served.