BIRTHDAY CEREMONY

A Charter Member with a lighted candle approaches the altar, and takes her position back of the altar. While the organist plays soft music, officers take the following positions with unlighted candles. Formation Star within the circle.

After Charter Member repeats her lines, she approaches Worthy Matron, Marshal, etc., lighting their candles while each officer gives appropriate verse; then approaches Adah, continuing through the labyrinth.

While soft music is being played, all officers resume their respective stations, placing lighted candles upon the pedestals.

Soloist sings the solo, "Memories," or any other appropriate solo after which the Worthy Matron may call upon Past Matrons and fast Patrons to review the highlights of the Chapter's history.

Charter Member repeats:

_____ years ago tonight,
We lit a candle of service and love.
That has burned with undimmed brightness
Kindled with fires from above.
There have been many days of sunshine
A few days of shadows and cares,
And God in His infinite wisdom
Has blessed our efforts and prayers.
We look with faith to the future
Inspired hopes fill our hearts.
A blessing to all, our mission
Each one to have a part.

Charter Member approaches Worthy Matron, lighting her candle.

**Worthy Matron repeats:**

We have now reached another milestone in the history of our Chapter. With the help of our Heavenly Father, we have accomplished a great deal. Tonight let us pledge our lives anew to earnest and willing service, in the glory of our beautiful Star. May we strive for true loyalty, for without true loyalty our Chapter will be like the house built upon the shifting sands.

So with loyalty true, may we begin each year aright
That into all the shadows, we may send our rays of light.

**Marshal repeats:**

Dear red, white and blue, how we love thee.
Keep waving oe'r the land and the sea
Speak peace to this world filled with sorrow,
Oh beautiful flag of the free.

**Secretary repeats:**

A page of white, this new Chapter year
Now lies before us all,
May records of love and thoughtfulness Be recorded in God's book for all.

**Conductress repeats:**

May we give to all those kindly words
That help when things go wrong,
Be constant and devoted,
Help to make the years a song.

**Warder repeats:**

May all those who cross our threshold o'er
Find peace, contentment within our door.
May we each put forth a friendly hand
Sending cheer and love throughout the land.

**Associate Matron repeats:**

______ years of earnest labors
Have built this Chapter fair,
Love was its inspiration,
Faith laid the cornerstone there.
My own beloved Chapter,
Tonight shall be my toast:
May years of love and service
Forevermore be her boast.

**Associate Conductress repeats:**

May we give to our Chapter willing hands
That makes all work seem play.
Unselfish hands are joyful hands
And serving, seek no pay.

**Treasurer repeats:**

In the bank of life, the kindness
We invest from day to day
Will bring to us great happiness
Cheer and comfort all the way.

**Chaplain repeats:**

May we give more cheer and sunshine
Each other's burdens help to share
Then we'll know that God will bless us
And guide us, everywhere.

**Adah repeats:**

With Adah's candle burning
May we, our vows renew,
And willingly to our Chapter
Pledge fidelity true.

**Ruth repeats:**

With Ruth's candle glowing brightly
We pledge love and constancy
To friends and to loved ones
And to our Saviour of Galilee.

**Esther repeats:**

With Esther's candle shining
We pledge loyalty to our Star.
May our deeds of Christian service
Send radiant beams afar.

**Martha repeats:**

With Martha's candle glowing
We pledge faith in Eternal Day.
Knowing, if we but follow
God will guide us all the way.
Elect a repeats:

With Electa's candle glowing
We pledge truth and charity
To help the needy and the suffering
Knowing our lives will the brighter be.

Solo: "Memories"

Memories, memories,
Dreams of love so true
Spirit of Fraternity
In the hearts of you.
Memories, memories
Oh happy, toilsome days
For the rays of our Star to shine afar
Oh beautiful memories.