



NEWSLETTER

COMING EVENTS

DROTT LODGE ANNUAL SWEDISH BAZAAR

NOVEMBER 3, 11:00 am to 2:30 pm

St. James' Episcopal Church, Parish Hall
11815 Seven Locks Rd., Potomac, MD

It's not too late to become involved! If you haven't yet made a commitment to participate, please contact Carol Whitley at (202) 686-6214 or carol4600@verizon.com to see how you can help. We need the participation of all our members to make this Lodge fundraiser a productive and enjoyable event for all.

We are in need of workers to help set up on Friday, November 2. We will be able to begin set-up at 1 pm but there will be things to do all afternoon so come whenever you can. We still need workers who can move boxes. On Saturday, kitchen workers



should arrive at 7 am. All other workers should arrive at 10 am to be oriented and learn about the payment process. If you plan to use your phone to register credit card payments and have not received training in how it works, you should arrive between 8:30 and 9:00 am.

Bazaar at the House of Sweden, Saturday, December 1, 2900 K St., NW, Washington, DC

Again this year, Drott will have tables selling imported gifts and imported food at this well-attended Washington event. We will need volunteers to staff these tables. This event not only is a source of income for Drott but also an effective way to advertise Drott Lodge's presence in the Washington area. Contact Joann Moretti at joannmoretti@hotmail.com (301) 438-1940 or Gerry Schueman at gerry@schueman.com or (703) 734-0319 if you are able to help.

Nordic Impressions at The Phillips Collection, December 8th, 1600 21st St., Washington, DC, a survey of Nordic art spanning nearly 200 years, presenting 53 artists from 5 Nordic countries

Drott Cultural Leader, Marit Knollmueller, will be going to the exhibition. If you would like to join her for an afternoon of art from the Nordic nations, 1821 - 2018, RSVP by December 6th to mknollmueller@yahoo.com. We will meet at MIKKO Nordic Foods for lunch at 12 pm, 1636 R Street, NW (Dupont Circle Metro). See <http://www.chefmikko.com> for menus and more information. We will walk over to The Phillips Collection for an afternoon viewing. Tickets for the special exhibition are \$12, \$10 for seniors over 62 and free to children under 18. Tickets can be purchased in advance online or at the box office. <http://www.phillipscollection.org> This exhibit runs through January 13.

**DROTT LODGE LUCIA CELEBRATION, DECEMBER 9, 3 pm
St. James' Episcopal Church Sanctuary**

Come join us for our annual Lucia Pageant followed by a festive holiday party that includes dancing around the Christmas tree, Julbord, and a visit from the famous Jultomten with his bag of gifts for the young ones. The Lucia procession will be in the Sanctuary starting at 3 pm, followed by a party in the undercroft. Those who want their children or other extended family children to participate should notify Carol Whitley at carol4600@verizon.net or (202) 686-6214.

Our holiday adult choir will again perform during the Pageant and will welcome anyone who wishes to join them. Contact Arne Dunhem at adunhem@gmail.com or (703) 847-0940 if you wish to do so. Those participating in either the Lucia Procession or the Adult Choir will need to arrive by 2 pm.



VASA PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT 9 CONVENTION

Eight Drott Lodge Delegates and five Drott Lodge members holding positions as District Officers attended the District 9 Convention in Erie with voting rights. Several additional Drott members attended as observers.

Over the last several years discussions have included numerous ideas about how the District Lodge can best serve the three local lodges it contains: Nobel-Monitor in Cleveland, Svea in Erie, and Drott in Washington, DC. We not only face financial constraints as membership has declined, but our 3 remaining local lodges are geographically dispersed, making it a challenge to host District events throughout the year. When District 9 was created, it included more

than 10 local lodges, many of those located in PA. Given the geographic locations of the remaining 3 lodges, however, it may now make more sense to redistrict our 3 lodges so that each is closer geographically to a district with a greater number of local lodges and bigger membership. This would reduce both the financial and manpower burdens required of each lodge. Since sponsorship rotates among all the Lodges in a District, an increased number of lodges will mean that sponsorship will occur less often for each one. While no actions have been taken, the District Officers have asked that further discussions continue in the local lodges so they can obtain feedback and input from the membership of each lodge about what might be the best way to move forward.

Pennsylvania District 9
Officers Elected for
2019 -2020

District Master
Julie Olson



Nevertheless, the District membership voted to maintain current funding for the District Scholarship program, a recognition of its effectiveness in fostering the Swedish culture. They made the necessary savings by reducing the amount of funding for the next convention which Drott Lodge will sponsor in 2020.

DROTT LODGE ACTIVITY

Drott Lodge is pleased to welcome two new members: Jeffrey de Hart and David Olson, a member of Svea Lodge in Rhode Island who now lives in Baltimore

Drott Lodge Officer Elections occur each year in January. Terms for all officers except auditors and trustees are for one year. Are you interested in getting more involved by becoming an officer? At least one officer, our Cultural Leader, has expressed her desire to step down from that position. Many positions currently are filled by members who have been in that position for several years and would be happy to pass along their responsibilities to someone with fresh eyes. If you are interested in a position, contact Larilyn Andre who has agreed to chair the Nominating Committee. We hope to have the slate of nominated officers available for inclusion in the January Newsletter which means that Larilyn will want to know of your interest by early December. You may contact Larilyn at larilynandre@gmail.com or (703) 659-5128. It is also possible to make a nomination at the January meeting, for either yourself or another member.

In addition to the Nominating Committee which is still accepting new members, three additional committees are forming and have room for additional members. The other committees are:

- Cultural Planning Committee - will suggest cultural activities for the coming year
- Policy Index and By-laws Committee - will set out guidance for lodge operations
- Special Goals Committee - will identify and recommend donations to worthy causes that merit Lodge donations

To volunteer, contact Arne Dunhem at adunhem@gmail.com or (703) 624-8042 or Carol Whitley at carol4600@verizon.net or (202) 686-6214.

OTHER EVENTS

Seminar: Swedish Footprints in the U.S. - New Perspectives on Swedish American History, George Washington University, November 2, 9 am - 4 pm, RSVP to mimosa.giamanco@gmail.com **no later than Oct. 31**

HOUSE OF MUSIC: Kolonien, House of Sweden, November 5, doors open 6:30 pm, show 7 pm

Guggenheim Presents Hilma af Klint: Paintings for the Future, Guggenheim Museum in New York, through February 3

Vikings: Beyond the Legend, Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, PA, through March 3

WORLD STAGES: NeoArctic, Kennedy Center, February 13-16

Inputs for the December issue of the Drott Newsletter are due by November 25.

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