A SUNSET BIRTHDAY

Honoring Members Who Have Reached or Passed Their Seventieth Birthday

Worthy Matron: Sisters and Brothers, tonight we are honoring Sisters (names) and Brothers (names) who have reached (or passed) the age of seventy years, and are entitled now to enjoy the sunset years of life. This is an outstanding event in our Chapter life.

For:

Seventy years, an epoch date -
Sets forth man's heaven-allotted time:
Life's sunset gilds the postern gate
And thoughts evolve, pensive, sublime.

Throughout a life of seventy years
Experiences gather fast -
And in their retrospect appears
A varied landscape of the past.

No path is with sweet roses strown
Without the incidental thorn;
But oft-time, grief a seed has sown
That blossomed in a faith new-born.

In God's all-seeing plan of life
A checkered path if man's to tread;
An hour of peace, an hour of strife,
Yet - still the sun shines overhead.

We trust that of our chapter here
None but the happiest memories dwell;
That less of shadow may appear,
And more of joy in what befell.

God lead your lives in pleasant lines,
And if it be his gracious will...
Lengthen the rays as the sun declines
And spare you to be with us still.