



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



Newsletter June 2021

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Summer is finally here and we are in a much better place than we were a year ago. States and counties are opening up. We can walk outside and see people's smiling faces again. We can gather with our friends for celebrations and other events.

In June we have two Swedish celebrations. June 6 is the National Day of Sweden - Sveriges nationaldag, also known as Swedish Flag Day - Svenska flaggans dag. We also celebrate Midsummer - Midsommar in June. We will meet up for a casual Midsummer picnic on June 19 in Carderock Park, like we did back in September.

The District is busy planning the Oct 2021 convention. Last month, District Master Julie Olson gave a presentation of the upcoming convention. Please see more information from Julie below.

The lovely picture above is of my Swedish friend Birgitta Pettersson and her grand daughter Astrid. The Swedish outfits were made by Carina Jonsson, Past Chairman Drott Lodge.

Have a wonderful summer!

In Truth and Unity,

Karin Weeden
Chairman
Drott Lodge 168

**Coming Event
Midsummer Picnic
Saturday June 19, 2021 at 4 pm
Carderock Park**



Please join us on June 19 to celebrate Midsummer. Members of Drott Lodge and ASA, and other Scandinavians around the area are welcome to gather for a casual picnic in Carderock Park.

Since we did not know what reopening phase we would be in, we were not able to plan our regular Midsummer celebration. Instead, we will meet at the field below the Pavilion, closer to the parking lot. Bring your own picnic, bring your chairs, and listen to traditional Swedish songs played by fiddler Paul Carlson.

If you feel comfortable meeting outside, please join us. If you have had your vaccine, you do not need to wear a mask.

Don't forget to bring bug spray, hand sanitizer, and sun screen.

We will monitor the weather and let you know in advance of any changes. Rain date is Sunday June 20 @ 4 pm.

Directions:

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Coming Event Vineyard Bus Trip September 2021

The Cultural Committee is busy planning this event. More details to come.

Past Event May 16, 2021 Business Meeting Presentation - District Convention

We met on May 16 to initiate three new members. Keith Olson and Anita McDonough are returning members. Tiffany Carlson is a new member. Welcome to our lodge.

Julie Olson had a presentation about the convention. We were pleased to learn about the logistics, planned events, schedule, and look at some pictures from prior year conventions. This was very helpful for members that have never attended before.

We are so lucky to have this event in our area this year. Read more about it below.

District Convention News

Greetings Members of Drott,

I'm delighted to report that Drott Lodge is hosting this year's District Convention – and we are holding the festivities in Frederick, Maryland. Not only is this an opportunity to meet the wonderful members of our District (from local lodges in both Erie, PA and Cleveland, Ohio), but it's a chance to get out and celebrate in style!

Drott Lodge hosts an array of engaging cultural activities each year, but we don't often have a chance to put on our finest evening wear, have a cocktail while listening to live Scandinavian music, enjoy dancing, singing, and really embrace the meaning of fellowship of which we so often speak.

I am so proud to have our convention in DC this year (it's actually the first convention we've had locally since I joined the lodge more than 10 years ago) and I want our members to join in this celebration!



While the convention is all weekend (15-17 October), the big events you won't want to miss are on Saturday.

Saturday Afternoon – Activities include Swedish genealogy, Scandinavian Dance Lessons, and a Rosemåling craft session, Swedish baked goods, and of course a mini-bazaar.

Saturday Evening – Our Vasa banquet will include a reception, cocktails, music, dinner, dancing, awards, a raffle, and a silent auction.



Please contact Julie at Julie.Lynn.Olson@gmail.com for information on attending Saturday's program activities, registering for the evening banquet,

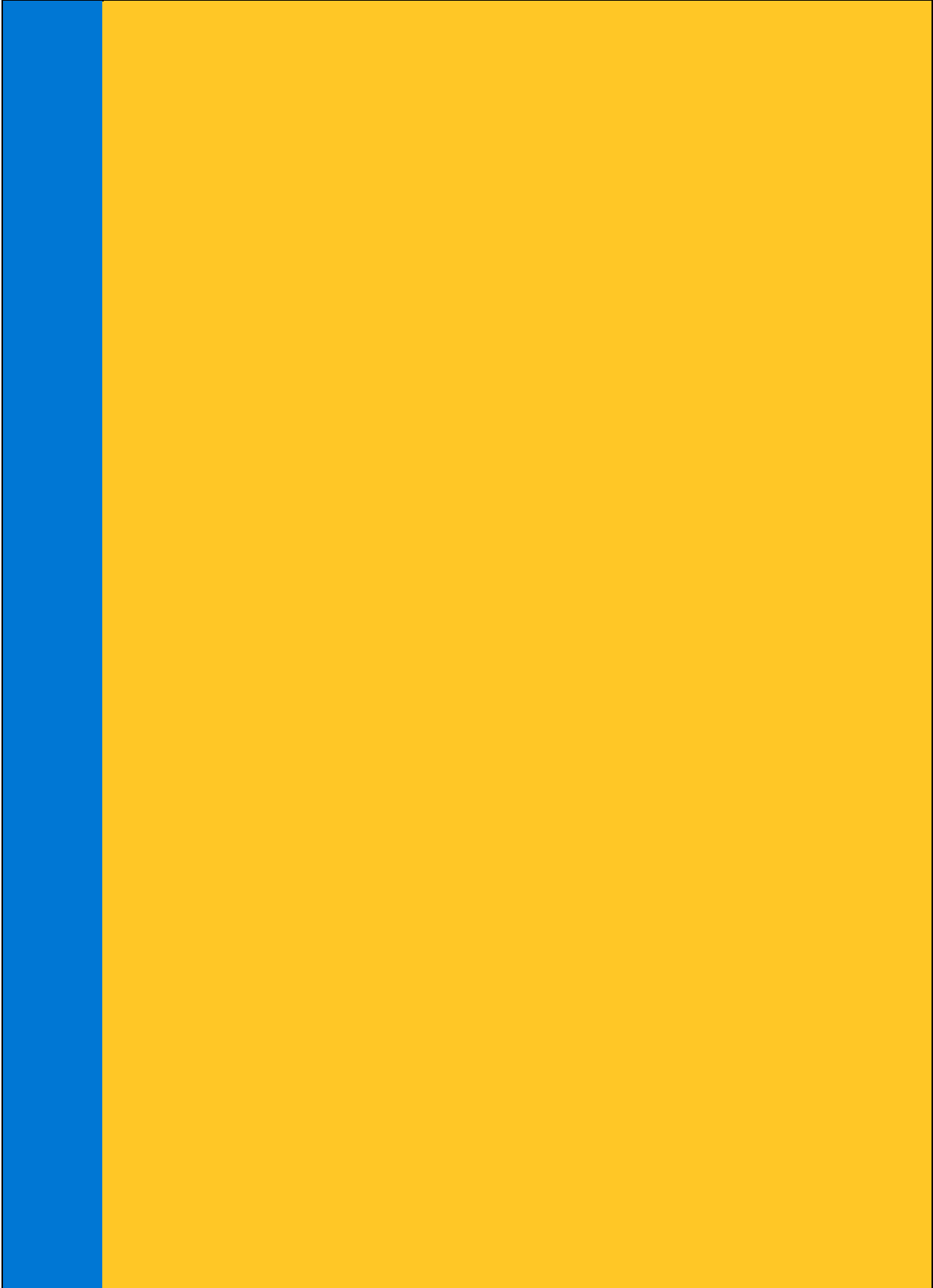
or if you are interested in helping with one of the events.



Note: For those wishing to stay overnight, we have a room block at Clarion Inn Frederick Event Center (240-439-8932) with a discounted rate (Group Name Vasa Order of America 2021 Convention, Code: CI12A5). **Make your reservations now.**



Sveriges nationaldag



Julie Olson
District Master Pennsylvania No 9

Genealogy Meeting

The Maryland, Virginia and DC Swedish Genealogy Group will meet virtually on Sunday June 27 at 1:30pm. Contact Janet Johnson at janetjohnson30254@gmail.com to receive an invite for the zoom meeting.

Swedish Event in our Area

**Swedish Lutheran Church Washington DC.
Outdoor Service
Carderock Park, Md
Sunday June 6, 2021 at 11 am.**

We will meet in Carderock Park in the vicinity of the pavilion. No pre-registration is necessary, but please observe current regulations and be respectful of each other. Bring your own blanket, chair, coffee and pastries for fika. We will provide some homemade baked items.

An ensemble from Washington's Spelmanslag will be playing live at the outdoor summer service and also during the church coffee (so called "buskspel").

Rain date: June 13, 2021 at 11am



About Washington's Spelmanslag

Washington's Spelmanslag is a group of musicians who love to play traditional Scandinavian music. They get together twice a month (every 2nd and 4th Saturday afternoon) at members' homes in the metro DC area. They rehearse, jam, and perhaps even enjoy some fika (the Swedish custom of taking a break with kaffe, drinks, and snacks). Membership in the 'Lag includes all rehearsals and jams, performances, and

special workshops with renowned guest artists. All levels of musicians and all instruments are welcome to join.

For more information on the Washington Spelmanslag and how to join or to attend a workshop, please visit :

<http://www.washingtonsspelmanslag.com>

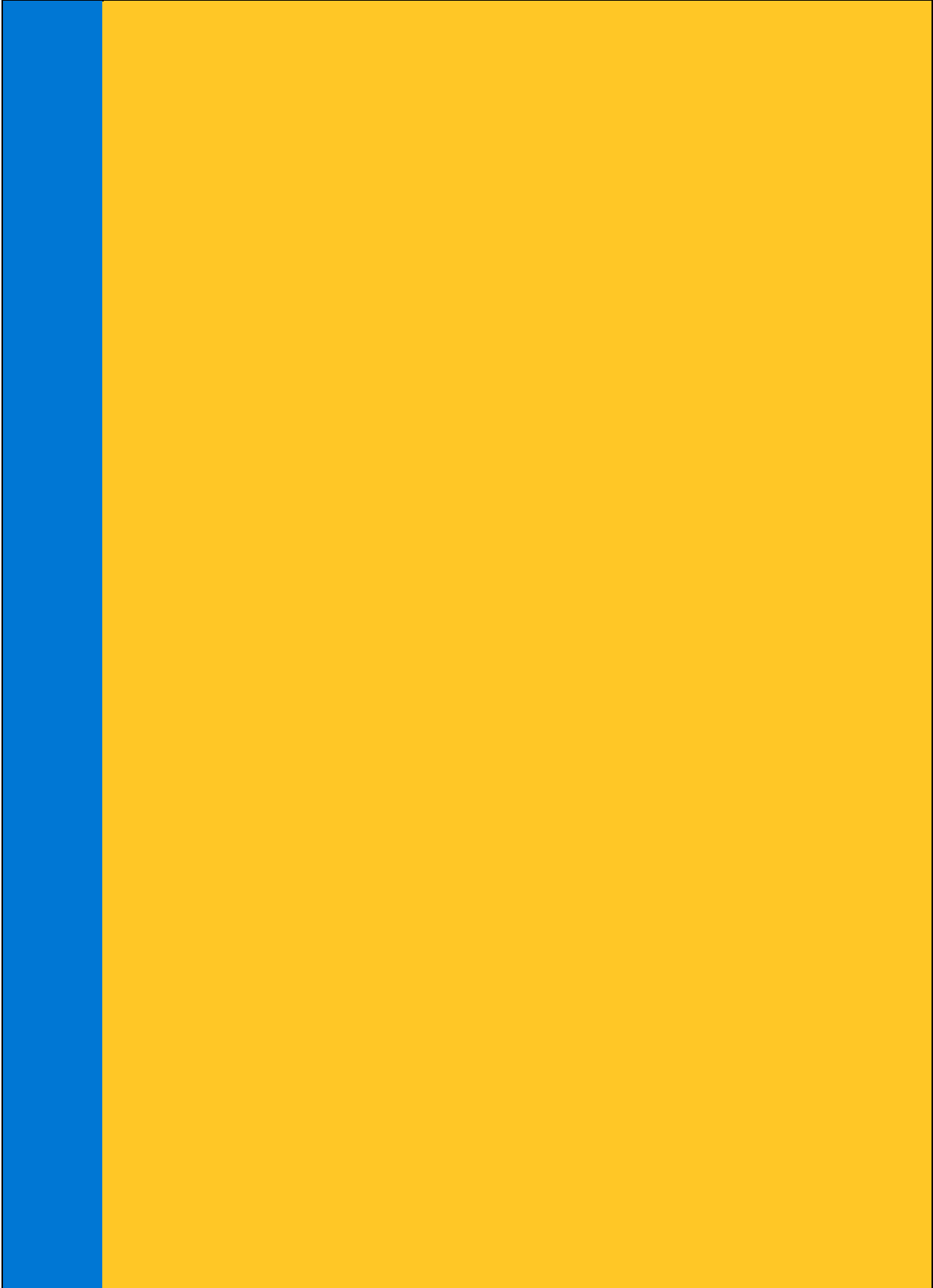
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The next newsletter will be distributed in September. All submissions due by Aug 31, 2021.



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