

# Golden Valley Lodge #616 Newsletter

## Chairman's Message

Dear Members,



Frank Muscarella,  
Chairman  
Golden Valley Lodge

First, I have the sad news that Isabella's mother, my mother-in-law, passed away on Sunday November 3rd 2013. If every son-in-law had a mother-in-law like her, the comments you hear about mothers-in-law and sons-in-law not getting along would cease to be heard. I had predicted that she would live to be 105; unfortunately, she did not quite make it. However, I don't think any one of us would look down at 102. She will be gravely missed.

We had one of our outings on October 21st at "The Magic Castle" with a superb luncheon. It was the first time I have had fried chicken with waffles and I am looking forward to trying it again. Maybe I can talk Isabella in to doing it for breakfast some time. My favorite was the young man doing the card tricks, I thought he was amazing. I think I have figured out how they made that lady shrink in height in the box. Ask me if you want to hear my idea.

Thank you Delphine, for all the work you did putting together a very enjoyable event.

Last but not least, I am still getting warm feelings when I think about the young adults winning the meatball contest.

In Truth and Unity,  
Frank Muscarella



# GVL Happenings



## Buffet Buzz: October at the Lodge



Co-hosts, Steve and Andrea Tabanelli



Festive Halloween Centerpieces



Co-host, Birgitta Clark, at the kitchen sink



## Our Member is a Hero!

The Golden Valley Lodge extends sincere congratulations to our member, Officer Steve Osman, who received the Peace Officer's Medal of Valor at a special banquet in Ventura last month. Steve and his partner helped save a burning man's life at CSU Channel Island campus.

It's nice to have brave men like these around when needed.

## Happy November Birthday!



Joshua Wendt	2nd	Sonja Andonian	15th
Natalie Taylor	7th	Anna La Carr	19th
Per Forslund	8th	Ruth Wilkening	25th
Jennifer DeHart	9th	Laurie Taylor	29th
Ingrid Thomsen	10th		

# Congratulations -- Johnny Bell!



*Johnny Bell 2013 Eagle Scout*

Johnny Bell joined the Golden Valley Lodge two years ago and has served as Outer Guard since that time, been a junior leader at Viking Village, and participated in the Lucia program at GVL. He is 16 years old and attends SOCES High School in Tarzana and plans on continuing his education but has not decided yet on a career. He works in his family's window cleaning/janitorial business. His grandmother, Janet Bell, and his uncle, Joe Bell, are both members of Golden Valley Lodge.

Johnny started Cub Scouts when he was 7 years old, received his **Arrow of Light** and went on to **Boy Scouts**. This past summer, he completed requirements for **Eagle Scout**, which is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America. In February he will have his Eagle Court of Honor. Since its introduction in 1911, the Eagle Scout rank has been earned by more than two million young men.

For his Eagle project, he chose to honor his dad, John Bell, (who was a Scout leader) and completed the Teacher's Appreciation project he started at Stagg Street Elementary – an outdoor patio area for the teachers. Johnny's dad passed away last summer and this area had become neglected so Johnny and his fellow scouts cleared the area of brush and trash, ripped out all the old rocks and dead plants and weeds, and planted succulents. He went to Home Depot and Osh and received discounts and free items. They painted a

mural on the wall and added some umbrellas to the benches. The school will install a plaque and dedicate this area in memory of Johnny's father for all the volunteer work he did at the school over the years his three children attended school there.



*Stagg Street Elementary's outdoor patio area Eagle Scout project*

Johnny has learned a lot from the scouts – he organized and planned many of the Boy Scout meetings when he was a senior patrol leader, has learned to get up and speak in front of a crowd, work with all different types of personalities and ages, learned to lead as well as follow, learned to take care of himself out camping and he learned to depend on his fellow scouts when away from home for a week. The boys all bond together



*John and Johnny Beell in 2010*

and take care of one another. Every Memorial Day for the past 11 years, the Scouts put flags on veteran's graves. Once a year for 11 years, they have collected non perishable food to fill food pantries around the valley, and even donated time at the dog park cleaning and helping with many other events.

**We're very proud of Johnny and fortunate to have him as one of our future VASA leaders.**

# The Magic Castle Hollywood



This year's Golden Valley outing was a trip to the world famous Magic Castle in Hollywood on Sunday, October 27th, arranged by Delphine Trowbridge. There were approximately 35 people in attendance. We had a fantastic brunch and enjoyed several magic shows. There were close up shows and a special main show that comes with the brunch. Ordinarily, there is a very proper dress code that protects the old Hollywood grandeur; but since it was so close to Halloween several of the participants were able to come in costume.

The Magic Castle does not allow pictures to be taken inside, so here are some pictures before we went in.





## The Magic Castle (continued)



## Our October Halloween Meeting





## Reminders!!!

**Get your reservations in for the Golden Valley Christmas Party taking place on December 7th! Deadline is December 1.**

Bring unwrapped gifts for the holiday raffle to Sonia at the November meeting! Gifts can be suitable for kids of all ages, from 0-103 years old!

If your children/grandchildren would like to be in the Lucia Program, please call Ann Heinstedt at (661) 297-3507 or e-mail [Ann@NordicHeritage.com](mailto:Ann@NordicHeritage.com). She will have the gowns at this November meeting and CDs of the music to be learned and performed.

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## **Maidie Karling's Motions Voted/ Passed on October 10, 2013**

-- GVL members that are dual members and their first Lodge is another Lodge, will not receive pins from GVL, but rather from their 1st Lodge.

-- GVL members who have transferred from another Lodge should receive their pins from GVL counting from their original initiation in VASA.

-- A member who is due a pin will be notified one month before the pin is to be given out.