



Drott Lodge No. 168
Vasa Order of America
Washington, D.C.

NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS

**DROTT LODGE FEBRUARY MEETING, FEBRUARY 11, 2:30 PM,
Undercroft of St. James' Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks
Rd., Potomac, MD**

**NOTE THAT THIS IS A CHANGE OF DATE FROM THAT CITED IN
THE LAST NEWSLETTER**

We will begin the February meeting with a presentation by
Cultural Leader Marit Knollmueller on **Skansen and Open Air
Museums, a Swedish Invention.**



HOLD THE DATE!

March 11, 2:30 PM, Drott Lodge Pea Soup & Pancake Dinner

DUES ARE DUE

It is now time for all members to pay their 2018 Drott Lodge dues. Dues are \$50 per year for regular members, payable by March 31. As part of the dues structure approved in 2015, paid-up Drott members will not be charged the usual “meal” fee for the March Pea Soup and Pancake Dinner or the September Welcome Back Cray Fish Luncheon.

Life Members and youth members (ages 14-24) are required to pay only the total amount of the annual assessment that Drott must pay out for each member to the Grand and District Lodges. For 2018, this amount is \$25.75. Life Member status is granted to members 75 and older who have been members in good standing for 10 or more years.

Checks should be made payable to “Drott Lodge #168” and sent to the Financial Secretary, Carol Whitley, at 4600 Connecticut Ave NW, Apt. 819, Washington DC 20008-5707. We will accept dues payments by credit card (Visa and Master Card only) as an option from members who are present at the February or March meeting; a convenience fee of \$1.00 will be added to each credit card dues payment. Unfortunately, we cannot accept credit card payments by mail, phone, or email.

Some members are in arrears. Check with Carol if you are not sure whether you need to pay for one or for two years.

OFFICIAL CALL FOR VASA GRAND LODGE MEETING, June 29 - July 6, 2018, Sacramento, CA

Motions for consideration of changes you would like to see happen within Vasa are due March 1 to Joan Graham, the Grand Lodge Secretary. Submissions must include the local lodge official seal verifying that the submitter is a lodge member. Instructions are included as a separate document accompanying this newsletter.

VASA PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT 9 CONVENTION September 28, 29, and 30, 2018, Erie, PA

Main days are Saturday, the 29th and Sunday morning, the 30th, at the Ambassador Banquet and Conference Center, Erie, PA.

CONCORDIA LANGUAGE VILLAGES SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for need-based scholarships through the Concordia Language Villages Passport Fund for 2018 summer youth residential immersion programs must be submitted by Wednesday, February 21 for consideration. You must already be registered for a session to qualify. Website: Concordia Language Villages <scholarship@cord.edu>

IN CASE YOU MISSED THE JANUARY MEETING



All the 2017 Drott officers agreed to continue in their duties and were reinstalled for 2018. New member Lisa Jacobson was installed as Vice Recording Secretary. Welcome Lisa!

In addition, Susan Remmert was elected to a three-year term as Auditor and Keith Shoemaker was elected to a second three-year term as Trustee. They join currently-serving trustees Donald Morris and Allison Bennet and currently-serving auditors Marjorie Morris and lone Linke. Trustees and Auditors serve 3-year terms while other officers serve one-year terms.



Speaker David Mullally gave a very well received talk about Viking "conquest" patterns and the myths that have been debunked or challenged about Scandinavians living in the 8-10th centuries.



He brought a rich supply of Viking artifacts he had collected over the years to demonstrate Viking activities and lifestyle. Members were able to examine them closely, and to hold the Viking sword.

Many members took the opportunity to purchase a signed copy of Mr. Mullally's novel, "Eadric and the Wolves." Eadric was a real life figure of the 11th C. The book is available on Amazon.com.

Returning to an earlier Lodge event, Carol Whitley received the following lovely letter from an attendee at our Lucia Festival in December.

“Just a quick note to thank you and all of those who worked to make yesterday afternoon so special. The Lucia portion was just the right length, the children were charming as usual, and it was a nice touch to have them reenter for the photographers at the end. The food was really good (and plentiful) and everyone very welcoming. As non-members we are grateful for the opportunity to participate. Thanks to you all.

Sonia Wall, Arlington, Va.”

OTHER EVENTS

Helsingborg Symphony Orchestra, February 8 at 8:00 PM, at the Hylton Performing Arts Center, George Mason Center for the Arts and February 9 at the George Mason Center for the Arts

One of Sweden’s oldest orchestras presents a dynamic concert that combines the traditional with the iconoclastic. Under the direction of Stefan Solyom, the Helsingborg Symphony Orchestra, with its 61 musicians and violin virtuoso Catherine Manoukian performs a thrilling All-Beethoven Program.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

We would love to report some news from our members - where you have traveled, your special hobbies, weddings, new babies, or any other happening about which others would enjoy hearing.

Don’t forget to let us know if you move, change your email address, or don’t receive a Newsletter. You can check on our website at www.drott-lodge.org to see if a new one is available. You also may direct your questions and comments to: info@drott-lodge.org.

Send your Input to the next Newsletter to Editor Linda Smith at leslieandlinda2@comcast.net or leave a phone message at 240-912-7120. Items are due by February 18.

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