

2017
Order of the Eastern Star
Iowa Grand Chapter
Plans And Project

Session Name: Stairway to the Stars - October 19 – 22, 2017
The Meadows Hotel & Convention Center,
Altoona, Iowa

Daily Guide: **Serenity Prayer:** Lord, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; Courage to change the things I can; and Wisdom to know the difference.

Motto: We will serve the Lord in all things.

Theme: Many friends will walk into our lives, but only true friends will stay and work together in the rough times.

Aim: It takes everyone working and believing together to grow into the future.

Watch Words: Faith, Hope. Love, Charity, Patience, Wisdom, Peace

Travel Emblems: Holy Bible, Baton & Baton Holder, Gavel

Colors: Hunter Green, Purple, with Silver/Gold accents

Flowers: Iris, Pansy, Lilac, Violet, Lily of the Valley

Symbols: Dogs (especially Pugs), Rabbits, Hard hat, Iris, Dove

Fun Symbols: Telescope, Binoculars, Dog Bone/Biscuit, Water Dish, Nurse Items

Honor Stations: Marshal, Adah, Esther, & Sentinel

Honor Groups: 50 Year Members, Veterans

Easter Star Trip:

“New England in the Summer” with Tri-State Travel (will need passport) – June 19 thru June 27. Itinerary, information and reservation packets available from Betty & Bill Briggs; Jane Green, Connie Keyt and John & Claudia Hauser

“Vision for the Stars” (so “No One is Left Behind”):

Sale of Iris pin, Sale of Iris Ornament; Flower and Dog Show – A Walk in the Garden; Golf Outing for the Stars; District Projects; Sale of baked goods at Conferring of the Degrees

Blood Donation: Increase awareness and promote blood donation and/or set up a blood drive

ESTARL: Sale of red/white/blue cross pin; Sale of nuts by Grand Officers at receptions (Grand Officer ESTARL fund); Sale of note cards

Youth: Sale of pug pin; Collection of pop tabs, Activities with the Youth

TLC: Port-a-cath pillows; Stuffed toys to the EMS for children needing EMS services

Eastern Star Masonic Home: Christmas Party – December 3, 2016; Fall picnic/auction – September 10, 2017; Sale of March Music & CDs

Barthell OES Home: Christmas Party – December 10, 2016; Spring picnic/plant sale & auction – June 4, 2017; Sale of March Music & CDs

Grand Chapter: Pave-a-Memory brick proceeds

2017 General Grand Chapter Projects

Regenerative Medicine

Support for First Responders

Names for Special Groups in 2017

Grand Officers:	Star Gazers
District Instructors:	Shooting Stars
50 Year Members:	Galaxies
Past Grand Matrons/Past Grand Patrons:	Evolved Stars
Worthy Matrons/Worthy Patrons:	Super Novas
Grand Representatives:	Star Bursts
Grand Chapter Committee Members:	Lucky Stars
Membership:	Milky Way

Music for 2017

March Music: “Stairway to the Stars” March written by Judy Wilson, PG Organist (2015); artwork by Larry Niday
Bible Carried In: “Amazing Grace”
Altar Work: “Amazing Grace”
Opening Ode: Chorus of “Surely the Presence of the Lord”
Flag Tribute: “America the Beautiful”
Draping: “Beyond the Sunset”
Initiation: “Bless Be the Tie that Binds”
Welcome Song: tune “Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”
Closing Ode: “Blessed Assurance”
Song in Outgoing March formation (Star):
Chorus of “We Three Kings”
“Puppies on Parade” Coin March:
Chorus of “How Much is that Doggy in the Window”

Scriptures

Worthy Grand Matron’s Scriptures

You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance...Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord’s unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him.” Psalm 32:7 & 10 (NIV)

“But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.” Ephesians 6:10-11 (NIV)

“Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us.” 1John:11-12 (NIV)

Worthy Grand Patrons Scripture’s

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” Psalms 133:1 (KJV)

“But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;” Mathew 5:44 (KJV)

“He hath made everything beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end. Ecclesiastes 3:11 (KJV)