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DISTRICT LODGE PENNSYLVANIA #9

January 26, 2021

TO: Local Lodge Secretaries, District No. 9

SUBJECT: District No. 9's YOUTH Language Camp Scholarship to Concordia Language Village

District Lodge Pennsylvania No. 9 is again offering a YOUTH Language Camp Scholarship to Concordia Language Villages. It is open to all children or grandchildren of members of your Lodge between the ages of 8 and 18. The sponsoring Vasa member must have been a member for two years as of January 1, 2021.

We have received very favorable reviews from past winners, several of whom have gone back for another session either as a Grand Lodge recipient, or even on their own. It has been a great experience for all of them.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Sjölundén programs being offered this year differ significantly from those in previous years, and some programs are still not definitive. What we do know at this time is that instead of two Youth Immersion Camps, each for two weeks, there is only one 4-week Immersion Camp this year: July 25-August 21, for ages 11-18 at a cost of \$4,750. The District's scholarship covers half of this cost (\$2,375). The District will pay this amount directly to Concordia Language Villages. Documented transportation costs up to \$300 will also be covered. Should the recipient of the award decline to take advantage of it this year, it may be rolled over to cover the costs of a 2-week Immersion camp next year.

Concordia Language Villages is currently considering offering a 2-week Youth Immersion Camp this year, possibly in July, but no further information is available at this time.

In addition to the 4-week Immersion Camp there are also two 1-week Youth Exploration Online opportunities for ages 8-18 at a cost of \$395 per week. These programs are virtual and run Monday-Friday August 9-13 and August 16-20.

Interested applicants are advised to visit www.concordialanguagevillages.org for updates and further information.

Enclosed is a copy of the application form with the list of additional information required from each applicant.

Please advise each applicant that the required information must be sent in its entirety and postmarked no later than February 22, 2021. In order to avoid delays via regular mail service, applications may be sent via courier mail or email. My address and other contact information is provided in the application form.

In Truth and Unity,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Bo Carlsson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bo Carlsson

District No. 9 Scholarship Chairman