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NEWSLETTE

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DROTT LODGE NEWSLETTER
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

First I'd like to thank you all for electing me your Chairman. It's a great honor.

I joined Drott Lodge 25 years ago when our meetings were held on Friday

evenings in Bethesda and our yearly bazaar was at Church of the Little Flower. I was so happy I had found an American organization that wanted to know more about Sweden and Swedish culture. I was surprised to find that there was such an interest in our rich Swedish heritage. I thought it was wonderful. Back then I did not own one single Dala horse and I really did not like Swedish folk music. Now that I have lived in the US for more than 30 years, I understand what Drott Lodge means to all of us with Swedish roots. I understand the connection you have to your ancestors' homeland and culture. I appreciate our rich heritage and I now have a nice Dala horse collection!

The 2020 cultural programs started out with the excellent story teller. Using no props or technology, Margaret Chatham's engaging stories took us away to Fairytale land. The February 9th program should be equally exciting, as we will follow the journey of a Swedish immigrant. On March 8th we'll hear about Pelle Svanslös aka Peter No-Tail. He was a favorite of mine when I grew up.

We also have many traditional events to look forward to, starting with the Peasoup and Plättar Dinner on March 8th. And let's not forget February 20th which is the Swedish Heritage Night with the Washington Capitals!

See you at the February 9th meeting.

In Truth and Unity

Karin Weeden

Chairman

Drott Lodge

MESSAGE FROM PAST CHAIRMAN

After my 4 years as Chairman and five years as the Cultural Leader for Drott Lodge, it's time for someone else to continue in the role as Chairman. Karin Weeden was elected at our last Business Meeting as our new Chairman. She is a wonderful person that surely will have new fresh ideas and thoughts how to further develop Drott Lodge into the new decennium starting year 2020. Karin

has been a Member since 1995, was born in Sweden and of course speaks Swedish fluently.

I wish Karin great success as our new Chairman.

I want to thank all Members and friends of Drott Lodge that have supported me during all these years. It has been a great honor and privilege to serve in the capacities as Cultural Leader and lately the Chairman. And now I will serve as the Past Chairman.

Thank you all!

In Truth and Unity

Arne Dunhem
Past Chairman
Drott Lodge

NEXT DROTT LODGE MEETING

FEBRUARY 9, 2020

2.30 pm

At Undercroft of
St. James Episcopal Church
11815 Seven Locks Road
Potomac, MD 20854

Cultural presentation with a brief Business Meeting following.

**CULTURAL PRESENTATION AT NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY
9, 2020**

Genealogy Presentation by Janet Johnson

The 9 February 2020 Cultural presentation will be by Janet Johnson, Drott Lodge Member and Certified Genealogy Researcher, who will present “An Immigrant’s Journey.” Travel with Enock Mattson by road, rail and ship from Borstil, Sweden to Prentice, Wisconsin, as described in his own words, his diary.

Janet will also demonstrate the Drott Lodge interactive immigrants map, where Members will be able to populate fields corresponding to their own ancestors’ homes in Sweden and where they ended up in the United States of America.

This event is free to Members and guests and does not require advance registration.

There will be a short Business Meeting after the Cultural presentation.



Enock Mattson – Following his Immigrant's Journey



Enock Mattson – As Swedish Conscript before Emigrating to America



Central Station in Gothenburg – The Big Adventure To America for Enock Mattson Passed Here

THE NEW DROTT LODGE BOARD FOR 2020

During our Business Meeting on January 12, 2020, a slate of officer candidates for 2020 was presented by the Nominating Committee consisting of Larilyn Andre, Carol Whitley, Julie Olson with Larilyn Andre as the coordinating Chair Person. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to approve the slate of candidates was seconded and adopted.

The newly elected Lodge officers include:

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| Chairman | Karin Weeden |
| Vice Chairman | Ingrid Butler |
| Financial & Membership Secretary | Carol Whitley |
| Assistant Financial & Membership Secretary | Susan Remmert |
| Recording Secretary | Lisa Jacobson |
| Assistant Recording Secretary | Kathy Olson |
| Treasurer | Per Sorensson |
| Assistant Treasurer | Eva Dunhem |
| Lodge Chaplain | Gunnel Hamilton |
| Historian | Marit Knollmueller |
| Trustees – One new Trustee elected to serve for a 3–year term | |
| – Don Morris (2020–2023) | |

Auditors - One new Trustee elected to serve for a 3-year term

- Larilyn Andre (2020-2023)

Cultural Committee:

- Janet Sue Johnson

- Laura Rhodes



Upon the election of the Officers, the meeting proceeded with the installation of Drott Lodge Officers for 2020 conducted by the District Master, Julie Olson assisted by Margaret Schueman, Grand Lodge Deputy.

The New Chairman, Karin Weeden, expressed her appreciation to the Lodge and her personal gratitude to the District Master and her staff for conducting the installation ceremony. To the Members of the Lodge, she extended her thank you for their confidence in electing her as Chairman.



Members of the new Board to include from the left: Lisa Jacobson (Secretary), Ingrid Butler (Vice Chairman), Karin Weeden (Chairman), Carol Whitley (Financial & Membership Secretary) and Per Soerensson (Treasurer).

THE CULTURAL PROGRAM FOR YEAR 2020

Janet Johnson and Laura Rhodes presented a proposal for cultural programming for 2020. This presentation included programs that compliment current programs along with a few new programs.

Some highlights of the proposed Cultural Program include:

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| February 9 | Genealogy Presentation – An Immigrant’s Story |
| March 8 | Peasoup and Plättar Dinner – Pelle the No-Tail Cat |
| April 5 | Traditional Swedish Crafts Workshop |
| April 25 | Valborg Celebration |

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| May | Bus trip |
| June 25 | Midsommar Celebration |
| September 13 | Welcome Back Dinner – Aquavit Tasting Event |
| October | Ragnar Lothbrok Viking Saga Performance |

DROTT LODGE 2020 BUDGET

Following the presentation of the proposed cultural program activities, a motion was seconded and adopted to approve the Budget of the Lodge for 2020 as presented, which included full cultural program funding. It was noted by the Board that there will be a continuous review of the budget versus expenses.

The Proposed Budget of the Lodge was submitted to all Members in the Special Newsletter dated January 9, 2020.

COMMENT FROM ONE OF THE AUDITORS

I attended the financial meeting of trustees and auditors on Saturday January 4th. First off I had no idea how complex the Profit and Loss statement and the Balance Sheet are. It is extremely difficult to figure out where to put the various expense and income values. Once that is done you try to make sense out of the whole thing. The learning curve is pretty steep. For these reasons I want to express my appreciation and gratitude to Eva for her herculean effort in a creating a system that can be managed and discussed. It has been a long and difficult road but I believe we have arrived. So Eva, you go girl!!

Pete Olson

VASA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINES COMING SOON!

You received a special email on January 24th informing you of the several scholarships being offered by PA District #9 and the Grand Lodge.

Deadlines are all this month, February. For details, refer to that email or go to Drott Lodge's website and click on the 'District Scholarships' and the 'Grand Lodge Scholarship' tabs.

INVITATION TO JOIN SWEDISH HERITAGE NIGHT

If you are interested in joining a group of Drott Lodge Members and Friends that would like to join the Swedish Heritage Night, please contact Karin Weeden email: pk_weeden@msn.com. **PLEASE RSVP BY FEBRUARY 11, 2020.**

Karin will organize Group Tickets for our Drott Lodge group. We have as a group joined the Heritage Night several times over the past years.

SWEDISH HERITAGE NIGHT WASHINGTON CAPITALS

February 20th
CAPITAL ONE ARENA
7:00 PM



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OTHER NORDIC EVENTS

Nordic Language Meetup Anniversary and Valentines Party – Saturday, February 15

ASA is celebrating the one-year anniversary of its Nordic Language Meetup group on Saturday, February 15. Please join us for a potluck and program with songs, games, folk costume fashion show, presentations, and a chance meet new and old members and speak the Nordic language of your choice. We will also celebrate Valentines Day! This event is for everyone so if you don't speak a Nordic language, that's ok too! Please use the link below to RSVP and bring a dish of your choice. <https://scandinavian-dc.org/events/>

RSVP: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45A5AA2EA2FF2-nordic>



NEXT NEWSLETTER

Next Newsletter will be distributed mid February, 2020. Please provide any inputs to the Newsletter before February 15th, 2020 to Arne Dunhem at adunhem@gmail.com.

If you have questions or concerns, please send an email to Carol Whitley at carol4600@verizon.net or Arne Dunhem at adunhem@gmail.com.

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