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

# NEWSLETTER

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## COMING EVENTS

**September 9, 2:30 PM**

**Our Traditional Welcome Back Dinner and Crayfish Party, St. James' Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Potomac, MD**

Park and enter in the rear of the church.

It's time again for our Welcome Back Dinner, where we catch up with each other and learn about everyone's summer activities. As usual, we ask that each family group bring a dish large enough for themselves and four other people. We suggest a dish in the category below that includes the first letter of your last name.

A-G: Main dish

H-R: Salad/side

S-Z: Dessert

Traditional foods for this event include items such as crisp breads, cheeses, meatballs, Swedish new potatoes with dill, bean salad, and mixed green salad. The Lodge will provide a selection of cold meats in addition to the crayfish.



As in previous years, we are planning to incorporate all the traditional activities, with conical paper hats and lanterns, colorful tablecloths, bibs, and a jovial atmosphere for members to socialize and toast the end of summer. You may bring your own beer (BYOB) to enjoy as we learn to sing traditional Swedish drinking songs (snapsvisor) and "How to Peel a Crayfish".

This event is free for Lodge members for whom we have received their 2018 dues, \$12 for all other adults, free for children under age 10. **Please RSVP to Carol Whitley at (202) 686-6214 or [carol4600@verizon.net](mailto:carol4600@verizon.net) by September 3.** You may pay your dues at the event.

### **October 13, 8 AM, Group Baking with Eva**

Marjorie Morris' house in Potomac, MD

The November 4 Bazaar will be here before we know it! (See next page)

In preparation, Eva Dunhem has once again agreed to organize a day of group baking to produce items for sale at the Bazaar Baked Goods table. This event produces large numbers of raised dough items which are hugely popular among our customers! If you don't normally bake on your own, this is a good way to learn how to make raised dough products and other baking tips. It's a lot of fun, as well as a productive way for Drott to provide yummy home-baked goods in quantity. Many customers ask which baked items were made by our members and those always sell first. Let's

make the most of this opportunity to participate in the 'farm to table' trend toward homemade products. The session ends with a fika (so we can be sure everything tastes good). The session site is a short distance from the church where we usually meet. **Put it on your calendar and**



**contact Eva Dunhem to sign up at [edunhem@verizon.net](mailto:edunhem@verizon.net) or (703) 847-0940 or Marjorie Morris at [marjoriemorris2@verizon.net](mailto:marjoriemorris2@verizon.net) or 301-762-3340.**

There will be a sign-up sheet at the September meeting.

## Drott's 39th Annual Swedish Bazaar

We are already gearing up for the main event of our year, Drott Lodge's 39th Annual Swedish Bazaar, on Saturday, November 3. This is Drott's biggest event and involves the participation of nearly all our members in one way or another. It is our only large fund raiser and it enables us to support everything else the Lodge does throughout the year. It also is a great opportunity to get to know one another and enjoy the festive atmosphere!

There are opportunities for everyone. If you like to chat with people you would be a great salesman. Every section, imported gifts, imported food, baked goods, and the food line can profit by your enthusiasm.

Each Bazaar section requires prior activities such as selecting, ordering and pricing items for sale. Some members bake food items at home for the baked goods table —breads, sweet breads, cakes, cookies, etc. Others do prep work in the church kitchen to produce menu items for the immensely popular

Scandinavian food line. Food preparation in the hall kitchen begins Friday evening with chopping, making sandwiches, etc., under the guidance of our experienced members Margaret Schueman and Eva Dunhem. You don't need experience to help there. Once prepared, the food line requires many people to serve, carry food trays, ferry supplies to keep the food line stocked, and help with check-out.



Last but not least, people are needed both late Friday afternoon and evening as well as on Saturday to help prepare the hall. Younger members (or family and friends) would be perfect for these tasks—moving items from our storage unit in Rockville to the hall, unpacking supplies, cleaning and setting up tables, taking out trash during the lunch period, repacking afterward, etc.

As we get closer to the event we will have publicity items available to distribute. Do you drive around a lot? How about a magnetic door sign on your car? Now is the time to decide how you can participate. Contact Carol Whitley at [carol4600@verizon.net](mailto:carol4600@verizon.net) or 202-686-6214 to discuss how you can help.



## **Additional 2018 Events**

October 14 : Business meeting, followed by coffee and member “Meet and Greet”

November 2: Set-Up for the Bazaar

November 3: Bazaar Cleanup

December 9: Lucia Celebration

## **WE NEED YOUR IDEAS!**

If you are interested in helping to shape the future of our Lodge, plan exciting activities, and encourage exploration of our heritage, we ask you to consider participating in our Officer Election in January 2019. For additional information, please contact Julie Olson at [julie.lynn.olson@gmail.com](mailto:julie.lynn.olson@gmail.com).

We are currently in the process of planning Lodge Cultural Activities for 2019. What sounds interesting to you? Please give your ideas to Arne Dunhem at [adunhem@gmail.com](mailto:adunhem@gmail.com) or Marit Knollmueller at [mknollmueller@yahoo.com](mailto:mknollmueller@yahoo.com)

## MEMBER NEWS

### **Virginia Bergman Peters**

celebrated her 100th birthday on May 13, 2018 with more than 100 family and friends present! Ginny was born in Lac Qui Par Le, Minnesota to Samuel Oscar Bergman and Ruth Caroline (Erlandson) Bergman. She grew up on a farm in Dawson, MN learning Swedish by daily reading of the Swedish newspaper to her grandfather and speaking with her Swedish grandparents.



She was a naval officer during WWII, and a school teacher in Fairfax County where she was also on the history commission and President for two years. An author of two non-fiction books about American Indians, Ginny earned an undergraduate degree in English from the University of MN and a Masters in Anthropology from George Washington University. Ginny continued her love of her Swedish heritage and shared it with her husband, Shelton, her son, Emory, and her grandchildren, Hinson and Caroline, who annually attended the Drott Lodge Lucia Fest for many years dressed as tomtes, and star boys/girls, as well as little Lucia's at the family's annual Swedish Christmas Eve at home. Ginny expresses her thanks to the Lodge and all its members for keeping these traditions alive in her heart and for her family. Ginny became a member of the Lodge in 1983 and currently lives in Falls Church, VA.

New member **Amy Stenlund** was very excited to be taking her first trip to Sweden this summer. She attended the University of Uppsala's International Summer Session for 3 weeks in July, taking two courses, Swedish Language and a History of Sweden. She and her mom also went to Jönköping to see where her great-grandmother Amanda Pettersson was born. She believes her great-grandfather Alfred Stenlund lived in Småland as well. Amy is in the front row, in white top and tan pants.



## **VASA NEWS**

### **VASA Pennsylvania District 9 Biennial Convention, Erie, PA, September 28-30, 2018.**

The upcoming District Lodge Convention will include members from three participating Lodges: Drott from Washington, DC, Nobel-Monitor from Cleveland, OH and Svea from Erie, PA. Drott's Julie Olson holds the position of District Master for District 9. Each Lodge will be sending voting Delegates. The Convention welcomes the attendance of any member as an observer and this would be a good opportunity to learn about VASA activities.

## **Old Age and Benefit Fund**

The VASA Grand Lodge at its recent convention revised the procedure for submitting an application to the Old Age and and Benefit Fund. To qualify, an applicant must have been a VASA member of at least 5 years and in need of financial assistance for health or personal need. Applications may be obtained from the Local Lodge, completed, and returned to the Local Lodge for the Chairman's approval/signature and transmittal to the Grand Lodge. Send a message to [info@drott-lodge.org](mailto:info@drott-lodge.org) to request an application.

## **OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST**

The **Nordic Dancers of Washington, D.C.**, begin their fall season Wednesday, September 5 at 7:30 at Highland View Elementary School in Silver Spring, Maryland. With the exception of the week of Thanksgiving and December 19 and 26, they will meet regularly on Wednesdays until May 22. Come any Wednesday and learn traditional dances of Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Norway. Music is provided by fiddler, Paul Carlson. Newcomers are welcome; no prior dance experience is necessary. For more information and to verify the meeting room, contact Chris Kalke at 301-864-1596 or [ckalke@verizon.net](mailto:ckalke@verizon.net), or visit the website: <https://sites.google.com/site/nordicdancersdc/> .

**Take a Course in Swedish!** The Swedish School has programs on Saturday mornings 9:30-12 noon; Sept-Dec & Jan- April; five different levels. They have courses for beginners as well as experienced Swedish speakers. Check their website at [www.theswedishschool.org](http://www.theswedishschool.org) to find out about the different courses starting on the 8th of September. Location: Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School, Falls Church, VA. For information please write to [info@theswedishschool.org](mailto:info@theswedishschool.org) or call: **703-463-0966**.

### **Svenska Sånggruppen Meetings**

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

**September 6 - YOU'RE INVITED:** Everyone interested in singing in Swedish is welcome to attend. They meet in Greenbelt, MD once a month (first Thursday at 7 PM) to sing Swedish ballads, hymns and folk songs to maintain the strong Swedish cultural song traditions and to have a great time doing it! This is their ninth year as a group. Their 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 and the Northern Virginia SCANFEST regional folk festival and more. They have fun!

**34th Annual Scandinavian Fest, ScanFest '18, Vasa Park, Wolfe Rd., Budd Lake, NJ, Sunday, September 2, 10 AM - 6 PM, rain or shine.** Entertainment is covered or indoors. A full day of entertainment, re-enactors, dancers, Vikings with Viking boat, special kids' activities, Nordic foods, a 60+-vendor Scandinavia marketplace ... much more. "The largest Scandinavian event in the East." For more information: [www.scanfest.org](http://www.scanfest.org).

### **First Aid Kit - Julia Jacklin Swedish folk-rock sister duo**

**September 10,** Doors: 6:30 PM, Show: 8:00 PM, The Anthem, 901 Wharf St SW, Washington DC, First Aid Kit is a Swedish folk duo comprising sisters Johanna and Klara Söderberg, who hail from Enskede, a southern suburb of Stockholm. The teenaged siblings began composing songs in 2007, taking their name at random from an English dictionary. All ages, \$40 - \$55

### **Norwegian Viking Ship, Draken Harald Hårfagre - East Coast Tour**

During the tour Draken will visit 14 harbors across the East Coast of the U.S. **Stopover 14 will be in Washington, D.C. from October 5 - 15** at 'Transit Pier at the Wharf', 960 Wharf St. SW, Washington DC at the Southwest Waterfront. Tickets for Deck Tours in October can be purchased online at: <https://www.drakenhh.com/washington>



**Rock the Boat Jazz Concert, Anders Lundegard & Al Baumann,  
November 3, 7 PM, Lyceum, Alexandria; \$20 online, \$25 at the door,  
[theswedishjazz.com](http://theswedishjazz.com)**

## **NOTES FROM THE EDITOR**

Please submit inputs to the next issue of this newsletter to Linda Smith at [leslieandlinda2@comcast.net](mailto:leslieandlinda2@comcast.net) or 240-912-7120 by September 24.

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# Swedish Bazaar

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**Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

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

**Imported Swedish Gifts & Foods • Homemade Swedish Baked Goods**  
**Smörgåsbord Lunch**

**Pea Soup • Swedish Meatballs • Open-Faced Sandwiches • Desserts**  
**Swedish Pancakes • Live Music • and Much MORE!**

**For more information:**

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