

June 2026

Golden Valley Lodge #616 Newsletter



Midsummer in northern Sweden

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In the very north of Sweden, above the arctic circle, for roughly two months around summer solstice the sun doesn't set at all. For most of the rest of summer, the brief dip below the horizon is barely noticeable. It's the ideal spot for celebrating Midsummer.



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

June is our social with Taco Guy, bingo and prizes. We will not have a business meeting but we will have an initiation of a new member. We will have it before we start the social. This will be our last meeting until September 10th.

Please remember to send in your reservation for Queen Mary Anniversary Event.

Jason

If you have not paid your membership dues, they are due. 2026 rate is \$35
Questions? Ask:
akarling20@yahoo.com

Please send your checks to:
Ann-Kristin Karling
as listed in the directory,
or bring to a meeting

Reimbursement for an expense:

Cecilia Danhi
Email: Ceciliadanhi@hotmail.com

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Meeting: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church | 9440 Balboa Blvd | Northridge, CA 91325
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GVL Happenings

June & July 2026 Birthdays!!

JUNE (6)

Linda Trowbridge	2
Dylan Olson	3
Lars-Ove Nilsson	6
Thomas Anderson	6
Hanna Olson	9
Christina Poe	12
Daniel Wendt	13
Emma Baksi	16
Lindsey Wendt	17
Nathan Coddling	18
Gary Andonian	20
Cynthia Hallstrom	21
Jessica Osman	29

JULY (7)

Gunilla Thelin	2
David Danhi	2
Anette Richards	4
Mark Hanson	7
Dorothy Burns	10
Andrea Tabanelli	14
Tiffany Storch	17
Britt Anderson	18
Florence Bergstrom	18
Dakota Martinez	25
Joyce Gaynor	26
Ruzenna di Benedetto	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: Alex Lund
 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

Midsummer's Magical Flowers

Bring flowers on Sunday, June 28 for the midsummer pole and to decorate a flower crown to wear. During Midsummer's Eve in Sweden, it is traditional for women and girls to wear a flower crown, known in Swedish as a *midsommarkrans*. These crowns were originally made from freshly picked wildflowers, gathered from meadows on Midsummer's Day, when flowers were believed to hold magical power.





Vasa Park's 105th Midsummer Celebration

Sunday, June 28, 2026

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Entrance Fee \$5 per person

and includes parking

Children under 12 are free

Midsummer Court ceremony, children's games,
Västakusten Spelmanslag, and fun
attractions including: Alpine Tube Slide,
Swimming Pool, & Water Slide

9:00 am Breakfast available

10:00 am Service with Church of Sweden Los Angeles

11:00 am Bring decorative, fresh flowers for decorating a
Midsummer wreath for your head and the Maypole

12 noon Raising of the Maypole and ring dancing

Vasa Park is not open to the general public,
and is exclusively for members-only use.

For membership information, please contact

membership@vasapark.org

Visit vasapark.org

Sorry, no barbeques or dogs, no smoking or vaping* allowed in the park
(Except ADA compliant service dogs)
*per Los Angeles County Requirements

2854 Triunfo Canyon Road, Agoura Hills, CA

Queen Mary Golden Valley Event

Saturday, October 24, 2026

Golden Valley 80th Anniversary Celebration



Arrive and Social Time 1 pm
Lunch Buffet 1:30-3:00
Princess Torta 3:30
Optional Halloween Tour 4 pm
Cash Bar

Lodge members eat for \$25.00; guests eat for \$55.00; children 12 and under eat free.

Optional tour cost: \$25.00 – Contact Delphine

To reserve your meal, mail or give one check* for the deposit (\$55/attendee) and one check for dinner (see above for costs) to:

D. Trowbridge, 4411 Los Feliz Blvd, Unit 1002, Los Angeles, CA 90027

Deposit checks are a guarantee that attendees show up. Deposit checks will be destroyed or returned to members at the November business meeting.

Questions? Email dtrowbridge36@gmail.com



Deadline for reservations: July 1, 2026

*Venmo payments are acceptable but transactions must occur during a business meeting. Use the description “Queen Mary.”
Deposit costs still apply and will be refunded after the event.