



COMING EVENTS

DROTT LODGE JANUARY MEETING, JANUARY 21, 2:30 pm, Undercroft of St. James' Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Potomac MD

The meeting will begin with a cultural program about Viking history. David K. Mullally who recently published a novel based on historical research of the Danish Vikings' conquest of England will present "An Afternoon with the Vikings". He will discuss what we know about Vikings and how he was able to take that historical research and incorporate it into a work of historical fiction. He will bring artifacts gathered over decades of studying and will also have paperback copies of his novel, "Eadric and the Wolves", for sale at the special low price of \$5. Please arrive at the undercroft at 2:30. We will begin the cultural program by 3 pm. The presentation and Q & A will be followed by our business meeting.

The business part of the meeting will include the nomination and election of Drott Lodge Officers for 2018. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Carol Whitley, will recommend continuation of the current officers for discussion and voting by the members present at the meeting. However, you may also make a nomination from the floor, for either yourself or another member. Please call Carol Whitley for more information at 202-686-6214 or carol4600@verizon.net.

The slate of nominees consists of:

Chairman	Arne Dunhem
Vice-Chairman	Larilyn Andre
Recording Secretary	Linda Smith
Asst. Recording Sec.	Lisa Jacobson
Financial Secretary	Carol Whitley
Treasurer	Virginia Cain
Asst. Treasurer	Marianne Diaz
Cultural Leader	Marit Knollmueller
Historian	Eva Dunhem
Chaplain	Donna Clarke

There are always lots of jobs to be done so if you can become more involved or have some questions about what is needed this would be a good time to contact Carol.

2018 Calendar of Events

Feb. 18 - Program to be decided

March 11 - Pea Soup Dinner and presentation by Gunnel Hamilton about the Vasa Loppet, the Annual Cross-Country Ski Race in Sweden

April 8- Presentation by Marit Knollmueller about Skansen and The Open Air Museum: a Swedish Invention

April 28 - Valborg- An evening of picnic, songs & a bonfire to welcome spring with other Swedes

June 24 - Midsommar Picnic, Carderock Picnic Pavilion, with other local Swedish organizations

September 9 - Crayfish Festival

October 14 - Program to be decided

Nov. 3 - Drott Lodge Bazaar

Dec. 9 - Lucia Festival and Julbord.

IN CASE YOU MISSED DROTT'S SANKTA LUCIA



Lorie Ann Shoemaker, granddaughter of members Margaret and Gerry Schueman, was our lovely Lucia this year. All the children involved did their part to make this an impressive and moving ceremony.





There was a lively crowd dancing around the tree and Santa Claus again talked to each of the many children. To top it off, members provided a wide variety of traditional holiday dishes.



Lucia Gowns Need TLC

Many of the white gowns used for Lucia, her attendants, and the Star Boys are in need of some tender loving care. Many could use a fresh wash and iron or need the hems stitched, hooks-and-eyes refastened, or missing buttons replaced. Are there folks that are willing to “shepherd” a number of these gowns during the coming months and be sure they are all ready for the 2018 Lucia? Call Carol Whitley at 202-686-6214 or send an email to carol4600@verizon.net.

MEMBER NEWS

We sadly report the death of member **Erland Magnusson** on December 15 after battling several medical conditions. Erland was well-known in the Washington area for his devotion to Swedish culture and for his involvement in many local Swedish-American organizations. A memorial ceremony for him and his wife Ann, who died in November, is being planned by his family for February or March. Drott will be holding a memorial ceremony in April.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2018

Information is now available for several scholarships.

District Lodge Pennsylvania No. 9 is again offering a two-week session at the Concordia Swedish Language Camp in Minnesota for youths between the ages of 12 and 18. Applications must be postmarked by March 1. Visit Concordia's website at ConcordiaLanguageVillages.org to learn more about their exciting camp activities and language instruction. For the application and further details see the last two pages of this newsletter.

The **VASA Grand Lodge** is also offering a scholarship for the same Concordia experience. Applications must be postmarked by February 10. Applications and further details are online at vasaorder.com.

The **VASA Grand Lodge** is offering a Scholarship and Essay Contest for students attending or planning to attend an institution of higher learning. Applications are available on the VASA website vasaorder.com until January 15. Applications must be postmarked by February 15.

Other Financial Support

The American Scandinavian Association also provides financial support for grants and scholarships and gives preference to members of ASA or other Scandinavian organizations. Application specifications can be found at: www.scandinavian-dc.org/Grants-1.htm

For more information, contact Anne Marie at: 703-241-2053 or annemariehvid@hotmail.com

OTHER EVENTS

Learn Swedish at the Swedish School for adults. The spring semester starts on January 13. Saturday mornings 9:30 - 12:00 noon, January - June, five different levels. Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School, Falls Church, VA. For info, call 703-463-0966, send e-mail to info@theswedishschool.org. or visit www.theSwedishSchool.org

Scandia DC 3rd Saturday Dancing, January 20, 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm, Scandinavian couple dancing on the 3rd Saturday of each month. This month will feature live fiddle music by Paul Carlson, a talented fiddler who is passionate about Scandinavian fiddle music. He teaches and plays music professionally and plays regularly for the Nordic Dancers, and other venues including the Kennedy Center. There may be some recorded music. No partners necessary. Teaching 7-8: Åtabaks Polska from Föllinge, an elegant, fun Swedish dance done to hauntingly beautiful music. Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio (wood floor) at 15 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, \$10; Info: Linda Brooks or Ross Schipper 202-333-2826, Linda@ScandiaDC.org, or ScandiaDC.org. Inclement weather call 301-474-0646

Nordic Dancers of Washington DC, every Wednesday at 7:30 pm, Highland View Elementary School, 9010 Providence Ave., Silver Spring. Newcomers are welcome; no prior dance experience is necessary. Come any Wednesday and learn traditional folk dances of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. For more info, contact Chris Kalke at 301-864-1596, ckalke@verizon.net, or visit : <https://sites.google.com/site/nordicdancersdc>

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Please send your input to the next issue of the newsletter to Editor Linda Smith at leslieandlinda2@comcast.net no later than January 21.

APPLICATION FORM
DISTRICT LODGE PENNSYLVANIA No. 9
District YOUTH Language Camp Scholarship
Concordia Language Villages
Concordia College – Moorhead, MN



Name of Applicant: _____

(Applicant must be between the ages of 12 and 18)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone No.: _____

E-mail: _____

Applicant's Date of Birth: _____ Applicant's School Year or Grade: _____

VASA Member – Applicant: _____ Local Lodge: _____

Parent(s): _____ Local Lodge: _____

Grandparent(s): _____ Local Lodge: _____

Date initiated (at least 2 years before Jan. 1 of current year): _____

Applicant's Choice of Two-Week Camp Dates to attend Sjölundén:

First Choice: _____ Second Choice: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date Submission Postmarked (*not later than March 1st*): _____

FURTHER INFORMATION

In addition to the completed application form, applicants must provide the following information and attach the following five necessary items:

1. Transcript

A transcript or other official copy of school grades for the full year of the grade *most recently completed*; it must be signed or otherwise certified by a school official.

2. Letters of Recommendation

Two letters of recommendation must be provided, at least one of which must be from a teacher, guidance counselor, or school official; a second letter of recommendation may be from another teacher or other school official, or from an adult VASA member, neighbor, clergy, physician, etc., who is well acquainted with, but not related to, the applicant.

The author of each letter of recommendation should address the applicant's scholastic abilities, motivation for studying the language, character, and any other factors deemed relevant; the author of each letter of recommendation will describe how he/she knows the applicant, how well, and for how long he/she has known the applicant, and will also state that he/she is not related to the applicant.

3. Proof of Health and Accident Insurance

4. Verification of Vasa Lodge Membership

The Recording Secretary of the Local Lodge in Pennsylvania District No. 9 in which qualifying membership is claimed will verify in writing – on Local Lodge stationery – that the applicant, or at least one of the applicant's parents or grandparents, is currently a member in good standing of that Local Lodge and has been a member in good standing for at least two full years prior to January 1 of the year in which the application is made.

5. Essay

An essay, no longer than one page, on why the applicant wants to attend the Swedish Language Camp.

Travel Allowance

A travel allowance up to \$300 will be given based on submission of travel expense records to the Scholarship Chairman. (see policy)

Please mail all required material to:

Bo Carlsson

District Lodge PA No. 9 Scholarship Chairman

19015 Van Aken Blvd, Apt 210

Shaker Heights, OH 44122

Phone: (216) 392-6872

Email: Bo.carlsson@case.