

ROB MORRIS

Masonic Teacher, Writer, and Founder of the Order Eastern Star.

by

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Having received so many requests for material for a "ROB MORRIS NIGHT" and believing that we, the members of the order which he founded, should know more about him than many of us do know, I have written the following which may be given under the Order of Business "The Good of the Order", if it is permissible in your state to give it at that time. If it is not permissible to give it then, this may be presented after the closing of the chapter in which event the Worthy Matron will instruct the officers to remain in their stations, or to "resume their stations" for the presentation of a program honoring Rob Morris, founder of our Order.

Balloons (blue, yellow, white, green, and red) may be released by the officers at the time specified in the last speech by the Worthy Matron, IF YOU CAN GET GAS FILLED BALLOONS WHICH WILL ASCEND WHEN RELEASED.

The Worthy Matron opens this addendum by arising and speaking as follows:

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~~WORTHY MATRON.~~ Sisters and brothers: Just as there is danger that children uninstructed in the truth about Christmas - its origin and the *real* reason for its celebration - may think that it begins and ends with the legendary person "Santa Claus", so may we, the members of the largest female organization in the world, remain in ignorance of *its* origin, its founder, the struggles it had in the beginning, as well as of the real work that it is accomplishing.

Because of this we shall devote a short period of time to the honor of Rob Morris, the Founder of Our Order.

Since "Questionnaires" seem to be a popular form of entertainment over our radios (and I believe many of us find them instructive as well as entertaining) we shall conduct a kind of "radio school of instruction". I shall be the inquisitor for the evening. ~~(W. M. sits)~~

For some of the facts in the speeches of the Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, and Associate Patron, I am indebted to "A Brief History of the Order" by W. J. Duncan. If you are interested in a complete history of the order, I recommend the purchase of Rev. Willis D. Engle's "History of the Order of the Eastern Star". This book may be purchased from the W. D. Engle Co., Indianapolis. The price is \$3.50.

COND.

~~WORTHY MATRON.~~ Worthy Patron: (he stands) Who was the founder of the Order of the Eastern Star and what do you know about him?

→ **WORTHY PATRON.** ~~Worthy Matron,~~ Rob Morris is generally esteemed as the founder of the Eastern Star.

He was born August 31, 1818, near Boston, Mass., where his family was spending the summer.

Upon his maturity he became a school teacher. He taught in several schools eventually locating as principal of Mount Sylvan Academy at Oxford, Mississippi where, at the age of twenty-three, he married Miss ~~Christina M. ...~~ Several children were born to this union.