HONORING

R-O-B-E-R-T M-O-R-R-I-S

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WORTHY MATRON

We enjoy our Eastern Star, and we are proud to be members of this great fraternal organization. Do we realize that the Order of the Eastern Star is not something that just happened? It is the realization of a great man's dream. The man was Robert Morris. He wrote the first Ritual which was called "The Rosary of the Eastern Star."

Our Order of the Eastern Star went through many changes in organization before it reached its present form with subordinate Chapters, Grand Chapters and a General Grand Chapter. The Ritual we use today is based on "The Rosary of the Eastern Star."

Dr. Rob Morris made many contributions in his lifetime. He was a lawyer, teacher, lecturer, educator and instructor in Masonry. He did much creative writing. Because of his interest in fraternal work and because of his creative ability, you and I can proudly say, "I am a member of the Eastern Star." The name ROBERT MORRIS has great significance. Let us consider what the letters in his name might indicate.

Twelve members stand in West. Each holds a letter of the words, R-O-B-E-R-T M-O-R-R-I-S. Each tells about her letter. Each letter should be printed on a piece of cardboard approximately 8x8 in. The letters could be in the Matron's colors or could be painted gold or silver. Glitter would make the letters more attractive.

R —

For RITUAL and Robert, too,
A book that's old yet ever new.

O —

For ORDER of the Eastern Star
His dream extended, Oh, so far!

B —

For BETTERMENT through which we learn
True friendship must be rightly earned.

E —

For ENERGY he never spared
In showing friends he really cared.
R –

For RICHES in his friendship chest,
His kind of gold has stood the test.

T –

For TRUTH which gives, one inner strength
To go the way, whatever length.

M –

For MORRIS of fraternal fame
All Eastern Stars revere his name.

O –

For OTHERS whom he gave first place,
And knocked no one to win a race.

R –

For RIGHT he held no compromise
Learn the work. Don't improvise.

R –

For RULES, he picked the Golden one
To guide our lives in work or fun.

I –

For INTEREST he had in work,
Reminding us we must not shirk.

S –

For SONGS he wrote beside the sea –
The one best known, "O, Galilee."

While group stands in the West holding the letters, a soloist or a group
will sing, "O, Galilee."