



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



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## Drott Lodge Newsletter October 2022

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## **Fall is here!**

The leaves are changing colors, and the mornings and evenings are getting cooler. It's a time when many begin preparing for the holidays. We will start you off with some craft ideas in our October meeting.

Last month we met at a new location. We had our first in-person business meeting and a cultural presentation by Dr. Karin Alexis Frenze. The presentation was very interesting, and each slide was accompanied by Karin's expert knowledge on the subject.

Don't forget to sign up to the October and November events. You can find the links further down in this newsletter.

We will have our next meeting in Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Road, North Bethesda MD this Sunday October 16 at 2:30pm. I hope to see you all there!

**In Truth and Unity,**

**Karin Weeden  
Past Chairman  
Drott Lodge No. 168**

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**Business Meeting  
Cultural Program: Scandinavian Crafts  
October 16, 2022 @ 2:30 PM  
Saint Mark Presbyterian Church  
10701 Old Georgetown Road  
North Bethesda MD**

We will start the business meeting at 2:30 PM. Please plan to arrive a little earlier. We need help setting up tables and chairs, as well as preparing the fika in the kitchen. We welcome all Swedish inspired cookies, cakes or buns. We will provide

coffee, tea and water for all.

Our October cultural program will give members an opportunity to get their creativity revved up for the holidays. There will be three choices for your consideration. The cost per kit is \$5.00 and there will be additional kits for purchase.

You can pay when you arrive on Sunday or sign up early on this link to ensure you get the kit selection you prefer:

<https://mp.gg/hl-l6>

## **This is what we will be making:**

### **Wooden Dala Horse Ornaments**

**Ashley Mullinax** will take us through the painting of wooden Dala horses. Paints and brushes will be provided in your kit, along with 2 wooden Dala horses to embellish with your own touches.



### **Felt Dala Horses**

This craft features a bit of easy embroidery as we create a Dala horse from felt. Your kit includes all the materials necessary to create a horse, complete with options for hanging (ribbon, cord, etc.) on your Christmas tree. This workshop will be led by **Kristen Leedom**.



### **Felt Tomte**

**Janet Johnson** gives her creative touch to the creation of a small tomte, ready to display for the holidays. Everyone needs a tomte – but a handmade one is the best!



**The meeting starts at 2:30 PM. Please show up early to help out with the setup. We will start setup at 1:30 PM.**

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**Saturday November 12, 2022  
9:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
Virtual Swedish Genealogy Conference**





*With a grant from the Grand Lodge, Drott is opening registration up to All Vasa Order of America Members in Good Standing for the price of \$ 35.00.*

Join Vasa Drott Lodge #168 on Saturday, November 12, 2022 for a day of research at its Virtual Swedish Genealogy Conference. Our presenters are all experts in the field of Swedish genealogy.

**Kathy Cuff**

Archivist-Manager for the Vasa Order of America National Archive and Museum in Bishop Hill, IL. She will discuss VASA Archives: Records and Sources in Bishop Hill.

**Kathy Meade**

The North American representative for Arkiv Digital AD AB. She will present Researching in the Swedish Church Books Using ArkivDigital.

**Geoff Fröberg Morris**

Author of the book, A Practical Guide to Swedish Church Records for Genealogy and Family History. He will answer the 5 research questions of What, Who, When, Where, and How to use estate inventories (Bouppteckning) effectively.

**Bob Johnson**

A professional genealogist who has recently participated in the writing of Genealogy at a Glance: Swedish Genealogy Research and Husförhörslängder, Swedish Household Examination Records: Framing the Solutions to Your Swedish Ancestry Puzzles.

He will discuss Swedish Maps for Genealogical Research, an introduction to digitized historic map collections and property descriptions covering most farms and villages from the 1600s

to the 1900s available at the Swedish National Archives (Riksarkivet) and the Swedish Land Registry (Lantmäteriet).

**Registration Information:**

Vasa Members \$35.00

General Public \$50.00

**Sign up here:**

<http://www.memberplanet.com/events/vasadrottlodge168/swedishgenealogyconference>

**More information about the program and the speakers:**

[Genealogy Conference.pdf](#)

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**Saturday December 10, 2022  
Julfest and Lucia Celebration  
Drott Lodge and ASA**

Hold the date! We are planning a joint Lucia celebration with American Scandinavian Association on Dec 10, 2022. St. John's Episcopal Church in Bethesda, corner of Wisconsin Ave and Bradley Lane.

More details to come.

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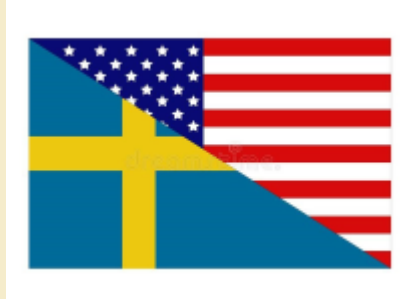
**Other Scandinavian Events in Our Area**

**The Nordic Dancers**

The Nordic Dancers of Washington, DC, have resumed in-person sessions. They will meet regularly on Wednesdays through May 24. 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. Proof of vaccination and good-quality masks are required. To verify the meeting room and to check on any possible changes due to conditions relating to COVID, call 301-864-1596 or send a message to [NordicDancers@aol.com](mailto:NordicDancers@aol.com). For more information, visit their website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/nordicdancersdc/>



**Swedish American Cultural**

**Union (SACU)**

**Private Tour at the House of  
Sweden Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at  
12:00 Noon  
Faraway so Close- An Exhibition of Swedish Art**

Helene Larsson Pousette, Cultural Counselor at the Embassy of Sweden, Washington, D.C. will be doing an interpretive tour of the latest art exhibit, "Faraway So Close," at the House of Sweden. It will be at noon on October 19th. After the tour and the Q/A session, guests are welcome to join SACU members for coffee at Starbucks or lunch at one of the several restaurants in the Georgetown Harbour area, e.g. Bangkok Joe's. The tour is free and the Fika or lunch is optional.

The attached handout provides additional information about this event. Maybe you would like to join us? You are welcome to bring any friends or colleagues as well. All you would need to do would be to have them rsvp to Ann-Marie Brisbois at [ambskane3@gmail.com](mailto:ambskane3@gmail.com) with their names and their interest in attending.

More information here:  
[SACU Art Tour at House of Sweden.pdf](#)



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**Past Event**  
**Journey to Sweden through Masterpieces of**  
**Swedish Art**  
**Sunday, September 11, 2022**

Karin Alexis Frenze, Ph.D., an art and architectural historian and Drott Lodge member, gave an excellent presentation on Swedish art at our September meeting. She took us on a journey that started in the Viking Age and ended in the 20th century. She showed us how changes in Swedish society and culture throughout history has directly affected how Swedish art has been shaped. Her focus was on the many pieces of art located in Washington, D.C., particularly in the collection of the Embassy of Sweden. Many thanks to Karin for her presentation and the Cultural committee for arranging this event.



Speaker Karin Alexis Frenze.



Margareta Storm and her husband Peter.



Marit Knollmuller, Kathy Olson, Carol Whitley and Wendy Shoemaker.



Laura Rhodes, Wendy Shoemaker, Katrin Shoemaker, Keith Shoemaker, Carol Whitley and Karin Weeden.

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**New Location\* New Location\* New Location**

Please note that we will no longer meet at the St. James location. In October we will meet at **Saint Mark Presbyterian Church**, 10701 Old Georgetown Road, North Bethesda MD. Here are directions:

[Saint Mark Directions.png](#)

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**Swedes on the Run**



Last month, Drott Lodge Chaplain Gunnel Hamilton participated in the Lidingöloppet, the world's largest cross-country race. There are several different distances to choose from each year; 30 kilometers, 15 kilometers, a mountain bike race and more. Gunnel entered the 10K for the W70 class.

The race took place on the island of Lidingö, a suburb of Stockholm. It's not on flat city streets, but a course almost entirely on cross-country trails through the small mountains (or

large hills) of Lidingö. That makes for a very demanding challenge. Once on the course, the only way home to quit is to go to the finish line.

Gunnel's husband and Drott Lodge treasurer Kenneth Hamilton participated in the Lidingöruset, a 1.7K course. He completed his race with Gunnel by his side. She must have been exhausted since she had already competed in the 10K. Kenneth's reaction after completing the 1.7K was that the decimal point was in the wrong place.

Gunnel and Kenneth are not new to this type of endurance event. They have also participated in the Vasaloppet in the past.

Very well done both of you!

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### **Unpaid Membership Fees for 2022 are now Delinquent**

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 credit card payment.

You can also send in a check. Please contact Carol Whitley at [carol4600@verizon.net](mailto:carol4600@verizon.net).

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## Keep Your Memberplanet Account Up to Date

It is important that you update Memberplanet if you have new contact information, such as if you have moved or have a new phone number.

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## Newsletter Deadline October 25

The next newsletter will be distributed in November. Do you have something you want to share with us? Did you go on a trip? Please send in your story and a picture or two.

All submissions are due to [pk\\_weeden@msn.com](mailto:pk_weeden@msn.com) by **October 25, 2022**. Please make sure to include the word **NEWSLETTER** in the subject.



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