

September 2015

Golden Valley Lodge #616 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 -
AUTUMNFEST AND
MARKNAD** with the annual
Meatball Contest.

For more information, go to
vasapark.org.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
must be postmarked by
October 1, 2015!

Welcome Back!



Next meeting: Thursday, September 10, 2015

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GVL Happenings

For those of you who may have missed Steve's touching memorial service, Ruth wrote this:

An Ode to Steve

By Ruth Wilkening

You will never know, how you are missed
Why did you have to go?
Your presence is so sorely missed,
We wish that you could know--

How much you were needed, and loved
in your home, at the lodge you were quite
indispensible.
Any job you were asked to do, with a smile,
you were incredible!

When you and Andrea joined our lodge,
There wasn't ever a job that you tried
to dodge.
Willingly, you *both* accepted them all, and
your togetherness was always noticed
by all.

Now likewise, Andrea, we're here for you.
Anything that you would like us to do.

A work day at your "home 'n' garden",
might be the thing,
Then coffee and potluck (with food-- that
we'd all bring!)

Marknad/Autumnfest

It is sure to be another beautiful day at Vasa Park! Don't miss the Marknad/Autumnfest with the Annual Meatball Contest on Sunday, September 20, 2015.

There will also be a special tribute by Musicians Without Borders from Sweden. We will be celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Pippi Longstocking books by Astrid Lindgren.



Pippi will be there too.

Golden Valley Lodge Fall Outing

A Message from: Tommy Eneberg

Hi Everybody,

First I will say THANKS to everybody who signed up for our Mexico Cruise. It is always fun to put on an event, when you get good participation. We have 39 Members and 2 Non Members going.

I will have updates and information, next meeting, September 10th. Berit Stenhoj will be there to answer any questions you have, so try to be there.

I know we will have FUN.

Happy September Birthday to:

Sylva Pitters	1st	Birgitta Glad	26th
Dawn C. Matthews	7th	Annika Buck	28th
Jason Blohm	19th	Bertil Winther	30th
Monica Waton	22nd		
Frank Muscarella	24th		



A 'Magically Delicious' Day

2015 Midsummer at Vasa



Left To Right: Laurie Taylor, Birgetta Clark, Delphine Trowbridge, Dorothy Burns, & Britt Potter at the Magic Castle in August 2015.



Above: Morgan Klintare representing Golden Valley Lodge, Columbia Carolina Pall representing North Star Lodge, Queen Rachel Demarjian representing Skandia Lodge, Svea Kirsten Greene representing Viking Lodge and Princess Kyra Daily representing Nordic Lodge. Photo: Heide Klintare

Swedish Lodge News:



Hans Bogren at the banquet



Flag ceremony



Knut Rosenkvist received 40-year pin



American guest Daga-Karin Lindqvist

Höganäs Lodge #634 60 Year Anniversary!



*Leif Larsson sings "We'll Meet Again"
Pictures: Morgan Pålsson*

On a beautiful summer day, on the 27th of June, 125 Vasa members gathered to celebrate the Lodge's 60-year anniversary. Among the guests were MGLEB Ulf Alderlöf, GLD DL 20 Catherine Bringselius-Nilsson, GLD DL 19 Ewa Pilhammar, DM DL 20 Karl-Axel Bengtsson, DM DL 19 Connie Grön and members from near and far. Chairman Birgit Olsson greeted an American guest, Daga-Karin Lindqvist of LL North Star No 145, welcome. A solemn flag ceremony was performed. Greetings and best wishes had come from the Grand Master, from DL 20 and many lodges. 10 and 25 years pins were awarded and Knut Rosenkvist received a pin for 40 years of membership. He expressed his gratitude and told how much the Vasa Order has meant to him.

When the meeting was closed a welcome drink was served and then the guests took their places at the beautifully decorated tables. A delicious meal was served and then the dancing began. As usual, the floor was quickly filled by members who love to dance. The memorable anniversary was closed by Leif Larsson singing "We'll Meet Again".

Sjölunden Camp at Concordia Language Village 2015



Left to Right: Gunlog Spaberg, Ann Heinstedt, Carter Lien (Maidie's grandson), Kaelin (Morningstar Lodge), Natalie Taylor, Jason Trowbridge, & Jonas Spaberg.

They had a great time at the Swedish language camp!



The Royal Swedish Family



Clockwise from top left: Christopher O'Neill, Princess Madeleine with daughter Leonore, Prince Daniel, Crown Princess Victoria with daughter Estelle, Prince Carl Philip, Sofia Hellqvist, King Carl XVI Gustaf, and Queen Silvia. Photo: Anna-Lena Ahlström/ Kungahuset.se



LATEST NEWS FROM THE ROYAL HOUSE IN SWEDEN!

Their Royal Highnesses Princess Victoria and Prince Daniel of Sweden have just announced that they are expecting their second child in March 2016!!

Here they are with their daughter Princess Estelle, Duchess of Östergötland. She is second in line of succession to the Swedish throne.

News from the District

The 2016 District #15 Convention will be held February 26-28, 2016 at the Hilton Hotel in Woodland Hills.

Golden Valley Lodge has been assigned the Friday Night Reception, Flowers, and Memorial Service.

There will also be a Host Raffle Table at the Convention. They would appreciate a donation of an item that could be used at the table; you can donate through the Lodge or as an individual. The Host Raffle drawing will be announced at the Luncheon on Sunday, February 28 and the winner does not need to be present. Raffle items will be received on Friday, February 26 in the Registration Room -- but individual donation delivery arrangements can also be made with a delegate.

If you have any questions or have any suggestions for entertainment, please contact Birgitta Roodsari at aroodsari@sbcglobal.net.

Loving Cat Needs Loving Home

A lovely, long-haired (tortoise?) black cat named, Minka. She is house broken, about 4 years old, has been fixed, very good-natured, and has lived inside only - but could adapt to outdoors too. Andrea Tabinelli is allergic and thinks it would be better to give the cat a nice home.



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