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Celebrating Sami National Day

This coming Sunday we will enjoy a presentation on Samis by Drott member Kris Leedom. The Sami National Day has been celebrated on February 6 since 1993. I am looking forward to learning more about Sami culture and history.

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As a child, I spent holidays and summers in Härjedalen, a mountain province in western Sweden. My family had a cabin there. We would visit a Sami village and look for the herds of reindeer that were running around wild on the mountains. The highlight of the Sami village was the visit in the teepee like home that the Sami people lived in during the summer months.

There are lots of Sami souvenirs, most famous are the ones made out of reindeer hides. One year, my parents gave me a pair of reindeer slippers. They were not all that comfortable, but I was happy to show them off to my friends back home. I remember being sad when they no longer fit my growing feet.



Here is a picture of a pair of reindeer slippers, similar to the ones I had.

I hope we'll see you at our Zoom meeting on Sunday. Stay healthy and stay

safe!

In Truth and Unity,

Karin Weeden
Chairman
Drott Lodge 168

February Business Meeting
Sami Presentation by Kris Leedom
Sunday February 14, 2021 at 2:30 PM



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If we were to poll the membership, we would most likely find that most of our Swedish ancestors lived in the lower half of Sweden, not in the chilly north inhabited by the Sámi. Many of us think of the little girl on the cover of the book “The Christmas Wish” as she tenderly offers an apple to a reindeer – definitely a romantic view of the Sámi.

In “pre-pandemic” days, when the Cultural Committee was planning

programs for the 2020-2021 year, we had anticipated showing the film “Sámi Blood,” introduced by a slide show about the indigenous Sámi people and their culture, and followed by discussion. Well, not to let the Coronavirus get the best of us, we have gone forward with a program that features a presentation about the Swedish Sámi that includes geography and identity, cultural connections to reindeer herding, traditional clothing, education, music and theatre.

Kris Leedom, Drott Lodge member and a member of the cultural committee, will do the presentation. Kris recommends you view “**Three Days with the Sami Reindeer People**” on YouTube before the program. Here is the link : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Tf2Qgcvfk4>

February 6 was Sámi National Day, so join us for a look at the Sámi, without the frigid weather, but rather in the comfort of your warm homes.



Sami Flag.

There is no sign up, just click on the link on Sunday.

Zoom Link for February 14, 2021 2:30 pm meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87691430824?pwd=SkhIMG5ncVdrQkwvRTBad1RGdmQrdz09>

Drott Lodge Event Schedule

**March 14, 2021 Zoom Meeting
Find Your Home Parish in Sweden
Genealogy Presentation by Janet Johnson**

This event is on the day we start Daylight Saving Time (DST). Don't forget to turn your clocks forward 1 hour.

April 11, 2021 Zoom Meeting

More details to follow.

May 2021 Zoom Meeting Virtual Museum Visit

More details and a date will be determined when the Cultural Committee have finalized with the museum.

Nordic Events in Our Area

American Scandinavian Association

Monday Feb 15, 2021 12 pm noon

Zoom meeting

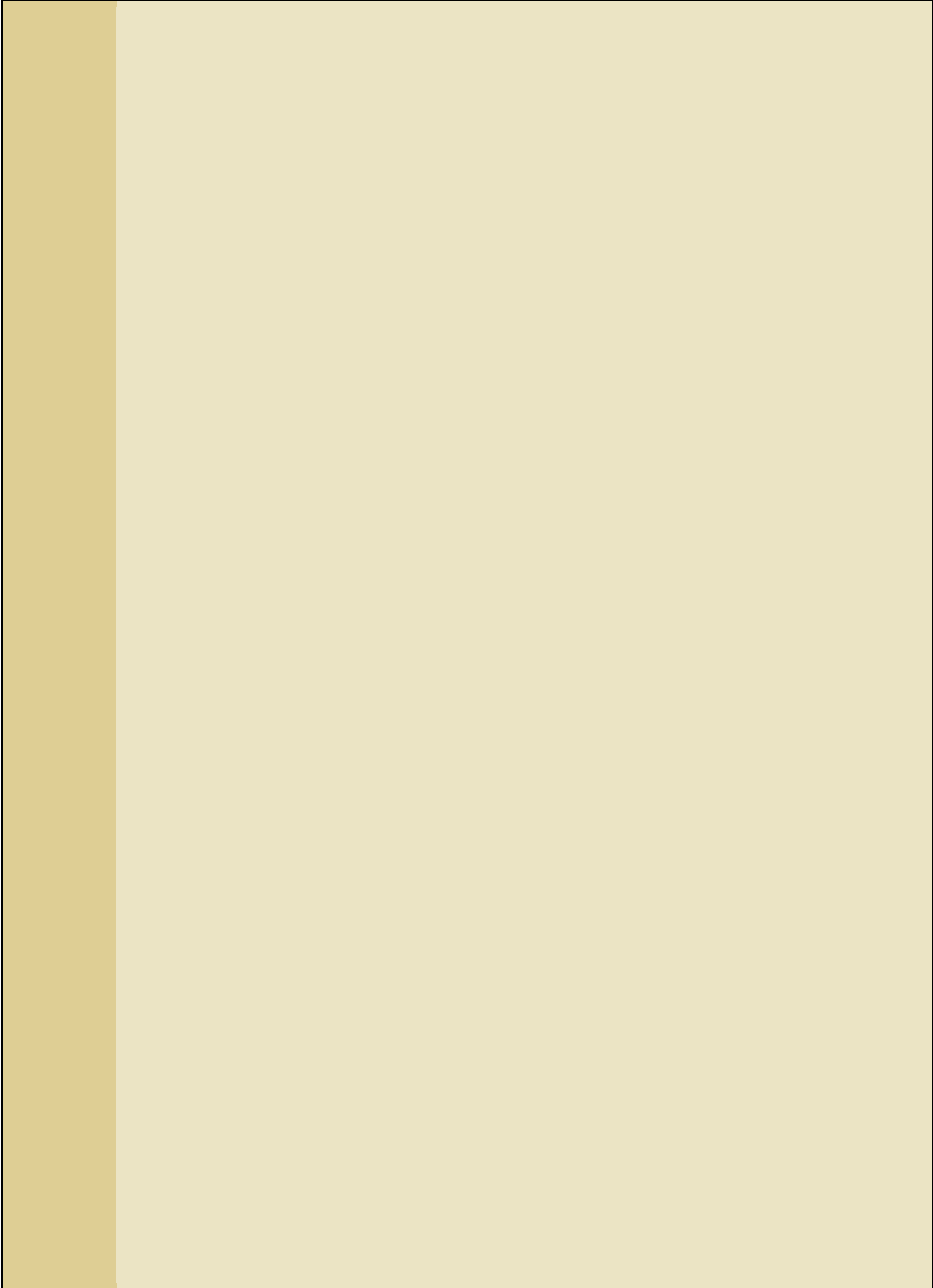
The Making of a Man - A Documentary about Stig Dagerman



Lo Dagerman, director/producer of the award-winning documentary "The Making of a Man," will present her father Stig Dagerman's work and creative process, and introduce her documentary about Stig's work inspired by his trip to postwar France.

In 1946, Expressen sends Stig Dagerman, a young Swedish journalist, to report from the ruins of Germany. The articles display path-breaking journalism, and the resulting book, German Autumn, has become a classic translated into some 15 languages. Stig is sent to France to repeat his tour-de-force, the new book to be titled French Spring. But to his horror Stig discovers that he is unable to comply. Instead, he will write something completely different ...

Non-members can register for this Zoom meeting by emailing ASA at asaforsignup@gmail.com



Volunteer Opportunities

Newsletter Editor - Still Available

Do you love to write and have some great Swedish stories to share? Do you like to visit Scandinavian websites and Facebook pages? Please let us know if you would like to contribute in this area. This is a fun job!

Bazaar Review Work Group

We see all around us how businesses have to adapt to the changing times in order to be profitable and operate smoothly. What can we work on to make this event easier for us as a lodge? We all come from different backgrounds and have lots of experience to draw from.

Please join a meeting or two. This is not a commitment to work for any particular area, we are simply looking for ideas that we can transform into improvements for the fall event. We will have our first meeting at the end of February. Please e-mail pk_weeden@msn.com if you are interested.

Drott Lodge Scholarship Opportunities

We provided this information last month and we have now updated the District scholarship information with two attachments.

Information is provided here about scholarship opportunities for youth Members of Drott Lodge and for children and grandchildren of Members.

Our District, PA District No. 9, offers a youth scholarship every year to Sjölundén, the Swedish camp that is part of the Concordia Language Villages program in Bemidji, MN. It is available to youth Members through age 18 and to children or grandchildren of Members, with the provision that the qualifying Member has been a Member since January 1, 2019. Applications are due February 22, 2021.

Here are the two attachments. One has detailed information and the other is the application.

[District Scholarship Information.pdf](#)

[District Scholarship Application.pdf](#)

The Grand Lodge has a College Scholarship and Essay Contest each year for students attending or planning to attend institutions of higher education. Applicants for the higher education scholarships must have become a Vasa Member prior to February 15, 2020. Applications must be postmarked no later than February 15, 2021.

[Grand Lodge 2021 Scholarship and Essay Contest.pdf](#)

The Grand Lodge also offers scholarships to Sjölund, the language camp in Minnesota described above. Applicants must be between the ages of 8 and 18 as of April 1, 2021, and the applicant or a parent or grandparent must be Vasa Members for two years as of April 1, 2021. Applications must be postmarked no later than February 10, 2021.

[2021 Sjolunden Announcement.pdf](#)

You can also find this information and all applications on the Drott Lodge website www.drott-lodge.org

Please note: Applications for all scholarships require a letter on local lodge letterhead certifying to the applicant's eligibility according to his/her membership date or that of his/her parent or grandparent. Please contact Carol Whitley for this certification. Call her at 202-686-6214 or send an email to carol4600@verizon.net.

Genealogy Meeting

The Maryland, Virginia and DC Swedish Genealogy Group will meet virtually on Feb 21 at 1:30pm. Contact Ken Nelson at kenerv1@yahoo.com to receive an invite for the zoom meeting.

Membership Dues for 2021 are Due

It has been a challenging year for everyone. With that in mind, the Drott Lodge Executive Board voted that membership dues for 2021 be reduced by \$10.

Regular annual membership fee due will be **\$40.00**

Life Members and Youth Members still at \$25.75.

Please go to Member planet and make your payment. The new options are available at the bottom of the payment page.

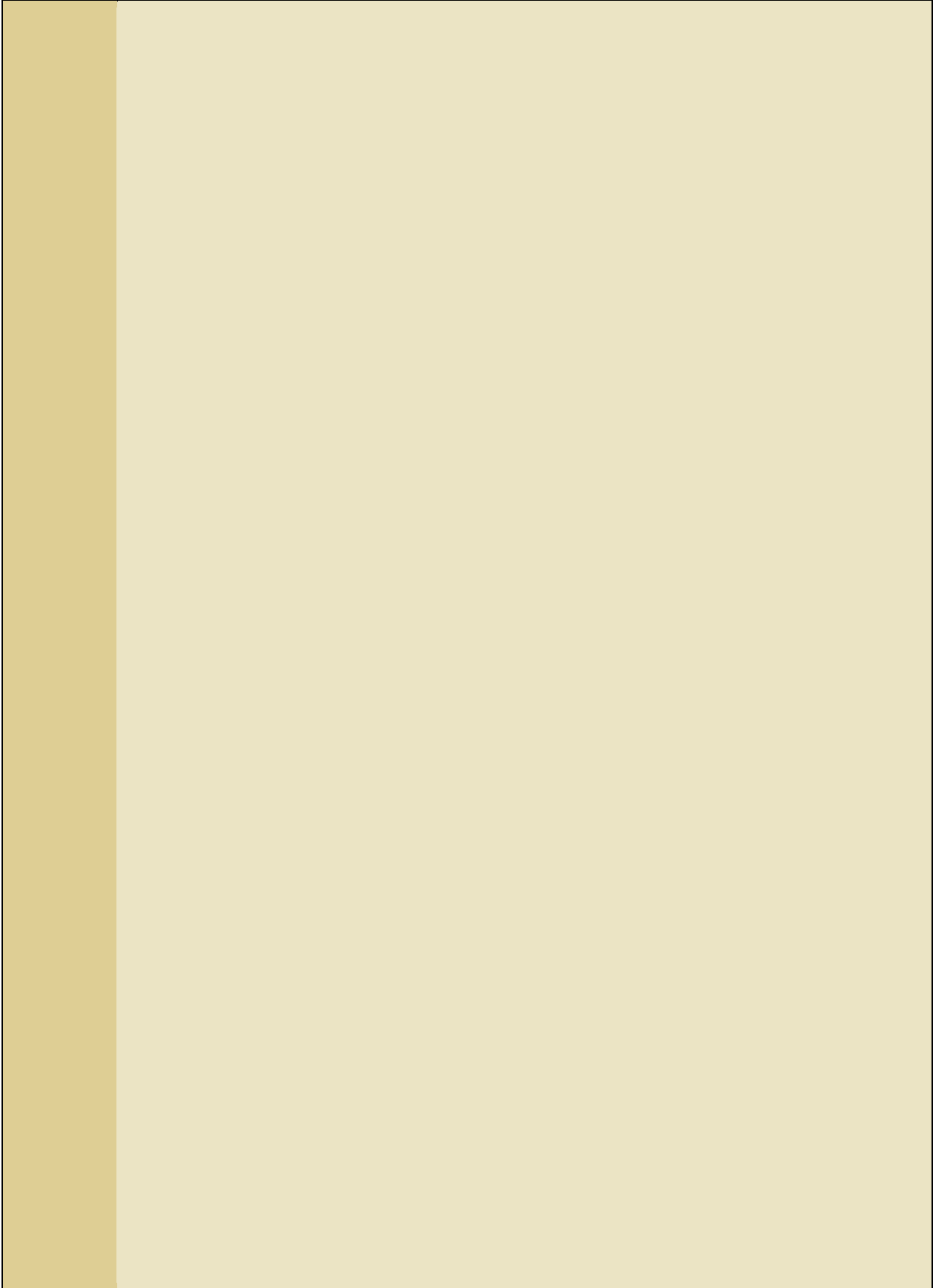
If anyone has a hardship and is unable to pay \$40, you may contact Carol Whitley at carol4600@verizon.net.

Have you moved?

Please update Drott if you have new contact information, such as if you have moved or have a new phone number.

We hope you all are well! Please join us, when you can, for the virtual activities yet to come, and that wonderful day when we can see each other in person.

The next newsletter will be distributed in March. All submissions due by Mar 1, 2021.



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