

Golden Valley Lodge #616 Newsletter



Laurie Taylor

Chairperson's Message

Beautiful Norrtälje, Sweden!



Welcome back. Hope all of you had a great summer break. Hope everyone is enduring the tremendous heat and humidity. Hopefully, it will be cooler when we had Marknad.

Am looking forward to hearing from the young members who went to the Swedish camp. I am sure they have wonderful memories that they can use here.

Would like to give a thank you to all the

wonderful cooks in the lodge. I think we have the best cooks in the district. It is great to have a meal like mother used to make. It brings back wonderful memories.

Would also like to thank the youth group for assisting in clearing tables and bringing desserts. Also to the two young ladies who are always willing to sell our raffle tickets.

As well, would like to thank the bar crew of

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Roy, Hanna, their grandson who helps carry and to their daughter who helps when she is in town. It would be more difficult and less fun without all your wonderful help. We appreciate all of you.

To all the students starting a new school year, I wish you a successful year. Hope it results in all your dreams for your future occupations.

In Truth and Unity,

Inga Francis

Christmas Raffle Reminder

Our Christmas party is December 16th. Please start bringing items to our meetings for the raffle!

Our Own New Facebook Page

Lisa Ecklund has created a Facebook page for us at -

<https://www.facebook.com/Vasa-Order-of-America-Golden-Valley-Lodge-616-Van-Nuys-CA-1116233371822122/D>

If you haven't already done so, "Like it!"

Princess Sofia of Sweden has a baby

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

And baby makes four! Princess Sofia and Prince Carl Philip of Sweden welcomed their second baby, a boy named Prince Gabriel Carl Walther, Duke of Dalarna, on Thursday, Aug. 31, the Swedish Royal Court happily revealed

"Office of The Marshal of the Realm is delighted to announce that HRH Princess Sofia gave birth to a healthy child at 11:24 a.m. on August 31 at Danderyd Hospital," a spokesperson announced. "Both mother and child are in good health." Carl Philip told reporters after the birth, "We are really happy. It's a very cute boy."

Carl Philip, 38, and the former Sofia Hellqvist, 32, were married in June 2015. Their first child, Alexander, was born 10 months later.

The baby's grandfather, Carl Gustaf, is Sweden's king.

Next in line to the throne is his eldest child, Crown Princess Victoria, 40, followed by her two children, Estelle, 5, and Oscar, 1. Then come Carl Philip, 16-month-old Alexander and the baby.

Carl Philip's younger sister, Madeleine, 35, and her two toddlers were bumped down a place by the new arrival.

Upcoming Events to Mark on your Calendars!

Scandinavian Autumnfest!!

October is the Fall Market/Marknad at Vasa Park on Sunday, October 22nd

Solvang!

November is our trip to Solvang! November 3-5, 2017

More about this trip is on page 6 of this newsletter.

Party!

Annual Christmas party is December 16th.

Happy September Birthday!

Brenden Haggerty	1	Birgetta Glad	26
Sylva Pitters	1	Annika Buck	28
Dawn Mathews	7	Carolyn Schultz	30
Jason Blohm	19	Bertil Winther	30
Frank Muscarella	24		



Ha en trevlig födelsedag!

Sweden's lost forest language now has international speakers

By The Local
<https://www.thelocal.se/20170901/swedens-lost-forest-language-now-has-international-speakers>

Why travel to Sweden to learn an ancient Viking language that's on the brink of dying out? The Local spoke to one of the international students at a new course to find out.

Elfdalian (Övdalian/Älvdalska) has a name that sounds like it came straight from a Tolkien novel, but it's a real, North Germanic tongue spoken by 3,000 people in the Älvdalen area of Dalarna County in Western Sweden.

The language has its roots in Old Norse like Swedish, but developed in isolation since the Middle Ages and retains a number of archaic features not found in other Northern Germanic languages, including even Icelandic. It was written in rune form until 1900.

This summer, a course was offered in Älvdalen to help introduce newcomers to the language, and among the 26 participants were people from the USA, Czech Republic, Germany, Norway and Denmark.

Marc Volhardt from Copenhagen was one of the learners: "It's a very complex language. It has a lot of the tones and grammar from Icelandic. It was a different, strange language up there I couldn't understand. Even more archaic in some ways than old Icelandic, so it was nice from a historical linguistics purpose, to be able to see further back than Icelandic, which was cool".

"I have a Masters in linguistics and studied in both Copenhagen and Iceland, and learned Icelandic. I already had an interest in Nordic languages, and that gave me a nice insight into western Nordic languages. I've been going around the Nordics since I started studying and studied some Faroese at a summer course, so I got a feel for all the different Nordic languages but the last Nordic language I didn't understand was Elfdalian, so that was kind of frustrating. That led me to wanting to know more about it," he explained about his motivation to learn the tongue.

The introductory course was a week long, and involved grammar, exercises, and speaking sessions, while older Elfdalian speakers also came at the end of each day to hold conversations with the students:

"They were positive and happy about it. They seemed to think it was good that we wanted to learn. There was no 'this isn't your language,' they liked it".

"When foreigners come to Denmark a lot of Danish people ask 'why would you learn Danish when you can speak English?', but I didn't feel that in Älvdalen. The older generation want to preserve the language, they think it's a shame it's disappearing. I'm not sure the younger generation feels the same way yet," Volhardt elaborated.

In the future he hopes to advance his skills and use them to try and research possible links between Elfdalian and the Sami languages. The latter tongues have a history dating back to around 1,000 BC.

"If I have time I'd like to work with the language and its revitalisation. I'd certainly give time to that. Out of personal interest I'd also like to learn more so I can understand everything, because after a week I certainly don't understand everything yet. I'd like to study some of the Sami languages more. There is the possibility that there are shared intonation patterns and theories that South Sami languages have given things to each other. We don't know exactly how they shared different words – that would be interesting to look into."

Campaigners have long been pushing for Elfdalian to be officially recognized as a language in Sweden in the hope of preserving it for future generations. At the moment only 60 people under the age of 18 are estimated to speak the tongue, which means there's a real risk of it dying out.

The Swedish Government still treats it as a dialect, but Elfdalian was given a boost in May 2016 after being assigned an ISO language code. The codes, used to compile lists of the world's languages, help the internet classify what is or is not a language.

"It's an important symbolic step for Elfdalian because this is de facto international recognition for it as a language," Swedish language associate professor at Kristianstad University Yair Sapir told The Local.

Scandinavian AutumnFest Höstmarknad Celebration!

9th Annual Swedish Meatball Contest

Who is going to win bragging rights for the Best Swedish Meatball 2017? With contestants from all over Southern California participating, we are expecting the meatball competition to be fierce! The best news is that everyone can be a judge. For \$5, you will receive meatballs from each and a scoring sheet to judge which meatball deserves your vote. The winner will be announced at 2:30pm and trophies and cash prizes will be awarded. Be a part of meatball history and help judge our 9th Annual Meatball contest at Vasa Park.

Authentic Scandinavian Foods and Skilled Artisans

Enjoy the taste of Sweden's traditional foods. Beyond the great foods, you will also be able to buy beautifully crafted gifts and souvenirs.

- Vendor Opportunities
- Meatball Contest
- Art Show
- 274' Waterslide & Swimming
- Alpine Tube Slide*
- Rock Climbing Wall*
- Vasa Gem Mining
- Lingonberry Pie Eating Contest
- Bingo with Great Prizes
- Opportunity Drawings
- Swedish Folk Dancing & Music
- Swedish Food
- Children's Petting Zoo
- Swedish Field Games
- Children's Play Structure
- Interactive Inflatables
- ... and more!

*Closed-toe shoes required!



Sunday, October 22, 2017

9:30am - 5pm

Vasa Park

2854 Triunfo Canyon Rd.

Agoura Hills, CA 91301

\$10 per car (non-member)

\$5 per car Vasa members

No Dogs except ADA / No BBQ

Vendor Opportunity: Lkosvic@gmail.com

Meatball Contestant: kristinehofve64@yahoo.com

Visit us at: www.vasapark.org





Golden Valley Trip to Solvang November 3-5, 2017

Solvang is a Danish Village founded in 1911 by a group of Danish settlers. It was incorporated May 1, 1985 and has a current population of about 5,802. Through the years Solvang has grown into a major tourist attraction. There are many Boutiques, Wine tasting, Chumash Casino, Everhoi Museum, Hans Christian Andersen Museum, Wilding Museum of Art and Nature, Janeway Carriage House (open Sun12-4), and the historic Bethania Evangelical Lutheran Church built in 1929 in the gothic style.

Golden Valley Lodge will pay for the lodgings Friday, November 3 and Saturday, November 4 which includes breakfast. We have reserved rooms at the Andersen Split Pea Hotel in Buellton. Each room has 2 queen beds or one king bed. We will car pool to Solvang and this will give everyone freedom to choose which activities they want to do.

Saturday, November 4 there will be an outing offered to the La Purisima Mission State Historical Park located 15 miles west of Buellton. On this Saturday, they will be having their Village Days where they will relive mission life as it was in 1787. The mission has 1,960 acres with a visitor center, 10 original restored buildings, a 4-acre garden typical of the mission era, common mission animals, an aqueduct and water system and 25 miles of hiking trails, gift shop and picnic area. Golden Valley Lodge will pay for your admission and also furnish a picnic lunch.

Reservations must be in by September 20, 2017.

To reserve your room, please send a check for \$50. (*to be returned at check in*) to Golden Valley Lodge. Include in RSVP how many in a room and if you wish 2 queen beds or 1 King bed. Possible car pool options. Send to D. Trowbridge, 21308 Jimpson Way, Canyon Country, 91351.

Thanks, Delphine.

Questions call 818-482-6146 or email: dtrowbridge36@gmail.com

Name	ENCLOSED: check #	for \$50.00
Number of people per room:		
Interested in carpooling?		
Telephone or email address		
ROOM REQUEST:	2 QUEEN BEDS	or 1 KING BED