



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

Drott Lodge Newsletter
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Please Join Us in 2022

I have served as Drott Lodge chairman for two years and what an experience it has been. What started out as a normal term two years ago, quickly shifted into uncharted territories. We have tried to provide interesting Zoom programs for all of our members alike. We even managed to have three outdoor events this year - Midsummer/June, Winery bus trip/September and Holiday/December.

On December 19 we met outdoors in Alexandria VA. Christmas cookies, hot Glögg, and good company were all we needed to make it a nice experience. We also had a short visit to the Torpedo Factory Art Center and a pleasant walk around historic Old Town Alexandria taking in the holiday spirit.

At our January Business Zoom meeting this coming Sunday our members will vote to elect the 2022 Drott Lodge officers. Please see the nominations below. We have added some pictures of the nominees. Please plan to attend and make your voice be heard. We will also hear more about the Grand Lodge Convention that will take place in Philadelphia, PA in July 2022.

If you have one New Year's resolution this year, I hope it is to attend more of our Drott Lodge events. I know it is not the same to visit via Zoom, but we want all our members to stay connected and active. We hope you will come back in 2022 and join us again as you did in the past years. We'd love to see you, but also recognize we are all dealing with different struggles during this time. Please do not let another year go by not checking in with your Swedish friends at Drott Lodge.

It's been an honor to serve as your chairman and I wish Larilyn and the new board members all the best.

In Truth and Unity,

Karin Weeden
Chairman
Drott Lodge 168

**Upcoming Zoom Event
January 9, 2022 2:30 PM
Business Meeting
Installation of 2022 Officers
Grand Lodge Convention Information**

We will have a business meeting to vote for our 2022 Board members. We will also have an overview of the 2022 Grand Lodge Convention that will take place in Philadelphia, PA.

Get your coffee mug ready, let's have some virtual fika together. For the Zoom meeting, just click on this link on Sunday January 9, 2022 at 2:30 pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84636404567?pwd=bHNkU05URjA1SEpQWndScIVjRFJEQT09>

2022 Nominations:

Chairman Larilyn Andre



Vice Chairman Keith Shoemaker



Financial and Membership Secretary Carol Whitley



Asst Financial and Membership Sec Laura Rhodes



Recording Secretary Kathy Olson



Assistant Recording Secretary Katrin Shoemaker



Chaplain Gunnel Hamilton



Treasurer Kenneth Hamilton



Asst. Treasurer Eva Dunhem



Trustee (new for 2022)

Katie Peterson

Auditor

Peter Olson

Trustee

Julie Olson

Auditor	Susan Remmert
Auditor (new for 2022)	Margaret Schueman
Historian	Lisa Jacobson
Cultural Committee	Tanya Cantrell Janet Johnson Kristen Leedom Ashley Mullinax Arne Dunhem Wendy Shoemaker

Past Event Gathering in Windmill Hill Park, Alexandria VA

On Sunday December 19, 2021, members of Drott Lodge met up in Alexandria VA for an afternoon of Christmas fika and fellowship. It was a little chilly and windy, but that did not stop us. We met at Windmill Hill Park down by the water. Watching boats on the Potomac River and air traffic to Regan National Airport, equipped with blankets to sit on, and cookies and hot Glögg, we enjoyed an afternoon in the park. Some members had baked delicious Swedish cookies and bread, others brought chocolate and other goodies.

Before it got dark, we headed to the Torpedo Factory Art Center where you can see various artists and their work including painting, ceramics, photography, jewelry, stained glass, fiber, printmaking, and sculpture. There is a total of 82 artists' studios. This December afternoon only a few of them were open for business. We then headed out to look at Old Town Alexandria and the Christmas displays in the store windows and in the streets. It was a lovely evening and some members stayed to enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

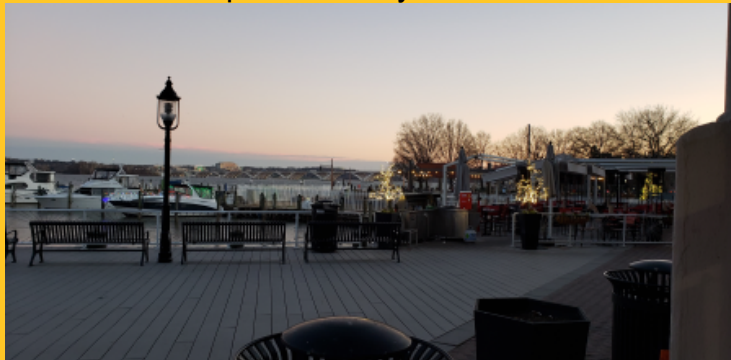
Here are some pictures from Dec 19:



In the park



Outside the Torpedo Factory



A Message from The Grand Lodge

We have received an official call for the quadrennial meeting of the Grand Lodge, Vasa Order of America on July 1 – July 8, 2022 at the Marriott Philadelphia Old City in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It includes information on presenting Motions for consideration at the meeting. Please note that all motions must be received on or before March 1, 2022.

[Official Call for Grand Lodge Meeting July 18 2022.pdf](#)

Scholarship Opportunities

District Lodge PA No. 9 is again offering a two-week session at the Concordia Swedish Language Camp in Minnesota for youths between the ages of 8 and 18. Applicant, parent/guardian, or grandparent must have been a member of a District Lodge for at least two years prior to Jan 1, 2022. Applications must be **e-mailed/postmarked by March 7, 2022**. Visit Concordia's website (ConcordiaLanguageVillages.org) to learn more about its exciting camp activities and language instruction. See below for instructions and the application form.

[District 9 YOUTH Scholarship Announcement 2022.pdf](#)

[District 9 YOUTH Scholarship Application 2022.pdf](#)

The District's Adult Scholarship for Learning is available every other year and is being offered in 2022. Scholarships are given for an adult or family experience at Concordia Swedish Language Camp, to do work or research at the Vasa National Archives, or for an independent project which the applicant must fully describe. Applications are due (postmarked/e-mailed) by **March 7, 2022**. Here is the application form and instructions.

[Adult Scholarship Application 2022.pdf](#)

The VASA Grand Lodge has a Scholarship and Essay Contest for students attending or planning to attend an institution of higher learning. Applications are available on the VASA website (vasaorder.com) until **January 15**. Applicants must have become a VASA member prior to February 15, 2021. Applications and all enclosures must be postmarked no later than February 15th to be considered.

The VASA Grand Lodge also offers scholarships for the Concordia Swedish Language Camp. They are available to children 12 to 18 years of age as of April 1, 2022. Applicant, parent/guardian, or grandparent must have been a Vasa member for at least one year prior to April 1, 2021. Go the Vasa Order website for details. Applications must be postmarked no later than February

10th.

Other Financial Support

The American Scandinavian Association also provides financial support for grants and scholarships and gives preference to members of ASA or other Scandinavian organizations. Application specifications can be found at Scandinavian-dc.org/Grants. For more information contact Anne Marie Hvid at 571-245-1216 or annemariehvid@hotmail.com.

Genealogy Meeting

The Maryland, Virginia and DC Swedish Genealogy Group will meet virtually on Jan 16 at 1:30pm. Contact Ken Nelson at kenerv1@yahoo.com to receive an invite for the zoom meeting.

Vasa Star News

Here is a link to the Vasa Star Fall 2021. On page 7 you will find an article on the PA District No 9 Convention and on page 12 is the Drott Lodge 2021 Christmas greeting.

https://www.vasaorder.com/vasa_pdf/Star-2111.pdf

Membership Fees for 2022 are Due

Regular annual membership fees due are **\$50.00**

Life Members and Youth Members still at \$25.75.

Please go to Member planet and make your payment.

You can also send in a check. Please 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.

The next newsletter will be distributed in February. Do you have something you want to share with us? All submissions due by Feb 1, 2022.