

March 2026

Golden Valley Lodge #616 Newsletter



High Coast Hike - Sweden's second largest hike. The High Coast in the Ångermanland province of north eastern Sweden, is a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its unique and highly scenic land and seascape and its distinctly red Nordingrå granite cliffs and rocks.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Spring comes this month and we look forward to the Spring Picnic at Vasa Park on April 26th and Taco Guy and bingo in June.

This month Ann Heinstedt and Linnea Landowski will be our hosts and it will be another wonderful evening with some St. Patrick's day corned beef and cabbage.

Golden Valley management has been working on our group event for this year and we will announce it soon. We are combining it with our 80th anniversary so it will be a special day.

If you have a name tag, please wear it. If you don't have one let our secretary Cecilia Danhi know so she can order one. We will have our next new member initiation at our April meeting.

Jason

Reimbursement for an expense:

Cecilia Danhi
Email: Ceciliadanhi@hotmail.com

If you have not paid your membership dues, they are due. 2026 rate is \$35
Questions? Ask:
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Please send your checks to:
Ann-Kristin Karling
as listed in the directory,
or bring to a meeting

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GVL Happenings

March an April 2026 Birthdays!!

MARCH (3)

Linnea Heinstedt	1
Lois Halvorson	3
Cecilia Brady	8
Jack Storch	11
Beth Bunnell	16
Morgan Klintare	20
Sara Buck	21
Valerie Olson	21
Britt-Marie Potter	22
Stig Eneberg	24
Kerstin Engblom	30
Maidie Karling	30



APRIL (4)

Natalie Mikkelsen	1
Connie Sparks	1
Eivor Wester	1
Nikki Taylor	5
Sami Salo	5
Tommy Eneberg	6
Kristina Thorsen	11
Kerstin Wendt	13
Ann-Kristin Karling	14
Kate Stermer	4
Erik Karling	16
Jessica Santana	16
Ann-Sofi Holst	17
Clinton Lien Jr.	21
Marianne Farm-Reinholds	24
Aaron Gomes	27
Gunilla Hamaoui	29
Nuria Lundberg	30

2026 Golden Valley Lodge Board & Service Positions

Chair: Jason Trowbridge
 Vice Chair: Cecilia Brady
 Past Chair: Delphine Trowbridge
 Recording Secretary: Cecilia Danhi
 Assistant Secretary: Jennifer Norman Lund
 Membership Secretary: Jana Gasior
 Financial Secretary: Ann-Kristin Karling
 Treasurer: Bingitta Clark
 Chaplain: Beth Bunnell
 Master of Ceremonies: Stig Eneberg
 Assistant MoC: Anneli Brady
 Cultural: Laurie Taylor
 Trustee Chairman 1 yr: Bertil Winther
 Trustee 2 yr: Delphine Trowbridge
 Trustee 3 yr: Kerstin Wendt
 Auditor chairman 1 yr: Britt Potter
 Auditor 2 yr: Wenche Eklund
 Auditor 3 yr: Linda Trowbridge
 Events Co-Chair: Maggie Connelly & Delphine Trowbridge
 Scholarships: Hubert Pitters, Beth Bunnell, Gunilla Thelin, Wenche Eklund, Britt-Marie Potter
 Financial: Hubert Pitters
 Newsletter, Historian & Vasa Star: Laurie Taylor
 Vasa Park: Richard Heinstedt, Linnea Heinstedt, Dorothy Burns
 Alternate Ann-Sofi Holst
 Bar: Valerie & Dylan Olson
 Youth Group: Cecilia Trowbridge



"May the luck of the Irish
 Lead to happiest heights
 And the highway you travel
 Be lined with green lights.
 Wherever you go and whatever you do,
 May the luck of the Irish be there with you."





"May you be rich in blessings,
 poor in misfortune,
 slow to make enemies,
 and quick to make friends."

Cultural Corner

A quiet rule change in Europe could transform how the entire fashion industry treats waste, value, and responsibility.

From July 2026, the European Union will prohibit the destruction of unsold clothes and shoes, pushing major fashion brands to rethink overproduction and disposal practices.

Instead of discarding perfectly usable items, compa-

nies will need to explore recycling, reuse, donation, and smarter production planning—marking a decisive shift toward sustainability in one of the world’s most resource-intensive industries.

Sometimes progress begins not with invention, but with a simple boundary that says waste is no longer acceptable in the future we are trying to build.



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PROVINCE OF BLEKINGE – SWEDEN

Submitted by District Cultural Leader, Maidie Karling

Blekinge is the smallest province in Sweden. Located in the south, bordering the Baltic Sea, on the east side and Skåne on the west side.

Blekinge is called “The garden of Sweden”, for its fertile land and scenic coastline with an extensive archipelago.

The capital is Karlskrona, a historic naval city and UNESCO World heritage site. It was founded as Sweden’s principal naval base in 1680.

Blekinge offers rich natural beauty, including forests, lakes, and islands, making it popular for outdoor activities like hiking, boating, and fishing.

Other cities in Bleking are Karlhamn, Ronneby, and Sölvesborg. If you visit Mörrum there are some very good salmon streams where you may fish.

Convention Pictures & February Meeting

Convention pictures provided by Maggie Connelly and Maidie Karling



Newly Initiated







Happy St. Patrick's Day!
You can dress in green for our next meeting.

