Suggested Robert Morris Program

Program - The following songs are appropriate to sing as a duet, solo or by members.

Brighten The Corner Where You Are, Stepping In The Light, Hossana, and Help Somebody Today.

The following about Robert Morris to be given by Sec'y, W. Patron and W. Matron:

1-Secretary's part

Now we gather so we may hear - Of a man who lived in yester year.
His story you know, at least most of you - Have heard how much to him is due.
(Robert Morris, his name, And what is the claim?)
Our Order he planned and gave it a start - So we have been asked to do our part;
To pay him tribute, with hearts sincere - As this time rolls round each passing year.
So list to the tale, 'twill not be long - Tho worthy it is of more brilliant song;
Than the Muse doth give this humble pen - To write of so noble a man among men.
From whence did he come, any family fame? Now let us recall when History first came.
To our childish ears -- Did we like it much?
Still it taught of wars, stamp taxes and such.
And men renowned like Washington - Who led brave soldiers, yes, every one.
Did fight his best to make us free - From our mother country across the sea.

2-Worthy Patron's part

Our land was poor and much money was needed, Before England could really be defeated.
A patriot arose to meet the task - And what was his name do you ask?
Yes, Robert Morris, you guessed aright - He financed the war, the job was done right.
From such a forebear our hero came - Our Robert Morris of O. E. S. Fame.
He was born near Boston the last August day - Just 7 score and 15 long years away.
New York was his home as a child & lad - There he studied, played & ne'er seemed sad.

3-Worthy Matron's part

The study of law plus a classical mind - Made him one whose equal was hard to find.
A teacher, a poet, a traveler was he - Who toured the land and crossed the sea.
He presided o'er colleges in the deep South - Students hung on the words of his mouth
Here, too, a Mason he became - And from that day forward he was never quite the same.
An ardent and active member was he - Who soon had visions of how you and me;
Could share in some small measure - The benefits of the rich Masonic treasure.
His fertile mind evolved a degree - And that is why, that now you see;
Our beautiful Order, the Eastern Star - In places both near, and quite far.
His zeal for Masonry will ne'er be forgot - The rich store he left us is quite a lot.
There are papers, poems, & songs galore - To add to our Masonic & Eastern Star lore.

Before Worthy Patron gives obligation all members sing the following songs to tune:
"America The Beautiful" (Make enough copies for members.)

How Beautiful and honorable
Our sacred Eastern Star.
The lives we live, the deeds we do
Are known both near and far.
And As we gather here tonight,
Our pledges we'll renew;
To let our lives be guided by
Red, yellow, white, green and blue.

Worthy Patron goes to altar to give Obligation and members circle about the altar.

After Obligation all join hands and sing, "Blest Be the Tie."
In September there should be gay flowers to have about the Temple for the event -
Just your garden flowers
Why not serve a Robert Morris Birthday cake for refreshments? Just a suggestion.