

Robert Morris, who wrote our ritual, or at least adopted it to the present purposes, was a Christian minister and deep student of Masonic History and of symbolism. The Eastern Star was, as its name indicated, intended to symbolize the Christ. It was the Star which led the Wisemen to the Infant Jesus.

You will note on the signet the symbols of the Open Bible, the Lily of the Valley, The Sun, the Lamb, and the Lion, and we are taught in the Patron's lecture that these have certain meanings. Each of these symbols were selected by Robert Morris with a specific idea of presenting to us the Christ by the various names in which He is mentioned throughout the Bible. It was intended that each of these symbols should call to mind in each of us, when seen, the Christ and none other. The Open Bible was to Robert Morris "The Word of God", by which name the Christ is mentioned numerous times through the Bible. The lily of the valley was the name by which Solomon in his songs delight to speak of the Christ whom he was expecting. In Malchiel IV-2 the Christ is spoken of as the Sun of Righteousness, in John I-20 we find him spoken of as the Lamb of God, and a number of times in the Old Testament and again in Revelations V-2 he is spoken of as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, and so to each of Christian members of this Order, these symbols should call to mind when seen, the Christ himself.

Then passing to the heroines of our Order, we find that three of them are Old Testament heroines, but each was selected by Morris because of the fact that she depicted in her life some of the sacrifice which Christ, Himself, had made.