



Linde Lodge No. 492



Meeting & Socials - Mark your calendars and
Please join us - Watch for updates & changes
NOTE – SOME DATES HAVE CHANGED!

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CANCELLED

~~SATURDAY April 11, 2026~~

NEW MEETING DATE !
SATURDAY MAY 2, 2026 at 1:00 PM
At Christ the Victor Church
15700 W Coffee Rd, New Berlin
Potluck Salad Luncheon
Meeting to Follow
Karen Snowberg will present a nice
Pictorial of Botanic Gardens of Sweden



Linde Delegate will attend the 2026
Annual District Lodge Lake Michigan #8's
Annual Convention

FRIDAY-SUNDAY May 29-31, 2026
116th Annual District Lodge
Lake Michigan No. 8's
Convention by SVEA Lodge No. 253
in Carmel/Indianapolis, IN

SUNDAY June 21, 2026
1:00-4:00 PM
MIDSOMMAR IN HEIDELBERG PARK
(Bavarian Bierhaus) 700 W Lexington Blvd,
Glendale WI. Food is available for purchase.
Open to the public.



JUST A REMINDER...
If you move, PLEASE let us know.
Call Liza Ekstrand at 262.366.9152 to update your new
address information.
Also update **email & phone** changes when that happens.

The deadline for **June issue is May 20, 2026**
Please submit articles, favorite recipes, share pictures, etc.



Linde Lodge
No. 492
Monthly meetings
for lunch or Fika w/
Programs & Social
time for 1-2 hours.
Or Events!
Check for details.

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**Check out the
Vasa website
Vasaorder.com**



Swedish food for Easter

Message From Liza...

Making my message a bit shorter this time, as I am running out of time since my SAS flight to Sweden is just a few days away. Chairman Brent Erickson met a couple of days ago to get all paperwork signed a sealed before my take-off and Brent's return to Philadelphia. We are certainly hoping everyone is doing well and that you are taking notice that Linde's April meeting has been cancelled. Instead, we will meet on May 2, so I hope you can attend as usual.

Our four delegates (including me) are looking forward to serving as our lodge representatives and hoping we can report back on great things.

Since I will be celebrating Påsk (Easter) in Sweden I selected a picture with Swedish temptations. I will be gone the whole month of April, and that is a usual long trip, but unfortunately my brother-in-law has passed away so there will be a funeral to attend to. I am sure we get to enjoy some spring activities and hopefully nice weather. I will be back in time for the May meeting.

Liza Ekstrand, Editor

Happy Birthday April

- 2 Ryan Klagmann
- 3 Norynne Lahl
- 13 Elaine Johnson
- 14 Carol Gustafson
- 19 Mary Hahn
- 24 Ashley White
- 27 Lillian Ray

Happy Birthday May

- 23 Ryan Klagmann
- 24 Lars-Åke Sjöberg
- 25 Liza Ekstrand
- 27 Marielle Klagmann
- 30 Linda Mayo
- 30 David Tollin

Grattis!

Ja må du leva! Ja må du leva!
Ja må du leva uti Hundrade år!
Javisst ska du leva, javisst ska
du leva, javisst skall du leva
uti Hundrade år.
Ett Fyrfaldigt Leve, Leve Dig!
Hurra-Hurra-Hurra-Hurra!!!



Linde Lodge No. 492
March 14, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Meeting place: Christ the Victor Lutheran Church
Date & time: March 14, 2026, at 1:00 PM Business meeting
Officers and members present: Treasurer Marianne Ekstrand, Secretary Liza Ekstrand, Cultural Leader/Auditor Karen Snowberg, Liza Ekstrand, Recording Secretary. In addition, Mary Ann Klees, Rolf Ekstrand, and Ron Nelson also attended the meeting.

In Chairman Brent Erickson's absence Secretary Liza Ekstrand call the Linde business meeting to order at 1:08 PM.

Treasurer Marianne Ekstrand reported that almost all membership dues have been collected, but we are still waiting for some checks to come in.

We voted for the 2026 DL Convention Delegates from Linde. Brent Erickson and Liza Ekstrand showed interest, and we had nobody else able to attend the meeting. Suggestions for contacting Lillemor and Lisa Horngren. Liza talked to them on the phone and they made the commitment to be Delegates. A motion was made by Karen Snowberg to elect 4 Linde Delegates Brent Erickson, Liza Ekstrand, Lillemor Horngren, and Lisa Horngren for the May 29-31, 2026 District Lodge Lake Michigan No 8's Convention in Carmel IN. And that 2 nights lodging will be covered by Linde for the delegates. The motion was seconded by Ron Nelson. The motion passed.

We will also place an ad in the Convention book; half page \$50, and we will donate a raffle basket, with some donated items, and to finish with other Swedish food items. The motion was presented by Liza Ekstrand, seconded by Ron Nelson, and the motion carried.

Karen, Ron, and Liza will work on doing a presentation board for the Convention with the theme "Swedish Innovations".

Karen Snowberg also provided a summary of Linde 492's culture activities in 2025, through March of 2026. It is an impressive list of topics and events that were covered. We will share this report with anyone that is interested in reading what you all had opportunities to be part of.

Expenses: \$75.00 CTV rent

Expenses presented, motion made to pay by Marianne Ekstrand, seconded by Rolf Ekstrand, all in favor of paying. Motion carried.

Due to low attendance expected for the April 11 meeting, Liza Ekstrand made a motion to cancel April 11 and hold a meeting on May 2 instead. Same place and time. The motion was seconded by Marianne Ekstrand and the motion passed.

At 1:57 PM Rolf Ekstrand made a motion to close the business meeting, Ron Nelson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Ater Fika and goodies Karen Snowberg presented a very interesting program on the "Nordic Noir" and how it can be read in books or watched as movies or series on TV. Many Scandinavian authors have made this their style to write about mysteries, criminal investigations, and anything dark and mystic. Some of Sweden's most known authors in this field are Henning Mankell with the police inspector Kurt Wallander series, Stieg Larsson with his "The Girl..." ..with the Dragon Tattoo, ..who played with fire, & ..who kicked the hornet's nest. For anyone interested we can provide a much more detailed list.

Good of the Order: Karen Snowberg suggested that for our May 2nd meeting we ask our members to bring a Salad items for a "potluck Salad luncheon. She will do a presentation of "The Gardens of Sweden," and we are encouraged to share garden pictures from Sweden.

Next meeting will be on May 2, 2026, at 1:00 PM.

In truth and unity
Liza Ekstrand, Recording Secretary
Linde Lodge No. 492

Krya på Dig Hörna



Get Well Corner

Thoughts, prayers, and well-wishes
go out to...

**Paul Gruber – took not only one fall
in his home but two in March.
The second fall left him unnoticed
for several days, but he is in a recovery home,
and improving.**

**We all wish Paul a Speedy and
Full Recovery**



Happy Easter

And

**Welcome
Spring**



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(A Swedish-American Fraternal
Organization)



Linde Lodge No. 492
Milwaukee, WI

SATURDAY May 2, 2026 at 1:00 PM

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