

March 2019



Golden Valley Lodge #616 Newsletter



2019 District Lodge Pacific Southwest #15's New Board

Golden Valley Lodge was very well represented at the 2019 Convention: Bertil Winther - Past District Master, Inga Frances - Vice District Chairman, Delphine Trowbridge - Executive Board Member - 2 years, Maidie Karling - District Chaplain, Chase Dodd - Assistant Master of Ceremonies, Lisa Eklund - District Inner Guard, Maggie Connelly - District Auditor 1 year



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

After an unusual California winter, we are all looking forward to spring. St. Patrick's Day will soon be here, and Ann, Richard and VLinnea are serving a wonderful dinner this month with this theme.

Spring means we can soon use our beautiful patio again.

The Finance Committee has planned another exciting excursion for this year, and I will share this with you at our Thursday meeting.

In Truth and Unity,

Delphine

2019 Membership dues

You may bring your check or cash to the meeting, or mail to:
Dorothy Burns, 8201 Glade Avenue, Canoga Park, CA 91304.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 14, 2019

Please remember to RSVP to dtrowbridge36@gmail.com every month!!!

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



Thank You to our February Dinner Hosts
Dorothy Burns and Kirsten Wendt

2019 Golden Valley Lodge Board & Service Positions

Chair: Delphine Trowbridge
Vice Chair: Chase Dodd
Past Chair: Inga Francis
Secretary: Lisa Eklund
Assistant Secretary: Mona Steffen
Financial Secretary: Dorothy Burns
Treasurer: Birgitta Clark
Chaplain: Andrea Tabanelli
Master of Ceremonies: Lucas Taylor
Assistant MoC: Dylan Olson
Cultural: Ruzenna &
Ruzenka di Benedetto
Guard: Cecilia Trowbridge
Incoming Trustee: Kerstin Wendt
Auditors: Britt Marie Potter &
Maidie Karling
Historian: Laurie Taylor
Vasa Park: Dorothy Burns
Bar: Roy and Hanna Olson
Newsletter: Laurie Taylor
Youth Group: Nicolette Taylor

Happy March Birthdays!

Linnea Heinstedt	1
Cecilia Brady	8
Beth Bunnell	16
Morgan Klintare	20
Valerie Olson	21
Britt-Marie Potter	22
Kerstin Engblom	30
Maidie Karling	30



Ha en trevlig födelsedag!

CULTURE CORNER: *Self-driving buses to hit Swedish public roads next year*



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Self-driving buses to hit Swedish public roads next year

Once the buses are in full operation, they are expected to shuttle up to 300 passengers per day. Photo: Scania handout picture

Two full-length self-driving buses are set to start trafficking a popular Stockholm route next year, reportedly making Sweden the first country in Europe to start deploying autonomous buses on public roads.

The electric-powered buses - developed by Nordic busmakers Scania and Nobina - will be deployed on the Barkarbystaden-Akalla public traffic route just north of Stockholm during the course of 2020, Swedish broadcaster SVT reported.

The autonomous buses, which will drive in a special bus lane and be monitored by a security driver, will

start out travelling without passengers on just one kilometer of the route, but will eventually be rolled out to cover a five-kilometres-long stretch and carry up to 300 passengers per day.

According to SVT, the move will make Sweden the first country in Europe to deploy self-driving buses on public roads.

Kristoffer Tamson, chairman of Stockholm's public transport company SL, said: "Thanks to this unique agreement, SL will write European public transport history. This is a gigantic step forward for us in our ambition to lead the development of public transport toward smarter, greener and better solutions."



Convention Pictures: Thank You! to Lisa Eklund & Kerstin Wendt



In the front row is a lovely lady (blue sweater) named Irma Wendell - she is 104 years old and always attends the convention. She and her husband started the District scholarship for youth - The Andrew Wendell Scholarship for Sjölund Language Camp - that many of our GVL youth have attended in Minnesota. This year Grace Foley will attend with a District scholarship and Daniel Buck will attend with a GVL scholarship.

