

Golden Valley Lodge #616 Newsletter

Merry Christmas!
God Jul Och Gott Nytt År



Photo by Tuukka Errvasti from Imagebank.Sweden.se

Skansen is an open-air museum and zoo on Djurgården. It is dedicated to the Swedish heritage and portraying life and nature in Sweden principally from the 18th century onwards. When it opened in 1891, it was the first open-air museum in the world.

Next meeting: Thursday, December 8, 2016
We will be voting for next year's officers!

GVL Happenings

2017 Golden Valley Lodge dues:

The \$25 membership fee is due in January each year. After the Financial Secretary is voted in at our meeting this Thursday, December 8, a notice will be sent to you advising where to send your 2017 payment.

Regarding past-due 2016 dues: Telephone calls and emails will go out this month to those who are past due in 2016 advising that if you wish to remain a member of the Golden Valley Lodge, you must make the payment by the end of the year.

Christmas Party

We will have the traditional Lucia presentation at our annual Christmas Party. If your children or grandchildren are interested in participating, call Dorothy Burns at 818.340.6465.

What Happens if you Scream out a Window in Sweden at Night?

Find out here:

[youtube.com/watch?v=C_rttgtyigc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C_rttgtyigc)

(Copy and paste this in your browser's address line and hit enter/return.)

This video (among others) has been viewed over two million times, so I thought we should at least be aware of it too. The videos and stories on this subject are a bit misleading for viewers because it isn't clear that it really happens in two college towns and of course it isn't every night... people would go crazy! It is usually around finals when the tension is high for the students. It is a "relief valve" of sorts.

Happy December Birthday!



Laila Jensen	5th
Jonas Fornander	8th
Robert Shoemaker	10th
Carol Mendelson	15th
Chase Deric Dodd	15th
Eva Brown	25th
Robert Holstein	25th
Hubert Pitters	27th
Gunilla Lingstrom Polutanovich	29th
Lucas Taylor *	29th

* Denotes youth group member

Ha en trevlig födelsedag!

If you have any pictures or stories to share, please send them to laurietaylor@hotmail.com!

GVL 2016 Anniversary Pictures

Photography by Mona Steffan



There will be more pictures of the party in the book made for the district convention.

**Men's Night at Our Sister
Lodge Höganäs Lodge
#634 in Sweden**



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