HAPPY BIRTHDAY PROGRAM  
to Honor  
PAST MATRONS and PAST PATRONS  
and  
BIRTHDAY OF CHAPTER  

by Ruth Adams, P.M. (Arizona)  

Have all Past Matrons and Past Patrons presented back of Esther's chair. After Matron addresses them, present gifts and then have them escorted to the East and reseated.  
Speaking parts (short) for 13 officers who light candles. Be sure lights are dimmed low so the candles will show to advantage. When the song is almost finished, officers light their candles. Each officer rises to say her verse and remains standing until the program is over.

WORTHY MATRON:  

To you, our Past Matrons and Past Patrons,  
I am pleased to bring our greetings.  
In years gone by you have led with zeal  
In friendly and beautiful meetings.  

With the light of love and friendship  
You have built our Chapter as it stands,  
So tonight we are proud to honor you  
For the work of your willing hands.  

You carried a light within your hearts  
That burned with a steady flame  
To promote good fellowship and love  
Was always your constant aim.  

As you passed on from year to year,  
The light of your wisdom and strength,  
Our Chapter has grown in many ways  
And our Golden Chain added in length.  

We are always happy to welcome you  
And tonight we're especially glad you are here  
To bring the light of your friendship  
As we celebrate our —— year.  

SOLOIST: (suitable song)  
(Candles should be lighted)  

ASSOCIATE MATRON:  

H is for the Happy Hours  
That we have spent together,  
Building our Chapter for —— years  
Through fair or stormy weather.
WARDER:

A is for our Allegiance
To the vows we gave at our altar,
Allegiance to God, our Country, and Friends,
Never from these to falter.

CONDUCTRESS:

P is for our Pioneers
Those Chapter Members now gone;
They lighted the way for us to follow
As their work we now carry on.

ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS:

P is for our Past Matrons and Patrons
Who stood in the East, side by side,
The work they have done is most worthy
And we look to each one with pride.

SECRETARY:

Y is for the Youth of our Chapter
For without Youth, our Chapter would die;
Their enthusiasms, dreams, and hopes
Keep our spirits ever young and high.

ESTHER:

B is for the Beauty of our Order
And for the Beauty of Queen Esther, too,
Whose courage, pride and loyalty
Should inspire us in all that we do.

MARTHA:

I is for the Inspiration
That is found at the point of green;
As Martha's story of faith and hope
Ever reminds us of things unseen.

RUTH:

R stands for our heroine Ruth
And the Reverence she displayed
As she remained constant and true
To the promises she had made.

ELECTA:

T stands for Truth and for Tolerance
As taught at the point of red;
We must remember to "Love One Another"
As along life's pathway we tread.
TREASURER:

H is for the many Honors
In Grand Chapter we have attained,
And also for the Happiness
That by "sharing" we have gained.

MARSHAL:

D is for Devotion to Duty
Through our loving service for others,
Always remembering our purpose
To help our Sisters and Brothers.

ADAH:

A is, of course, for Adah,
The heroine at the point of blue,
All through the years her virtues
Have taught us to be faithful and true.

CHAPLAIN:

Y is for our Golden Years
— years in the light of our Star,
Led by His Book and the Golden Rule
We have walked with faith thus far.

WORTHY PATRON:

Past Matrons, Past Patrons, and Members,
A Happy Birthday we wish to you all,
The past has been good, and the present, too,
Please come back at the next birthday call.

ALL: Sing "Happy Birthday."

Officers extinguish candles and all are seated