DEDICATION

Presiding officer (or one specifically appointed to serve):

As we walk along on the steep hillside of life, we are profoundly glad for the good thereof. In our ceaseless, untiring effort to ever climb onward and upward, we thankfully, yet unthinkingly, accept the softness of the newly fallen snow; the warmth and light of the golden sun; the fertility of the humble soil and the brightness of the glorious heavens.

We pause in awesome delight with the trill of a new or strange bird and in listening we inwardly feel the movement of a stirring concerto.

We stop to absorb the rich, deep color and pleasant aroma of a bright, sweet blossom and in gazing, inwardly sense the fragrance and beauty of a majestic garden.

It is in the newness and beauty of the little things that the weight and trial of the wholeness of life finds relief and is refreshed.

Tonight we are enjoying that newness and beauty in the acceptance of new . All of us have dedicated our hearts and our lives to the principles of our order. May we pause on the road of good fellowship to acknowledge the addition to our store of privileges and dedicate them, through faith and prayer, to charity, patriotism and loving kindness.

Press on with courage toward the goal, Face the summit with a will; Enjoy the beauty and the song As you plod upward on life's hill.