## "Welcome Spring – Goodbye Winter"

## Valborgsmässoafton – April 28, 2018 4 pm – 8 pm.

Please join Drott Lodge on April 28, 2018, to celebrate our traditional Swedish Valborgsmässoafton (Walpurgis Night) with bon-fire, spring-inspired singing and music. The Swedish Ambassador Karin Olofsdotter will present the "Welcome Spring – Goodbye Winter" Speech. All are welcome to this free event (although a small donation is suggested to cover expenses)! This is the evening when Swedes traditionally go out singing and joining others to watch bon-fires in their communities to celebrate the coming of the spring. Students wear their white student caps – so please bring your student cap along if you have one. The celebration will start at 4 pm with children's games to include fun races for young and old. Please bring your own picnic food and BYOB and if you so wish, marshmallows and attires for s'mores over the fire. The wonderful pizza oven will be heated up, so bring along pizza toppings. Bring folding chairs/beach chairs or blankets since no seating will be provided. The celebration will be in a large private residence and private park in McLean, Virginia with ample parking close-by. RSVP as soon as possible, but no later than by April 20th to Arne Dunhem (in English) with email: arnedrottlodge@gmail.com or Larilyn Andre (in Swedish) with email: info@drott-lodge.org and you will then receive specific address information. Please tell Arne or Larilyn how many adults and children you plan to bring and what organization you belong to. There is a limit to how many we can be, so members of Drott Lodge will have priority. Please join us for this delightful spring event.

