



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

# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It takes a Village!

That is a message I have previously written about our Drott Lodge Bazar volunteers. It has been proven again this year. This year, more than 60 members and friends participated as volunteers to once again make our annual Bazaar, our main fund-raiser of the year, so successful. All these volunteers work so hard in the kitchen both Friday and Saturday, and on Saturday, they work the food line, the tables for baked goods, imported foods and imported gifts. Many volunteers baked goods during the weeks before. Other volunteers worked in the background with retrieving Drott Lodge supplies from storage, loading and unloading the U-Haul truck. Others cleaned up the hall afterwards and took our supplies back to storage.



To make it a real Swedish Bazaar, wonderful Swedish music was provided by the Washington Spelmanslag that came with thirteen outstanding performers. The raffle was very special with many great prizes. Raffle prize contributors are on page 12.



The raffle winner of the Volvo prize received the car keys for the weekend use of a luxury Volvo car. The Capitals prizes included a private donation of a "Caps Box" with three tickets to the "Meet The Caps Party," an Alex Ovechkin signed hockey stick and three pucks,



a framed U.S. Post Office Caps First Cover Photo Envelope/Las Vegas Postmark, and Caps Socks.

A giant "Thank You" to all Bazaar volunteers!

For the next year, there are so many wonderful events that Drott Lodge arranges like the Pea Soup Dinner, the Crayfish Party, the Valborgsmässoafton, the Midsommar Festival and various cultural presentations. We also plan a new ABBAPALOOZA Party.



The next event will be our Annual Sankta Lucia Pageant on December 9th with a Jul Fest, Swedish songs and tasty treats.



Drott Lodge is something very special – so please spread the news. Let's grow our membership and welcome more members that have Sweden and Scandinavia in their hearts.

In truth and unity,  
Arne Dunhem, Chairman



## UPCOMING DROTT EVENTS

### DROTT LODGE ST. LUCIA PAGEANT & JUL FEST

Sunday, December 9, 3 pm

St. James' Episcopal Church

11815 Seven Locks Rd, Potomac, MD

Lucia in the Sanctuary, Jul Fest in the Undercroft

*Free Admission – RSVP Required for Jul Fest*

Come join our annual traditional Swedish Lucia procession and Julbord. There will be Christmas songs in the sanctuary and our festive Swedish Christmas party follows in the undercroft below the sanctuary. ***Everyone is welcome for the Lucia procession, but due to space limitations in the undercroft it is absolutely essential that people RSVP as indicated below for the Jul party.*** There will be dancing around the Christmas tree, a Julbord, and a visit from the famous Jultomten (Santa) with his bag of gifts for the young ones.

### Lucia Children's Pageant

In preparation for our Lucia Pageant, we ask that members who have children or grandchildren interested in being part of this wonderful celebration please contact Carol Whitley at [carol4600@verizon.net](mailto:carol4600@verizon.net) or 202-686-6214 by Tuesday, December 4 to register the children. Younger children dress all in red and play the role of tomtar (elves). Lucia, her attendants, and star boys each wear white gowns. Please include in your message the name, gender, and age of each child, and whether they have their own white gown or need a gown. For each gown needed, please provide measurement from shoulder to ankle. All children will need to arrive by 2:00 pm and meet in the undercroft, accessible at the rear of St. James' Church. One adult from each family group also must be available to help with dressing and rehearsal.



This year's lovely Lucia is Lana Renae Birdwell, daughter of Drott member Christine Svevar and Scott Birdwell. Lana and her older sister, Ava, have participated in the Drott Lodge Lucia pageant for many years. Lana will sing O Helga Natt and Ava will read the Lucia poem. Two years ago Ava was Lucia and sang O Helga Natt and Lana read the poem. Lana is a 9th grade part-time student at Robinson High School in Fairfax, Virginia, and part-time home school student enrolled at International Connections Academy. Her flexible academic schedule allows her to pursue her passion for gymnastics as a successful and accomplished competitive gymnast at Capital Gymnastics, Burke, Virginia. Lana appreciates this opportunity to participate in this event to acknowledge and honor the work and contributions of Scandinavians in the United States, including her Swedish speaking grandparents from Finland. Lana dedicates her song to the memory of her morfar (grandfather), Alfred Svevar.

### **Christmas Choir**

Our Lodge's Christmas Choir will again be performing during the festivities and welcomes any members or family members who would like to join us! Rehearsal of the traditional Swedish holiday songs will begin in the undercroft at 2:00 pm. Songs will be performed in Swedish and English and the lyrics can be provided via email before the rehearsal. If you are interested, please contact Arne Dunhem before December 7th at [adunhem@gmail.com](mailto:adunhem@gmail.com).

### **Julbord**

Drott Lodge will provide meatballs, herring, beverages, and desserts. We ask attendees to bring a side dish or finger foods in an amount sufficient to serve their own family/friends group, plus four others. Admission is free but donations will be greatly appreciated to subsidize the extra costs. Along with the Julbord there will be festive Swedish folk dancing round the Christmas tree and Jultomten (Santa) visits with his bag of gifts.

### **RSVP Required!**

In order for us to plan accordingly, ***please RSVP for the Pageant & Jul Fest by contacting Carol Whitley at [carol4600@verizon.net](mailto:carol4600@verizon.net) or 202-686-6214 with the number of guests in your group by Monday, December 4.*** Please include the age and gender of all children so we can relay this to Tomten (Santa). We are looking forward to a wonderful celebration!

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## **DROTT LODGE MINI-BAZAAR AT SWEA SWEDISH HOLIDAY MARKET**

**Saturday, December 1, 11 am to 6 pm**

**Embassy of Sweden / House of Sweden**

2900 K Street NW, Washington, DC

Drott Lodge members Gerry Schueman (imported foods) and Joann Moretti (imported gifts) will again be organizing Drott's sales tables at the Swedish Holiday Market 2018. They still need a few more workers. Call if you can help out for a couple hours. This is a very popular event for the Swedish community in Washington, both for the scope of items for sale and the number of people attending.

The Swedish Holiday Market 2018 is hosted by SWEA Washington DC, in conjunction with the Embassy of Sweden and House of Sweden. Tickets bought online in advance include a free Swedish fika of coffee, juice, gingersnaps and cinnamon buns. For tickets sold at the door, the fika can be purchased for an additional charge. Non-alcoholic Glögg will also be available. Children 10 years old and under are free, but should be registered when advanced tickets are purchased. Strollers must be left outside.



This year the holiday market will be held both inside and outside House of Sweden. Indoor activities will end at 4:30 pm. They include a silent auction with items including Kosta Boda, Fjällräven, a signed Caps "Stanley Cup 2018 Winner" hockey shirt (Bäckström), a hotel weekend in Georgetown and more. Scandinavian holiday vendors including Drott will sell holiday items such as ornaments, decorations, textiles,

crystals, art, crafts, gifts, books, packaged food (cheese, herring, etc.), candy, glögg, and more. The activities outside will last until 6 pm and include lunch food, snacks and drinks for purchase, and fun activities like photos with Tomte (Santa), temporary tattoos for children, and a Volvo Truck test drive simulator. At 5pm there will be a traditional St. Lucia procession.

Advance tickets can be purchased online at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) and at the "Looking for" prompt type in Swedish Holiday Market 2018.

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**DROTT LODGE LUNCH AND TOUR OF  
NORDIC IMPRESSIONS**

**Saturday, December 8**

**MIKKO Nordic Foods, lunch at 12 pm**

1636 R Street NW, Washington, DC

*online menu/restaurant info at [www.chefmikko.com](http://www.chefmikko.com)*

**Nordic Impressions at The Phillips Collection**

1600 21st Street NW, Washington, DC

*Nordic art spanning 200 years, with 53 artists from 5 Nordic countries*

Drott Cultural Leader, Marit Knollmueller, will be going to the Nordic Impressions exhibition on Saturday, December 8th. Everyone will meet for lunch at 12 pm at MIKKO Nordic Foods near Dupont Circle. Marit will lead the walk after lunch over to the The Phillips Collection for an afternoon viewing of Nordic nations art from 1821 to 2018. If you would like to join her for an afternoon of Nordic art, please RSVP by Tuesday, December 4 to Marit at [mknollmueller@yahoo.com](mailto:mknollmueller@yahoo.com). Tickets for the special exhibition are \$12, \$10 for seniors over 62 and free to children under 18. Purchase tickets in advance at the box office or online.



*[www.phillipscollection.org](http://www.phillipscollection.org)*

**ASA LUCIA, BAZAAR & MORE**

**Saturday, December 8, 2018, 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm**

**St. James' Episcopal Church**

11815 Seven Locks Road, Potomac, Maryland

Lucia Pageant at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Bazaar Begins at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. There will be coffee, glögg, pepparkakor, pulla, kringles as well as dancing around the Christmas tree, a visit by Santa (with small child gift bags), fiddler Paul Carlson, The Nordic Dancers, and a grand raffle drawing. Drott Lodge will be selling imported Swedish gifts at the bazaar. Admission prices: members \$7.00 per adult, \$4.00 ages 2-12, free under 2; non-members \$10.00 per adult, \$6.00 ages 2-12, free under 2.

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## ELECTION OF 2019 DROTT OFFICERS

The Lodge will elect its 2019 Officers at the January 13th meeting. We need members to step up. Serving as an officer is a rewarding way to become involved, get to know more members, and put your mark on Lodge activities. The positions are:

Chairman	Asst. Rec. Secretary	Cultural Leader
Vice Chairman	Financial Secretary	Historian
Recording Secretary	Asst. Financial Secretary	Chaplain

Nominations can also be made at the January meeting, for either yourself or another member. In addition, the following three committees are forming and have room for additional members:

- Cultural Planning Committee – suggests cultural activities for the coming year
- Policy Index and By-laws Committee – sets out guidance for lodge operations
- Special Goals Committee – identifies/recommends worthy causes donations

Contact Nominating Committee Chair Larilyn André at 703-659-5128 or larilynandre@gmail.com to nominate or volunteer.

## OTHER EVENTS

### ADVENT SERVICE WITH LUCIA PROCESSION

Sunday, December 2, 4 pm

Augusta Lutheran Church/

Swedish Church in Washington, DC

2100 New Hampshire Ave NW, Washington, DC

202-234-5315

Pastor Pether Strom Broman conducts the service with Christmas greetings from Göran Lithell, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Swedish Embassy to the United States.

Svenska Sånggruppen will sing Swedish carols and a Swedish fika will follow the service. Street parking or park at Frank D. Reeves Center, 2000 14th St, NW, entrance on U Street. Christmas gifts for Toys for Tots are welcome, so bring a new, unwrapped toy.



**SVENSKA SÅNGGRUPPEN MEETINGS (SSG)**

**Thursday, December 6, 7 pm**

Greenbelt, Maryland

*<http://www.geocities.ws/sanggruppen/svenskasonggruppen.html>*

You're invited! Everyone interested in singing in Swedish is welcome to attend once a month (first Thursday at 7 pm) to sing Swedish ballads, hymns, and folk songs and to have a great time doing it! Meetings are held in Greenbelt, Maryland. This is SSG's ninth year as a group. The season begins in September and runs through May. No summer meetings. SSG performs for Swedish events and ceremonies such as those for the Embassy of Sweden, the Swedish Church in Washington, DC, the Northern Virginia SCANFEST regional folk festival, and more. They have fun!

**SWEDISH FOLK WEAVINGS FOR ORIENTAL RUG LOVERS**

**Saturday, December 15, 10:30 am**

**George Washington University Museum**

701 21st St NW, Washington, DC

*202-994-5200 / email [museuminfo@gwu.edu](mailto:museuminfo@gwu.edu)*

Lecture/Show-and-Tell. Using textiles and images, museum trustee and collector Wendel Swan will discuss several important types of rare, distinctive, and handsome Swedish folk weavings made between 1700 and 1850. Swan will place these pieces in historical and cultural contexts, and compare and contrast Swedish textiles with their Near Eastern counterparts in design and structure.

**SCANDIA DC THIRD SATURDAY DANCE PARTY**

**Saturday, December 15, 7 pm to 10 pm**

**Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio**

15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD

Scandinavian couple dancing on the 3rd Saturday of the month. No partners necessary. No teaching this month, but short talk throughs of most dances. Wear a costume if you like, bring finger food to share if you can. Most importantly, bring yourself. Live music will feature Grammy nominee and local treasure Andrea Hoag, the Scandia DC Spelmanslag and maybe some recorded music. Open Dancing 8 to 10. Enjoy a variety of Scandinavian couple dances led by Linda Brooks and Ross Schipper. Cost \$10. For information, call Linda or Ross at 202-333-2826 or send an e-mail to [linda@scandiadc.org](mailto:linda@scandiadc.org) or visit [www.scandiadc.org](http://www.scandiadc.org). If inclement weather, call 301-474-0646.



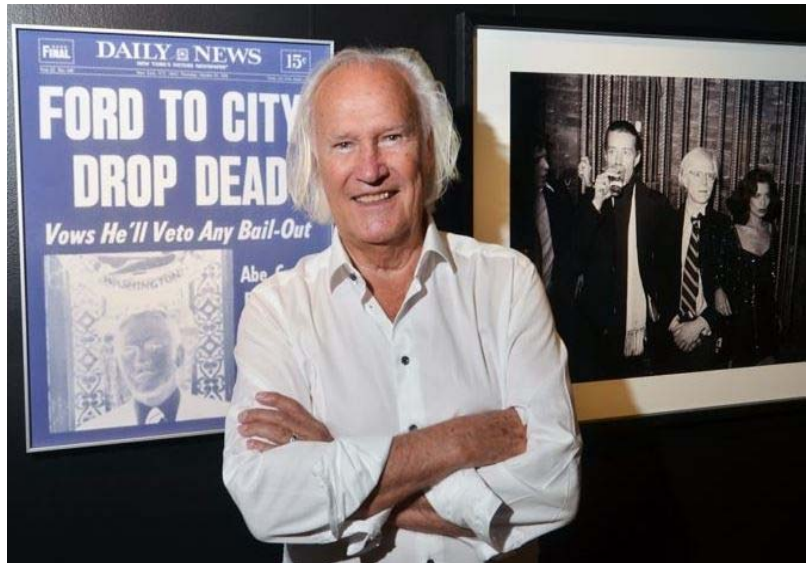
## EXHIBITS AT HOUSE OF SWEDEN

Saturday & Sundays through/until December 16, 12 pm to 5 pm  
2900 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20007  
[www.swedenabroad.com/washington](http://www.swedenabroad.com/washington)

*Ingmar Bergman and his Legacy in Fashion and Art.* An Ingmar Bergman timeline provides photos, texts and a diagram of his extensive output which includes around 60 films, 172 theatre productions and approximately 300 writings. An interactive installation presents Bergman's universe in scenes from feature films, interviews, behind-the-scenes clips, and book quotations. In conjunction with the Ingmar Bergman Centennial Jubilee #Bergman100.

*The Creative Nation: Swedish Music and Innovation.* Sweden has long been ranked as one of the most creative and innovative countries in the world, for its contributions to music, design and technology. Explore the connection between technological innovations and the commercial musical prowess. Use the weight of your own feet to create a musical landscape and discover how many jobs are created in the USA by Swedish companies and trade.

*Studio 54 Forever.* Acclaimed Swedish photographer Hasse Persson captured celebrities, politicians, artists, and the cultural avant garde on Studio 54's discotheque dance floor where everyone was a star. Persson documented life in the United States from 1967-1990, covering race relations, American presidents Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan as well as other iconic figures.



## NORDIC CHRISTMAS SERVICE

**Monday, December 24, 2:30 pm**

**Augustana Lutheran Church**

2100 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Washington, DC

Advent wreath lighting by the children, texts, and music from all Scandinavian countries. Collection to benefit Martha's Table and Augustana Church. Please make checks payable to Swedish Church.

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## MEMBER NEWS & OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST



### WELCOME RHIANNON KARINA!

Drott member Karin Alexis Frenze reports the birth of her grand-daughter on Wednesday, November 7th at 3:22 am in Florida. Her name is Karina, and she is the daughter of Maj-Britt Frenze and her husband, Steve Kobosko. Little Rhiannon was one week late and weighed 7 pounds and 5 ounces. She has a full head of hair and bright blue eyes. She strongly resembles her mother. Karin and husband Chris were there for the birth. Rhiannon Karina and her great-grandmother will meet for the first time at Christmas. Maj-Britt was the Drott Lucia in 2001 and a Vasa Grand Lodge College Scholarship Winner.

### 8 YEAR OLD GIRL DISCOVERS ANCIENT VIKING SWORD

Saga Vanecek was summering with her family at a cabin by a lake in Tanno in southern Sweden. The 8-year-old girl played in the lake on a hot day. Her father waited anxiously for a much-anticipated World Cup match to begin, imploring her to finish so he could go watch the game. But then Saga noticed something strange as she felt along the bottom of the lake, significantly shallower than normal because of Europe's sweltering summer: a long and hard object was stuck in the lake's bed. She pulled it out of the water. Noticing a handle on one end, she pointed it toward the sky. She would later say, " 'Daddy, I've found a sword!' " Indeed, she had. Museum experts estimate that the sword Saga found could be 1,500 years old.



**KARIN MCCABE**

Member Karin McCabe passed away on November 1, 2018 at her home in Bowie, Maryland after a one-year battle with esophageal cancer. She was 78 years old. Karin was born on March 9, 1940 in Öregrund, Sweden, to Alexius and Elly Pettersson. She graduated from the University of Stockholm with a degree in Home Economics, specializing in cooking and recipe development. Karin came to the U.S. in 1963 and worked a year for a UN Swedish diplomatic family in New York as a cook/housekeeper/entertainment assistant. She met her future husband, Tom McCabe, and worked with General Foods test kitchens in White Plains, New York. Karen and Tom moved to the Washington DC area in 1967 and to Bowie in 1969. After 10 years as a stay-at-home mom, in 1978 Karin began a 42 year career in real estate sales in the Bowie and Crofton areas. Karin loved sports of all kinds, including her father's favorite ice hockey. She was especially proud of the Washington Capitals and its star Swedish player,

Nicklas Bäckström. She loved all outdoor activities, a big Swedish tradition, including picking berries on summer trips to Sweden, swimming at her local pool with her "noodle" lady friends, walking, hiking and riding the Bowie bike trails. She loved traveling with her family to Sweden and throughout America, and spending time with her grandchildren. Karin joined Drott Lodge in 1995. She and Tom participated in many Lodge activities. For the Bazaars, Karin contributed wonderful baked goods, worked in the kitchen making sandwiches, and served on the food line. Karin's granddaughters participated in many Lucia events and her granddaughter, Ellie McCabe, was our Lucia in 2015. Karen is survived in Sweden by her younger sister, Cristina Appelskog, and in the U.S. by her spouse of 52 years, Tom McCabe of Bowie, her two children, Jane Marie McCabe-



Zeender of Boulder, Colorado and Nicklas James McCabe of Arlington, Virginia, their spouses Florian Zeender and Sandi McCabe, and four grandchildren. A private memorial service will be held in Boulder sometime next spring, followed by a similar service in Öregrund over the summer of 2019 where her immediate family will gather with her Swedish friends and relatives to say a final goodbye.

[www.legacy.com/obituaries/capitalgazette/obituary.aspx?n=karin-mccabe&pid=190725196](http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/capitalgazette/obituary.aspx?n=karin-mccabe&pid=190725196)

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