

Happy Mother's Day



Golden Valley News for May 2010

Chairman's Message

I have a feeling this will be a short newsletter – at this time of the year I would rather spend time outdoors than planting myself in front of the computer. Those of you who took a leisurely drive up to Vasa Park last Sunday know what I'm talking about. It was a gorgeous morning and our Park looked better than ever. As usual, several members of our lodge helped with the Family Day arrangements. Frank and Isabella brought in a truckload of breakfast food and other supplies as did Steve and Andrea Tabanelli. Brad Fagerstrom, dressed in an apron with the US Marine Corps logo, also helped to prepare and serve a nourishing breakfast. Maidie Karling volunteered at the coffee stand (kaffestuga) and she had recruited help from many of our Golden Valley ladies who baked some of the goodies that were sold there. Of course, she also performed with the folk dancing group.

Here in southern California we are bound to celebrate "Cinco de Mayo" which occurs on May 5th (no big surprise there if you know that cinco means five). That gives us a week to rest up for our next lodge meeting on Thursday May 13th. But I can reveal that we won't have Mexican food this time. The refreshment committee (consisting of Birgitta Glad, Marie Mickelson, Lage & Kerstin Engblom plus a very minor role for Yours Sincerely) has decided to serve tarragon-seasoned Cornish game hen with fluffy rice and a broccoli floret salad that includes sunflower seeds, raisins and a touch of bacon. Of course, there will be dessert too but I won't tell what it is - to find out, you just have to be there. All I can say is that it

comes with fresh strawberries and whipped cream produced by happy California cows. ☺

The business portion of our next meeting will be relatively short. These days many of our members are busy planning their summer vacations but I hope that you all will take the time to attend. Also, in some small way we need to share our blessings with less fortunate people. You can create good-will for our lodge by helping Marie Mickelson bring food, clothing and other donations to charitable groups in our neighborhood. Please, take non-perishable food items or hygiene products to our next meeting. Marie will collect the gifts, pass them on and brighten the lives of some low-income senior citizens.

Enclosed with this newsletter are the scholarship application forms and the guidelines that we approved at the April meeting. The total amount available to qualified students is \$12,000. Application deadline is October 1.

Mother's Day occurs this month, on the 9th of May to be specific. Those of you who (like me) have their mothers in Sweden should keep in mind that "Mors Dag" is on a different day – always on the last Sunday in May which this year happens to fall on the 30st. I think that's a perfect order of things because it gives me a couple of weeks warning. But don't delay - I

know from past experience that it's a hopeless task to find a Mother's Day card towards the end of May.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Lodge.

In Truth and Unity,

Bertil

Flower March and Lottery News

Here is the April report from our Vice Chairman, Steve Tabanelli. The flower march brought in \$53 and lottery tickets were sold for \$122. Dorothy Reiersen was the lucky winner of \$25 in the capsule drawing. Cash prizes in the lottery raffle went to Sven Lingstrom (\$35), Viola Kindstrand (\$20) and Thomas Jahn (\$15).

Building Corporation News

The directors met on May 6. Our treasurer, Hubert Pitters, reported that the Corporation's tax records have been submitted to our accountant and that the return should be filed on time before May 15.

GVL Vice Chairman, Steve Tabanelli, called in and gave us a telephone report on the membership survey that was made regarding the financial disaster at the Grand Lodge. A total of 50 votes were collected. Two votes were blank; one vote was cast for sanction #1; 15 votes for sanction #2; 30 votes for sanction #3; and two votes for sanction #4. I was instructed to report the results of the survey in a letter to our District Master.

I reported on the results of the rental contract negotiations with the Norrona Lodge. On April 15 Frank & Isabella and I met with representatives from Sons of Norway to renew our rental agreement. At that time we tentatively agreed to pay a rent of \$450 per meeting. This agreement was in all essentials approved by the Corporation. However, it is subject to final approval by the Norrona Lodge.

Birthdays in May

Steve Tabanelli	1 st	Elvine Lundberg	25 th
Anders Heinstedt	10 th	Amanda Polutanovich	29 th
Kerstin Thorsen	11 th	Berit Stenhoj	31 st
Julian Wilson	17 th		
Lena Osman	17 th		
Maj-Lis Friedman	23 rd		
Christina Thelin	23 rd		
		Happy birthday to you all	

Dates to Keep in Mind

- May 8th PM. Thule Lodge anniversary dinner at Beckham's Grill (Pasadena), social hour starts at 5:00
- May 9th Mother's Day
- May 13th Golden Valley Lodge meeting at the Sons of Norway Lodge, 6:30 pm
- May 23rd Social Dinner 5:30 pm at Castaway Restaurant in Burbank
- May 30th Mors Dag (Mother's Day in Sweden)
- May 31st Memorial Day
- June 3rd Building Corporation meeting at the Wendts' home, 6:30 pm



Wishing you all the very best,
Bertil