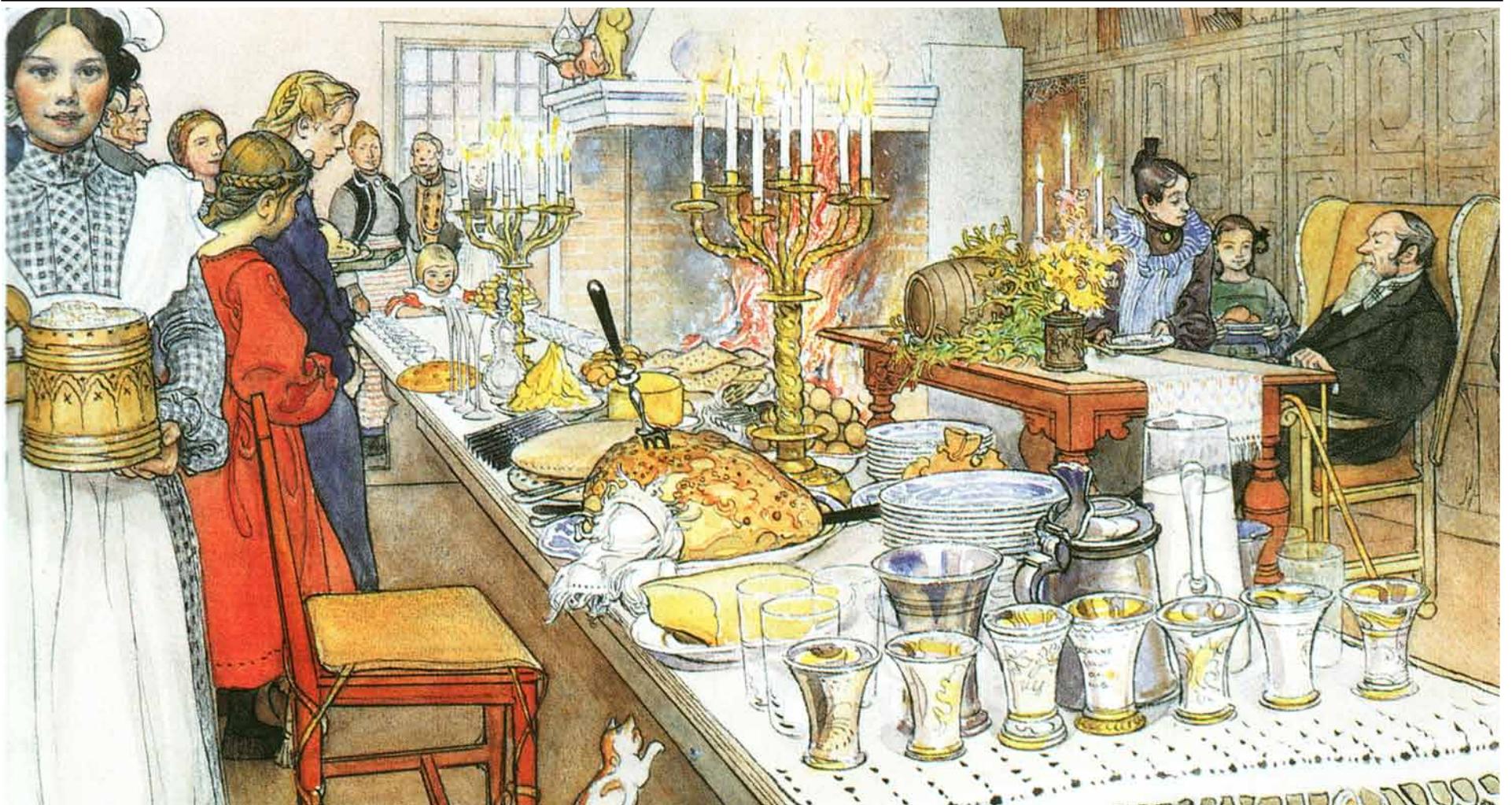




# THE VASA STAR

## VASASTJÄRNAN

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"Christmas Evening." Painting by the most favorite of all Swedish painters Carl Larsson. (Turn to page 10 for a brief further introduction to the artist)

## THE GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE



DEAR VASA BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

It is that time when local lodges are busy with their Lucia pageants and holiday dinners. The many Christmas traditions stir up happy memories for most of us. The tastes, smells, visits from family and friends, decorated trees and store fronts excite us all. I get just as excited about the progress Vasa has made over the past three years.

During September and October my wife

and I attended District Conventions of three Districts on the east coast and one on the west coast, Massachusetts No. 2, Connecticut No. 1, New York No. 4, and Pacific Northwest No. 13. It was a pleasure sharing positive news with our members of how far we have come in a relatively short time. Our Education/Scholarship Fund is now double what it was in 2009. The Vasa National Archives' financial situation continues to challenge us. I want to encourage all Districts to remember the opportunity to donate up to 5% of their unused OA&B funds to the Archives in support of its operation or endowment. Thank you to the Districts who donated to the Archives during the past year and I encourage all Districts that meet in 2014 to also approve this necessary donation. The Archives, such an important branch of our Order must survive as home of the Vasa Order in the future. Visiting Bishop Hill in winter would surely help you understand the hardship our brave forefathers felt in blistery weather with snow drifting across the Midwest plains. Don't let weather discourage you from this experience. Our Archivist, Victoria will welcome you and

help you find nearby cozy accommodations.

I am pleased that Districts have made excellent Grand Lodge Delegate choices for the 2014 Convention. Delegates to this convention must be farsighted since GL Conventions take place only once every four years. We cannot afford to delay decisions related to several controversial topics until 2018. Workshops will be provided for GL Delegates so all will understand the motions to be addressed. There will be many opportunities for Delegates to ask questions and seek clarification. Membership decline and economic challenges are not going away. I truly believe the future of the Order depends on these GL Delegates. Please support them and their decisions. They will return from the convention with all the information they will need to educate members regarding the decisions. Please consider coming to the convention as visitors and listen to the proceedings so you get first-hand information. The Grand Lodge meeting hosted by New York District No. 4, will be held in the beautiful wooded setting of the Westchester Hilton in Rye, New York. Officers, delegates, and visitors will enjoy the tours

and numerous activities planned.

This will be the second issue of the *Vasa Star* included within an edition of the *Nordstjernen*. I've heard from many members that they are enjoying reading both publications. I am sure *Nordstjernen* editor and publisher, Ulf Mårtensson would love hearing from you regarding how pleased you are with the new format. Ulf's contact information is located on the bottom of page two. Both the Vasa Order and Swedish News, Inc. are excited and pleased with our new partnership. The Vasa Order also proudly announces and celebrates Ulf's and his wife (and *Nordstjernen* Publications Director) Mette's new membership in our Order. They recently joined Diana Birger Jarl Lodge, No. 3, Connecticut No. 1. Welcome Ulf and Mette!

The friendship, support, and cooperation I have experienced throughout my term have been overwhelming. My wife, Sheila and I wish all Vasa members in the US, Canada and Sweden a joyous Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year, God Jul och Gott Nytt År.

IN TRUTH AND UNITY,  
BILL LUNDQUIST, GRAND MASTER

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For 24 hours during the first week of September Sweden and most of all Stockholm was a very special place in the world when the United States President Obama came for a visit. / p14

# INTERIM EDITOR'S MESSAGE



BY JOANIE GRAHAM

The Vasa Star has gone through several changes in the past few years, from a glossy magazine published six times a year, to a quarterly tabloid-format publication. Earlier this year the Grand Lodge was approached by Swedish News staff with a proposal to join with them in publishing The Vasa Star together with Nordstjernan. This is the second issue of our joint venture and we have heard many very favorable comments from Vasa members about the publication itself, as well as the addition of current news from Sweden and Swedish-America.

It is with regret that we announce that the position of Vasa Star Editor is once again vacant. We would like to thank Annelie Lindberg for her valued efforts for the past two years serving as editor of The Vasa Star.

Please send your articles and photos to me for the Winter issue while we restructure the editorial process of The Vasa Star.

Your Lucia articles and photos must be at my desk by the deadline of December 31st. Please send to: [vasajlg@aol.com](mailto:vasajlg@aol.com)

JOANIE GRAHAM  
GRAND SECRETARY AND INTERIM VASA STAR EDITOR

## ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS



Evan Wood, 2012 Texas Lucia with a diploma from Logen Småland #618 with the lodge's KL Sy Eva Dahlberg. / p12



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### Deadlines for The Vasa Star

Winter Deadline » **December 31**  
Spring Deadline » **March 15**

- Picture and article, 200 words or less.
- For Letters to the Editor column, 150 words or less.
- Please send pictures of good quality in order for them to reproduce well in The Vasa Star. Electronically submitted photos should be scanned in JPEG format at a resolution of 300 dpi.
- For submitted lodge articles, please add city and state. Thanks!

IN MEMORIAM » Please read instructions on how to send and pay for Obituaries.

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Occasionally photos are submitted to Vasa Star that are not usable, and you're disappointed when your photo isn't used. Here are some guidelines to follow:

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2. Photographs can be scanned, but be sure they are good quality photographs, at least 4x6 in size. If you scan them, be sure they are saved as a .jpeg and 250-300 dpi. If you are not sure of the size, attach the original photograph.
3. Photos pasted into a Word document are difficult to work with, so whenever possible don't use this method. Send the photos separately, as an email attachment or as in #2 above.
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# ARCHIVES NEWS

## Immigrants Now and Then



Previously I have written about our unique collection of the 1600 interviews that Lennart Setterdahl produced. Every time I copy one to a CD, I am just as fascinated by

the manner in which Lennart conducted the interviews with these immigrants. In a calm voice, he makes the individuals feel special, encouraging them to talk more freely, perhaps saying more than they had intended. They talk about Sweden, how they arrived here and the difficulties they encountered in this country. Many had to work hard in factories with low wages for their daily bread. But the Swedes were resilient, and luckily, many did very well.

The recordings are in Swedish and in English. One interview with a gentleman from the interior of Småland made me laugh heartily. If I hadn't been from Småland myself, I might not have understood what he was saying. He said "körka" instead of kyrka (church), "sulle" instead of skulle (should), and "kossara" instead of korna (the cows). He used the dialect word "la" in almost every sentence.

When I arrived here as an immigrant in 2010, I was surprised about all the papers I had to fill out about myself, my parents, etc., and how often I had to go up to Chicago for fingerprinting, and also how difficult it is

to get a credit card. To obtain a credit card, one has to have a credit record, and to get a credit record one has to have taken out a loan or used some other kind of credit in the United States.

"You can't get a credit card because you don't have a credit record," said the banker. "How will I get a credit record if you don't give me a credit card?" said I.

"You have to take out a bank loan." "Okay," I said. "Then I will take out a loan." "No, you can't borrow money either because you don't have a credit record."

"But I have money in my savings account." "It does not help," said the banker.

This was one of the times that my blue eyes turned black, and my Swedish blood rushed through my veins in anger over all the bureaucracy. It was almost comical. So why hadn't anyone ask for my shoe size?

Back to the business of the archives: During the last week in September we had about 150 visitors with almost one hundred of them being from Sweden, a very delightful number. Fifteen other visitors were students from Augustana College. With the speed of the wind, people learn about the Vasa Order of America and our archives. In ever increasing numbers they learn that they can come here, listen, learn, study, and do research. Many Americans come to find out about relatives in Sweden, or to get information and advice before their visit there. Here at the archives, we are delighted to help.

In closing, we welcome everyone to the Vasa Order of America Archives in Bishop

Hill. And please make an appointment by calling 309-927-3898.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!  
VIKTORIA ALMGREN

### EMIGRANTER NU OCH DÅ!

Jag har tidigare skrivit om vår unika samling av ca 1600 kassetband som Lennart Setterdahl har producerat. Varje gång vi ska göra en CD skiva, blir jag alltid lika betagen i Lennart's sätt att intervjua dessa emigranter. Han har ett lugn när han talar som får individen att känna sig speciell, vilket också gör att dom kanske berättar lite mera än dom tänkt. Deras berättelser är om Sverige och hur det var att komma hit, och svårigheter dom möttes av i det nya landet, hur många fick slita för levebrödet i fabriker för en mycket låg timpenning. Men svenskarna var envisa och många lyckades mycket bra.

En del av dessa band är på svenska och en del är på engelska. Ett band som gav mig många härliga skratt var av en herre från djupaste Småland. Hade jag inte själv varit Småländska hade jag aldrig förstått vad han talade om, Kyrka var körka, skulle var "sulle", kossorna var "kossara" och ordet "la" användes i nästan varje mening, och det ordet har ingen innebörd alls.

Själv kom jag som emigrant år 2010 och förvånades över alla papper jag skulle fylla i om mig själv, mina föräldrar etc., hur ofta jag fick fara upp till Chicago för att ta fingeravtryck, samt hur svårt det är att få kreditkort.

För att få ett kreditkort måste man ha kreditbakgrund, och för att ha det måste man

haft ett lån eller utnyttjat en kredit i USA.

Banken sa, "Du kan inte få något kreditkort för Du har ingen kreditbakgrund."

"Hur ska jag få en kreditbakgrund om Ni inte vill ge mej ett kreditkort?"

"Då måste Du låna pengar," sa banken.

"Ok, då lånar jag pengar."

"Nej Du kan inte låna heller för Du har ingen kreditbakgrund."

"Jag har ju sparpengar på mitt sparkonto."

"Det hjälper inte," sa banken.

Detta var en av de gånger mina blå ögon blev svarta och mitt stolta svenska blod flöt med en rasande fart genom mina ådror i ilska över denna byråkrati.

Lite komik i det hela är - varför har ingen frågat om min skostorlek????

Tillbaka till Arkivet, sista veckan i September hade vi ca 150 besökare, nästan hundra av dem var från Sverige en mycket glädjande siffra! 15 av besökarna var studenter från Augustana College. Ryktet om Vasa Ordern och vårt arkiv i Bishop Hill har spridits med vindens hastighet. Allt flera vet att dom kan komma hit, lyssna, lära, studera, och forska. Många amerikanska besökare kommer för att hitta släktingar i Sverige eller få information och råd inför sina resor till Sverige. Vi som arbetar med arkivet är glada att kunna hjälpa till.

Avslutningsvis vill vi önska alla gamla och nya besökare välkomna till Vasa Order Of America National Archives in Bishop Hill. Var snälla och beställ tid. Tel. nr. 309-927-3898

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*To be eligible, all the following items must be postmarked no later than February 15, 2014 to be considered.*

1. Completed application.
2. Complete transcripts of grades through the first half of the senior year for high school students or fall semester of current academic year for college students.
3. Current, good quality, passport photo 2"x3".
4. Letters of recommendation from applicant's Local Lodge.
5. Letters of recommendation from two personal references.
6. A letter of reference from your Dean, Principal, Teacher or Counselor.
7. An original, typed essay, not to exceed 1,000 words.

**Please put in one envelope if possible.**

### Suggested Essay Subjects:

1. The role youth can and should play in Vasa.
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## Do you have a question for the Grand Lodge?

Every wonder why or how or when...? Send your questions about anything Vasa-related to [vasajlg@aol.com](mailto:vasajlg@aol.com) and then watch for the FAQ Column in The Vasa Star.

# GRAND LODGE NEWS

## Motions to the Grand Lodge Meeting

The Grand Lodge Vasa Order of America will meet for its 38<sup>th</sup> Convention on July 4-11, 2014 in Rye, New York and it is not too early to start thinking about motions you want to present.

Any individual member, local lodge, or district lodge may submit motions to this Grand Lodge meeting. An individual does not need approval of their motion from any local or district officer. However, the lodge secretary does certify that the individual submitting the motion is a member in good standing.

Please use the format provided here when writing your motions. This will ensure a consistent appearance for the many motions that will be considered. Please do not use the words "Whereas" or "Be It Resolved" or the motion will be returned to you for proper format. If you submit more than one motion, please put one motion per form to avoid confusion.

All motions must be typed or printed clearly, so that no errors in interpretation or intent will be made. All signatures are required, along with the appropriate lodge seal. An emailed copy of the motion would be appreciated, but does not replace the paper copy with signatures and seal. You may email a copy of your motion to: [vasajlg@aol.com](mailto:vasajlg@aol.com).

When making a motion that involves finances, please show the probable cost along with the motion.

Remember that Constitutions and Bylaws use the word "shall" or "will", not the words "can", "should", or "could".

Recommendations included in any GL Officer's or Archives Board Member's report involving a constitutional change must follow these rules.

Please refer to page 39 of your Constitution for Grand Lodge – Article XVII-Amendments concerning motions to change the Constitution.

You may submit your motions as early as you want. **ALL MOTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE GS BEFORE MARCH 1, 2014.**

Motions will be numbered in the order in which they are received.

**Mail to:**  
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SUBMITTED BY JOANIE GRAHAM,  
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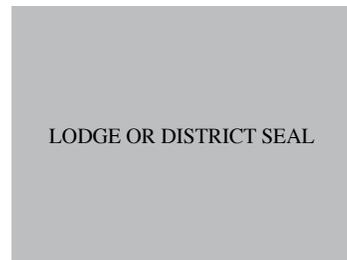
**Deadline for submission — March 1, 2014**

**SAMPLE FORMAT #1 – Motions Not Affecting Constitution**

\_\_\_\_\_, Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, Vasa Order of America, at its regular meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, voted to submit the following motion:

**VOTED:** That \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTIVATION:** \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Chairman (or District Master)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Secretary (or District Secretary)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**SAMPLE FORMAT #2 – Constitutional Changes**

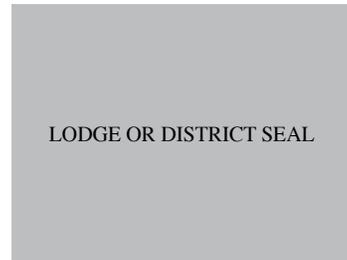
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**To change the Constitution for \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge:**

**Present Article \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_, Par. \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ now reads:.....**  
*[state section as it now reads]*

**MOTION is presented to CHANGE Article \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_, Par, \_\_\_\_\_ to read: .....**  
*[State section exactly as it will be written should the requested change pass]*

**MOTIVATION:** \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Chairman (or District Master)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Secretary (or District Secretary)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**SAMPLE FORMAT #3 – Motions made by Individual Members**

*NOTE: Motions submitted by individuals must include the format described below together with Sample Format 1 – motions not affecting the Constitution, or Sample Format 2 – Constitutional Changes, above.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a member in good standing of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, submit the following motion:

*[Format as indicated above]*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Typed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Address (City, State, Zip)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is a member in good standing in \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_ as of this date.



\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

# LODGE NEWS



Chairman Linda Steinmiller presented Edith Johnson her 70 year pin and Edith's daughter Linda Cutler shared some history about her mother's life in Sweden and America.

## Norden Lodge #1

WEST HARTFORD, CT / Norden Lodge # 1 celebrated their 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on May 18, 2013.

This dinner was very well received. District Master Joe O'Leary and Grand Lodge Deputy Lilija

Strazinski along with many Past District Masters and Past Board members attended this event.

We shared our anniversary with members of the Half Century Club, which is a Scandinavian organization from the Greater Hartford area.

Chairman Linda Steinmiller presented Edith Johnson her 70 year pin and Edith's

daughter Linda Cutler shared some history about her mother's life in Sweden and America. There wasn't a dry eye in the room.

Pastor Holger Lundin, President of The Half Century Club gave a sermon honoring our departed members and a few hymns were song.

Old friends met up with many acquaintances they had not seen in years and left the event with many wonderful and cherished memories.

VASA STAR CORRESPONDENT,  
GARY STEINMILLER

## Thule Lodge #127

JAMESTOWN/BEMUS POINT, NY / Hello to everyone from the Thule Lodge #127, where summer was been a busy time for everyone. Now that the fall season is upon us, we can reflect on the busy times for our lodge. In July, our lodge took part in the annual Scandinavian Folk Festival, which featured much singing, dancing, music, food, crafts, Swedish lessons, story telling, and arts of many kinds. Our past cultural leader, Allie Linnea Nelson Withers, set up a wonderful display of Swedish items, and talked about her life in Sweden from when she was born to when she emigrated to the United States. Our lodge prepared the Swedish meatballs and longtime member Don Sandy was present the entire festival with his accordion music much to the delight of The Thule dancers who performed. The children's dance team led by member Donna Johnson also performed during the festival.

During the summer months, fish dinners were held on Friday nights and a second choice meal special such as kåldolmars or korb with rotmos was offered. In September, the famous Thule lodge swiss steak dinner was held, and we had a wonderful Harvest Dinner in October. Meetings are held on a Saturday afternoon during winter months and are led by our chairman Jeff Anderson.

The end of this year will mark the 106th year for Thule Lodge. All those from the Thule Lodge wish everyone a happy fall season, a wonderful winter time, a memo-

orable Christmas, and a good new year. We always welcome visitors if you are in our area. "Goddag" to all.

JOHN SIPOS, LODGE HISTORIAN



Thule Lodge members Robert Fuller, Fanchon Fuller, Betty Lawson, and past district master Edwin Sandberg plan the fall season of dinners including the famous harvest dinner.



Rhoda Gilbertson, Ingrid Andersson and Elsy Mattsson feast on crayfish

## Tegner Lodge #149

OAKLAND, CA / Our members enjoyed the Tri-Lodge Picnic held in Robert Park in July. Framåt Lodge in Berkeley was the host this year. The tables were decorated beautifully and the food was plentiful and delicious. Sveaborg won the Kubb trophy for the year. Tegner placed second.

In August, a business meeting conducted by Chairman Ken Weissenborn was held before the yearly Crayfish Feast took place

at the home of Past chairman Marie Ann Hill. Plans for our anniversary meeting in November and our Lucia program were discussed. Then outside to decorated tables and crayfish themed items. We ate, sang, and had a wonderful time.

SUBMITTED BY ANN TENNIS  
TERRY ARNALL  
HISTORIAN

## Linné Lodge #153

SOUTH BEND, IN / Our cultural presentation in August was a beautiful slide show by Carolyn Peterson. There were many interesting pictures of their trip to China in March, 2011.

The September culture presentation was by Annie Shaffer from "Paws with a Cause". An interesting story of how they train service dogs for the hard of hearing, autistic, and people in need of physical assistance.

Other news, members Ken and Elinor Huggett's daughter Amanda Huggett (also a member) and Cal Hofland were married June 8, 2013 in St. John's Lutheran Church in West Fargo, North Dakota, with a reception following in Fargo. There was also a reception at Christo's Banquet Center in Plymouth, Indiana on August 3, 2013.

LORRAINE COOPER

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Once you've had the first bite, it's delicious...

## Drott Lodge #168

WASHINGTON, DC / After a spring that included several exciting new activities, Drott Lodge jumped boldly into the new program year in September with its first ever Kräftskiva (Crayfish Festival). Over 40 people gathered on a Sunday afternoon to socialize in a jovial atmosphere of colorful decorations and enjoy crayfish cooked with dill, cheese pies, and a large assortment of other traditional foods. We learned how to peel a crayfish and sang Swedish drinking songs (snapsvisor), toasting with schnapps or beer or lingonberry saft. Some participated in a little Cajun two-step dancing while others watched and enjoyed the music. It was a great "Welcome Back."

In late September the first of two baking sessions was held at the home of Eva and Arne Dunhem where a large number of items were made to stock the "Baked Goods" table at the Lodge's 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Swedish Bazaar. There's camaraderie in working together and the opportunity to learn from an excellent baker how to make some of the most loved Swedish buns and rolls and breads. A bonus for the bakers is sitting together afterwards to sip a beverage and taste warm freshly made treats. A portion of the proceeds from the annual bazaar is distributed each year to organizations that help support the preservation of Swedish-American Culture and to organizations that assist the needy in the Washington DC metro area.

CAROL WHITLEY



The Bazaar's beautiful spread.



Good friends and good food / Below: A courageous first couple enters the dance floor for the Cajun two-step.



Baking session at the home of Eva and Arne Dunhem, baking Swedish buns and rolls and breads / Far right: Once you get the hang of eating crayfish, you will be unstoppable.



# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



God Jul och Gott Nytt År  
tillönskas alla Vasavänner  
i USA, Kanada och Sverige  
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**Olle och Marie Wickström**  
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God Jul och Gott Nytt År  
önskar  
**Lena och Leif Svensson**  
Logen Klockan nr 747

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**Bertil och Ann-Margreth Ericsson**  
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**Göran och Catherine  
Bringselius Nilsson**  
Logen Carl von Linné nr 678

God Jul och Gott Nytt År  
tillönskas alla Vasasyskon  
**Anita och Karl-Axel Bengtsson**  
Logen Höganäs nr 634

God Jul and Merry Christmas  
to all our Vasa friends from  
**SVEA LODGE #296**  
Erie, Pennsylvania

*Greetings and  
God Jul*  
from the officers and members of  
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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

God Jul och Gott Nytt År  
önskar  
**Logen Tomelilla nr 631**



Scott Johnson, Chairman; Tess Anderson, Acting Recording Secretary; and Charlotte Tollin, Financial Secretary/Treasurer



Illinois sweet corn served by Charlotte Tollin, Financial Secretary/Treasurer and new Brahe Lodge #245 Member Theresa Criss-Amos.

## Oscars Borg Lodge #172

PHILADELPHIA, PA / Our 103<sup>rd</sup> anniversary was held on June 23, 2013 at Bethesda Presbyterian Church. Blue, yellow, folk costumes, and Dala horses made the setting festive. After a delicious lunch, we held a memorial service to remember Vivian Clare, Stasia Flink and Doris Kirkpatrick who passed in 2012.

Membership certificates and pins were awarded to Eleanor Schwendeman, 70 years; Birgit Johansson, 50 years; Charles Thiee, Bryan Smith and Julia Tiounoff, 25 years; Kirk Seagers, 15 years; Elizabeth Smith, 10 years; and James Seagers, Kirsten Seagers and Herbert Rambo, 5 years.

We reminisced a bit with short lodge stories, sang Hälsa Dem Där Hemma and really enjoyed the evening.

LINDA J. SMITH

## Brahe Lodge #245

ROCKFORD, IL / Eighteen members of our VASA Brahe Lodge #245 attended our Thursday, September 26, 2013 meeting in our beautiful VASA Park in Rockford, Illinois.

Seated in the photograph above are Scott Johnson, Chairman; Tess Anderson, Acting

Recording Secretary; and Charlotte Tollin, Financial Secretary /Treasurer. Our business meeting covered many topics including a treasurer's report, taxes, and expenses.

As usual, refreshments were provided by Tess Anderson, who helps the club membership in many ways.

Our next meeting in view of the coming winter will be 2 PM on Sunday, October 27, 2013 in our VASA Park.

D. G. EKSTEN



Lucia Doyle, Kay Lynne Picheco, Berit Bancci at our Crayfish Party.



Susie Swanson served the Kräftor.



(Top) Douglas Krantz played in concert. / (Above) Ingrid Childs

## Svea Lodge #296

ERIE, PA / As summer comes to a close, we have many lodge activities to remember. Our city has been celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie with a parade, a pageant, and a Tall Ships Festival joined our own "Niagara", the flagship of Perry's victorious fleet.

Midsummer was held at Waldameer Park. There was also a road trip to the Riverside Dinner Theater to see "The Marvelous Wonderetts". In August, our crayfish festival was held on a beautiful day at the country home of members. We were lucky to learn several new drinking songs that day. What fun we had!

LINDA COLLIN

## Svea Lodge #253

INDIANAPOLIS, IN / Past Chairman John Bevelhimer and Jim Lindgren, were interviewed July 13, 2013 on WIRC – 88.7 FM by host Nelson Price on his radio program "Hoosier History Live!" The program, *Swedish And Norwegian Immigration To Indiana*, focused on Swedes in Indiana, their immigration, settlements, and contributions to the state of Indiana in business, folk culture, and education.

The annual Kräftskiva celebration on August 4, 2013, was enjoyed by members, friends, and guests on a glorious summer evening, under shade trees and bright Kräftskiva lanterns, and with colorful tables decorated with flowers and candles. In addition to the traditional crayfish, and aqvavit made by Past Chairman Edward Hultgren, we enjoyed an abundant buffet table of delicious food: Swedish meatballs, lingonberries, ham, numerous appetizers, salads, vegetables, breads, desserts, and beverages.

Games and prizes were arranged by Eija Vesterqvist; Kristina Grasso, Douglas Krantz, and Eija Vesterqvist led the singing of traditional Kräftskiva songs; and Douglas

Krantz entertained us with accordion music.

Our meeting on September 8, 2013, featured the program "Uppland Landskap", presented by Ingrid Childs. The content was a mixture of history, landskap facts, and scenic pictures of Sigtuna, Uppsala, and Stockholm, and pictures of Sollentuna and Märsta, where Ingrid Childs used to live, as well as some castles and Skärgården (the archipelago).

District Master Edward Hultgren presented our Kubb game, and a copy of The Viking Lecture Series of 36 half – hour seminars.

A special 20th Anniversary solo concert featuring Financial Secretary Douglas Krantz was held on 15 September 2013 at Christ Lutheran Church in Noblesville, Indiana, where Douglas Krantz has been the Church Organist for 20 years.

The celebrations concert featured sacred and secular music on the instruments he plays: organ, piano, accordion, and penny-whistle. A reception in his honor followed in the fellowship hall.

JOELLA D. HULTGREN  
PUBLICITY COMMITTEE



## Omaha Lodge #330

OMAHA, NE / (From left) Anneli Andersson, Anna Carlson, Beth Rosenquist, and Charlotte Börjesson at a Lindsborg Kansas meeting during the SwedGen tour.

## Svea Lodge #348

SAN JOSE, CA / Svea Lodge 348, San Jose, California had successive outstanding events in August and September.

The lodge celebrated its 97<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a dinner catered by member Aurora Allen. District Master Corky Peterson attended the celebration and presented our long-time members with their recognition pins. The "Casuals" provided excellent dance music that pleased all generations.

Marylin and Keith Crawford planned and presented a professional-level wine pairing small plates dinner. Aurora Allen prepared the four exquisite plates. Thomas Kruse wines of Gilroy, California, were served. The plate presentations were exceptional in visual appeal and taste. This was an evening to savor and remember. Svea Lodge thanks two of our newer members for their talent, participation and fresh ideas.

EMMA HANLON  
VASA STAR CORRESPONDENT



## John Morton Lodge #488

MINNEAPOLIS, MN / Members enjoy a summer picnic at the home of one of its members.



Midsummer took place at Thelma Jorgensen's house

## Linnea Lodge #504

PETALUMA, CA / Our April "Spring Dinner - Scandinavian Style" was loaded with Scandinavian dishes. Our guests were 18 Swedish students from Boras, Sweden that were attending the Santa Rosa Junior College. They told us about their schools and life in Sweden. The tables were decorated with roses from Tom and Irene Clark's garden and we all sang the Swedish National Anthem together.

Chef Tony Johansson grilled an amazing flank steak at our "BBQ on the Patio" event. The accompanying potluck side dishes and desserts were wonderful. The room was festively decorated for Memorial Day in red, white, and blue, with beautifully hand crafted Viking ships. Oscar Carlson gave

a cultural presentation on Danish Hans Christian Andersen.

Midsummer took place at Thelma Jorgensen's house with Linnea Koagedal doing the hair pieces and Tina Mander and her friend Tyrone entertaining the group with guitar and singing. We also had a pot luck Midsummer spread and gained new members!

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Ragnhild Beskow family and to the Woody Blondfield family. Woody was one of our former members, who helped make the Viking ships mentioned above. They both passed away in May.

LINDA OLSON PEARL



(From left), Elsa Erickson, Virginia McNamara, Marilyn Sohoel and Dorothy Kean listening at the District Convention Meeting.

## Vinland Lodge of Cape Cod #703

DENNIS, MA / Our Lodge does not schedule meetings in July and August as we entertain numerous friends and relatives visiting us "on Cape". Following our September meeting we enjoyed renewing friendships and catching up on news for an hour! Wisely, we decided to postpone our planned "Off/ On the Floor" program until October. A committee of seven met bi-weekly for over a year to plan for the Massachusetts District No. 2 Convention that we co-hosted with Ingeborg Lodge No. 66. There were chores, decisions, errands and so many details to consider. The Convention was September 20-22 at The Cape Codder Resort & Spa in Hyannis. We were thrilled to welcome Bill Lundquist, Grand Master; Art Bjorkner, Grand Lodge Executive Board Eastern Region; Raymond Johnson, GLD Rhode Island District No. 3; Lee-Ann Hurtubise, Past DM Rhode Island District No. 3; Joseph O'Leary, DM Connecticut District No. 1, Gail Olson, Vice Grand Secretary and Alice Schmutz, Grand Lodge Deputy, New York. Speakers addressed us with valuable information and motivational ideas. We learned of the improvement in our financial aspects and the need to support The Archives. We were encouraged to promote our programs on Social Media sources. We congratulated District Master Marlene Patient on her 2-year tenure and we welcomed Marlene Ekstrand as our new District Master. Social gatherings and the Banquet created bonds of friendship as we shared common interests and experiences. We even danced around Evind Sohoel's Maypole, set up in the Banquet room, with "The Peterson Girls". Now we look forward to celebrating our Lodge's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

SUBMITTED BY DOROTHY ANN-ELLNER KEAN



## Skandia Lodge #549: Swedish Substance

EDMONTON, CANADA / On June 15th, Le Tour of Hope, in support of Kids with Cancer, started a 900 km bicycle trek from Fernie, British Columbia, to Edmonton, Alberta. In the midst of the tour, was our own Ruth Sjoberg, Assistant Recording Secretary. When the tally was completed, it was determined that out of 49 cyclists, Ruth was the third highest in donations, raising over \$10,000. For those of you unfamiliar with our Canadian geography, please understand that this means a journey over a pass in the Great Canadian Rockies. Because of the bizarre weather that can occur in this terrain, and

the season, the tour experienced snow, mud slides, closed roads fueled by rain, and high winds. They all made it through with a lot of grit and hard work. We are extremely proud of Sister Ruth because of her exemplary efforts for the benefit of unfortunate children. Sister Ruth also proves her physical abilities and leadership by being a leader of activities for our many children who attend our annual camp at Vasa Park at Pigeon Lake. It is with pride that we salute her efforts and dedication. She is a great example of a contributing member to Vasa, and our extended community.



## Norden Lodge #684

FRESNO, CA / Norden Lodge held their 45<sup>th</sup> annual anniversary dinner on Saturday, September 14, 2013. Everyone gathered at the club house of the El Adobe Condominiums at 4:30 p.m. for hors d'oeuvres, and dinner was served at 5:30 p.m. The club house looks out over the inviting swimming pool. It was a lovely setting for the event. The dinner was catered food from The Market. Dinner included tri tip, pilaf, scalloped potatoes, vegetables and lots of delicious desserts including ice cream from the Vasa members. We thank Helen Fosdick (pictured above), who lives at El Adobe Condominiums, for the use of the club house. Dinner with friends is always a great experience. A great time was had by all.

CLYDA DEHN



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## Viking Lodge #730 Fish Boil



Unknown to most native Swedes, a "fish boil" is a Great Lakes culinary tradition in areas of Wisconsin and along the coastal Upper Great Lakes, Michigan. It consists of Lake Michigan or Lake Superior whitefish, sometimes trout or salmon boiled outside in one large often cast iron kettle with other ingredients. (Above image courtesy of Travel Wisconsin)

FLINT, MI / Another great fish boil at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church! We have excellent cooks that really know what they are doing. The menu was Lake Superior white fish, potatoes, onions with Amish butter and Limpa bread. Great desserts topped off the meal. Bill Lundquist presented a power point video showing the celebration of the Fish Boil in Sweden. A large turn out of about 50 members and guests made for a pleasant afternoon and social event.

RON & DEE CARLSON

## Viking Lodge #756

GREENFIELD, MA / Christina Athey, a member of Viking and former Lucia received a \$1,000 scholarship from Massachusetts District #2. Her topic was social media and how to recruit new members using these tools. She is attending the College of Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina.

In September we celebrated our 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Vasa Lodge. We had a buffet dinner at Monarchs which is part of Magic Wings, a butterfly conservatory. Larry Stitson, Jr. Past District Master attended the dinner.

We look forward to making our Christmas Korv in October. We usually make approximately 100 pounds. In December we will sponsor Lucia.

ESTHER JOHNSON



A proud Viking Lodge member, Christina Athey with her scholarship certificate

# SWEDISH NEWS



## Calmare Nyckel #628

KALMAR, SWEDEN / Minnesmärke över fartyget Calmare Nyckels 375-års jubileum.

Lördagen den 14 september 2013 invigdes ett minnesmärke över fartyget Calmare Nyckel och dess första färd till Wilmington i USA för 375 år sedan. Invigningen skedde i Sylvanderparken Kalmar. Minnesmärket är skapat av konstnären Bengt Johansson och finansierat av Sällskapet Nya Dryaden i Kalmar.

Ett 60-tal personer närvarade vid invigningen. Britt-Marie Lindeblad, ordförande i Vasaorden av Amerikas lokallogge Calmare Nyckel nr 628, hälsade välkommen och berättade om bakgrunden till minnesmärket och Calmare Nyckels färd över Atlanten.

Vid Delawareflodens mynning i Atlanten ligger hamnstaden Wilmington, som sedan 1963 är Kalmar kommuns vänort, med återkommande kontakter. I staden vid floden Christina, biflod till Delawarefloden, finns en kopia av fartyget Calmare Nyckel, byggt av sjöfartsentusiaster. Dit förde fartyget Calmare Nyckel 1638 de första kolonisationserna som skapade kolonin Nya Sverige.

Ordförande i sällskapet Nya Dryaden, Bengt Runemo, gjorde en mycket tankvärd uppläsning ur Utvandrarerna av Vilhelm Moberg. Därefter förrättades invigningen av Kommunalförbundsledningen Johan Persson. Ceremonin inramades av vacker musik signerad fyra blåsare under ledning av Hans Duned och

för vacker sång av en sångkör under ledning av Lage Olsson.

Idén att uppföra ett minnesmärke över denna händelse kom från logens kulturledare Bengt Nordlöw. Han hade uppmärksammat att i Wilmington finns ett Kalmar Nyckelmonument eller Nya Sverigemonument, en skulptur, skapad av Carl Milles. I Göteborg finns en kopia av skulpturen. Varför finns inget liknande i Kalmar? Bengt tyckte att det borde det göra. Han fick gehör för idén. Nu är det på plats i närheten av Kalmars gamla hamn.

KARL WESTMAN



(Ovan) Närbild av det nya monumentet i Kalmar. / (Övre bilden) Skeppet Kalmar Nyckel i Wilmington utanför Kalmar Nyckelmonumentet – en skulptur av Carl Milles i Fort Christina Park i Wilmington Delaware som avtäcktes i samband med 300-årsjubileet 1938.



(Ovan) Evan Wood och KL Eva Dahlberg. I (Överst) Tore och Margareta Tellberg; Sheila och Bill Lundquist.

## Härnösand #673 firar Sverige

Torsdagen den 4 juli samlades ett fyrtiotal logesyskon och gäster för att fira Sverige-Amerikadagen på Hemsön. Yvonne Östman berättade om Hemsö Kyrka och dess historia. Hon sjöng därefter en mycket vacker sång. Därefter vidtog en tipspromenad som avslutades vid Gropen.

Dagens underhållare John Limtiaco, för övrigt svensk-amerikan spelade och sjöng några låtar. Sedan var det dags för vår ordförande Karl Bäcklund, att hälsa alla välkomna till Hemsön och därefter hölls flaggceremoni samt sjöng vi nationalsångerna.

Broder Lennart Bjärnkvist hade tagit med sin nyckelharpa och framförde några fina melodier. Vi lät oss sedan väl smaka av medhavd picnic. John spelade återigen ett antal svängiga country-låtar. Kalle och Monica hade även tagit med kaffe och gott bröd som vi lät oss väl smaka av.

Våra gäster Ruth Gustafson och Sten-Åke Östman växlar mellan att bo i Raleigh USA och Skutskär och hade bestämt sig för ett besök hos oss. Ruth stegade till ackompanjemang av Lennart och fick många applåder. Hon hade tränat step i unga år i New York. Dagen var mycket lyckad och det var dags att bryta upp och bege sig hemåt.

### Hello!

Here the autumn has just started with warm temperatures but also very much rain. About 100 mm in only a few days... Some roads have been damaged and problems for schools and commuters. The summer has been warm and we had a very good day, on the fourth of July.

Yesterday we had our first meeting after summer. Sorry we have lost three of our members this year. Sture Westerlund, Marianne Wigert and Kjell Hamrin.

Marianne we think is quite well known in some lodges in US. She lived with her husband Karl for many years in NY and Florida where they had a taxi business. And when they later became pensioners they moved back to Sweden. They have been living in her parents home.

Karl had a stroke last year and is now living in an eldercare home in Stigsjö, near their farm. Kjell was master of ceremonies in our lodge for many years and last year he retired from that. He was with us on fourth of July, and seemed to get well, but in the beginning of Sept. he had a massive stroke and did not wake up. His wife Pia is now lonesome, and we feel for her. We are now working hard to get new members to join our Lodge, and it seems to give result. We had four new members on the first meeting, and we think more is to come.

Interesting to read all the articles in the Vasa Star.

BO SELIN  
CULTURAL LEADER

## Sverige-Amerikadagen i Önnestad

Sverige-Amerikadagen i Önnestads 25-Årsjubileum startade traditionsenligt med gudstjänst i Önnestads vackra kyrka med intåg av fanborgen. Under gud-tjänsten medverkade Sy Carina Norin med vacker sång även tillsammans med kantor Joachim Nilsson. Kenneth Elovsson och Lars-Göran Nilsson Åhus Blåsorkester spelade trumpet och saxofon. En mycket vacker högtid. Åhus Blåsorkester ledde marschen med fanborgen och gäster till Hembygdsparken. Efter välkomsttal av ordf. Karin Holmqvist hisades de svenska och amerikanska flaggorna till nationalsångerna. Sedan vidtog ett lunch-uppehåll där Åhus Blåsorkester konserterade. Amerikanska ambassadens representant Mr Jeffery Anderson in-vigningstalade och erinrade om sina egna släktförbindelser mellan Amerika och Sverige och de goda förbindelserna mellan länderna. Han avslutade med att lämna över 2013 års Hans Mattson plaket. Plakettmottagare var modedesignern Katja Geiger, Katja of Sweden. På grund av sjukdom var hennes son Christopher Geiger närvarande för att taga emot plaketten. I sitt tacktal erinrade han om hennes stora gärning inom modebranschen såväl i Sverige som i Amerika, enligt motiveringen en brobyggare mellan Sverige och Amerika. Högtidstalet hölls av Kristianstad kommuns kultur- och fritidschef Bengt-Åke Kjell som berättade om sina över-bryggande kontakter med Amerika genom en rad författares alster och genom amerikansk musik och film. Han erinrade om Hans Mattsons gärning och avslutade med att citera ett stycke av dennes bok. Av tidigare plakettmottagare var Bengt Berglund närvarande och han tackade och erinrade om dagen 1999 då han mottog plaketten. Hälsningar framfördes från 1994 års plakettmottagare Lilly Setterdahl, East Moline, 2004 års Anne-Charlotte Harvey, San Diego, 2009 års Agneta Nilsson grundaren av organisationen SWEA och FDDM Sy. Cathrine och Br Göran Bringselius Nilsson.

Vid distriktsmötet i Ljungby lottades de medel ut, som på förslag av Framtidsgruppen, samlats in inom logerna i DL 20. Logen Christian tilldelades då 10 000 kronor som logen beslutat ge till Strokeenheten på Centralsjukhuset i Kristianstad. Logens ordf. Br Åke Mellnert berättade om bakgrunden för ändamålet och delade ut medlen till Strokeenhetens chef Victoria Karlsson och kurator Petra Brandt Friström. Amerikanska ambassadens representant Jeff Anderson delade ut plaketter till Logen Christian nr 617 och Önnestads Hembygdsförening..

På programmet för dagen stod Folkdanssuppvisning och det var Gärds Härads Folkdanslag som visade oss många gamla danser. Därefter bjöd kantor Joachim Nilsson, Vinslöv oss på vacker sång av musikaler och Elvislåtar. Till sist framförde Vasaaktörerna från Tomelilla folklustspelet "Vi sålde våra hemman" med professor Sture von Cirkel och sju logemedlemmar. En mycket fin kulturell dag var efter lottdragning till ända. Hantverkare fanns i parken tillsammans med Släktforskarföreningen, logen Christian nr 617 och Önnestads Hembygdsförening som för intresserade berättade om sina resp verksamheter. Ett annat trevligt inslag var uppvisning av gamla veteranbilar. Ett 25-årsjubileum att minnas.

KARIN HOLMQVIST

## Småland Lodge #618

En återblick på logens aktiviteter under året:

Den 23 februari var det kulturfest. Br Rune Fornander berättade om "New Sweden – ett svenskt äventyr i indianskogarna". Vi fick höra om denna koloni som grundades 1638 och som bestod fram till 1653 då holländarna tog över. Föredraget illustrerades med ett mycket fint bildspel.

Till efterkapitlet i mars hade vi inbjudit Fil Dr Raine Borg som berättade och visade ett bildspel om "Guld har ett värde, men jade är ovärderligt". Jade är ett fantastiskt mineral, som i många tusen år använts i Kina till smycken och andra prydnadsföremål. Han visade också upp många vackra jadeföremål.

Terminens sista logemöte den 27 april gick i vårens tecken och var välbesökt.

Två nya medlemmar recipierade: Lennart Malmberg och Joakim Svahn.

Br Harald Pettersson ledde oss med bravur när vi sjöng välbekanta vårsånger. Sy Maureen visade bilder och berättade om Vasaparken i Budd Lake i staten New Jersey.

Vid Distriktsmötet i Ljungby i maj deltog Br Lars-Åke Larsson, Sy Maureen och Br Göte Bengtsson. Dagen efter Distriktsmötet, den 12 maj, besökte vår Ordens Stormästare Br Bill Lundquist med hustru Sy Sheila

Jönköping på resa norrut, tillsammans med Storlogedeputerad för Distrikt 19 Br Tore Tellberg med hustru Sy Margareta. Br Göte och jag fick då tillfälle att berätta om Johan Printz, guvernör i New Sweden och Jönköpings koppling till den före detta kolonin, som i år firar 375 år.

Logens "Lunch för daglediga" på restaurang Sjön den 23 maj lockade ett tjugotal logesyskon och gäster. God mat och trevlig samvaro i denna nya restaurang vid Väterstranden var en fin början på sommaren.

Barkerydsdagen den 4 augusti var mycket välbesökt av ortsbör och hemvänner. Br Bo och Sy Ann Christine Ahlsgård ansvarade för vår skärmställning om Vasa Orden av Amerika och Br Bo bar som vanligt Vasa-fanan i kortegen. KL Sy Eva Dahlberg överlämnade logens diplom till Evan Wood, Texas Lucia 2012. Evan höll ett kort tal på god svenska. Vår logebroder Alf Carlsson var också i år djupt engagerad i ledningen av denna härliga hembygdsfest.

Dagen efter Barkerydsdagen besökte Evan Jönköping och fick under en rundvandring i centrum bl a besöka Rådhusparken med Johan Printz-statyn.

MAUREEN BENGTSSON

# Grand Master's Message (Swedish)



KÄRA VASA-SYSKON,  
Det är den tiden då de lokala logerna är upptagna med sin Luciafest och sitt Julbord. De många jultraditionerna väcker glada minnen hos de flesta av oss.

Dofterna, maten, besök från familj och vänner, julgran och julskyltning skänker oss glädje. Jag känner mig mycket glad över de framsteg Vasa har gjort under de senaste tre åren.

Under september och oktober deltog min fru och jag i tre distriktsmöten på östkusten och ett på västkusten, Massachusetts nr 2, Connecticut nr 1, New York nr 4, och Pacific Northwest nr 13. Det var ett nöje att dela positiva nyheter med våra medlemmar om hur långt vi har kommit på en relativt kort tid. Vår Utbildning / Stipendiefond är

dubbelt så stor nu jämfört med 2009. Vasa Riksarkivets ekonomiska situation fortsätter att vara en utmaning. Jag vill uppmantra alla distrikt som har möjlighet till att donera upp till 5% av sina oanvända OA&B medel till arkiven i stöd för sin verksamhet eller kapitalförsäkring. Tack till de distrikt som donerat till arkivet under det gångna året och jag uppmantrar alla distrikt som möts under 2014 att också godkänna denna nödvändiga donation. Arkivet är en sådan viktig del av vår Orden och måste kunna överleva som Vasa Ordens hem i framtiden. En resa till Bishop Hill i vinter skulle säkert hjälpa dig att förstå de svårigheter våra tappra förfäder kände. Låt inte vädret hindra dig från denna erfarenhet. Vår arkivarie Victoria kommer att välkomna dig och hjälpa dig att hitta närliggande och mysig logi.

Jag är glad över att distrikten har valt delegaterna till Grand Lodge 2014 års konvention. Delegater till denna konvention skall vara framsynta eftersom GL-konven-

tionerna endast sker en gång vart fjärde år. Vi har inte råd att skjuta upp beslut som rör flera kontroversiella ämnen fram till 2018. Workshops kommer att arrangeras för GL-delegaterna så alla förstår de motioner som ska behandlas. Det kommer att finnas många möjligheter att ställa frågor och begära förtydliganden. Minskat medlemskap och ekonomiska utmaningar kommer vi inte undan. Jag tror verkligen att framtiden för Vasa beror på dessa GL-delegater. Stöd dem och deras beslut. De kommer att återvända från konventionen med all den information de behöver för att kunna meddela medlemmarna om beslutet. Ni är alla välkomna till konventionen som besökare för att få förstahandsinformation. The Grand Lodge möte ordnat av New York District Nr. 4, äger rum på Westchester Hilton i Rye, New York. Officerare, delegater och besökare kommer att njuta av den vackra naturen, dagsresor, samt många trevliga aktiviteter.

Detta blir det andra numret av Vasa Star

som ingår i Nordstjernen. Jag har hört bra omdömen från många medlemmar som läser båda publikationerna och är säkra på att Nordstjernans redaktör och utgivare, Ulf Mårtensson, skulle tycka om att höra från dig angående hur nöjd du är med det nya formatet. Ulfs kontaktuppgifter finns längst ner på sidan två. Både Vasa Orden och Swedish Press, Inc. är glada och nöjda med vårt nya partnerskap. Vasa Orden är också stolt och firar Ulf och hans fru (och Nordstjernans Publications Director), Mettes, nya medlemskap i Vasa. De blev medlemmar av Diana Birger Jarl Lodge i Connecticut. Välkomna Ulf och Mette!

Den vänskap, det stöd och samarbete som jag har upplevt under min tid har varit överväldigande. Min fru Sheila och jag önskar alla Vasamedlemmar i USA, Kanada och Sverige en riktigt God Jul och ett lyckligt, hälsosamt Gott Nytt År.

I sanning och enhet,

BILL LUNDQUIST, GRAND MASTER

## CULTURAL NEWS

# Svenska Språkhörnan

## The Swedish Language Corner

### INTRODUCTION TO SWEDISH: CHAPTER 4

To show that a noun is in the plural in English an 's' is usually added to the noun: one house, two houses. The formation of nouns in the plural is more complex in Swedish. Nouns are usually divided into five groups, depending on their plural endings: -or, -ar, -(e)r, -n; the fifth group is the same both in the singular and in the plural.

When you know to which group a noun belongs, it is easy to determine the definite form (the cars = bilarna, cars = bilar). See table to right.

There are also some irregular nouns in Swedish, like in English, which do not follow this model (e.g. 'en man' / 'två män', 'en fot' / 'två fötter', for 'man' and 'foot' respectively). Many of them are very common and will therefore be easy to remember. Lists like the one above may look rather terrifying, even in this simplified form, but remember: it is not primarily by word lists and grammars that you learn a language and its structure, but by reading, listening, and repeating.

There are some general rules of thumb for what ending to use – for instance, the most common plural ending for en-words is -ar, but in the end your choice of ending will most likely be because you have met the word in different contexts several times before, not because of grammatical charts.

In many dictionaries you will find the nouns listed with the singular endings in the definite and the plural endings in the indefinite form, e.g. 'fråga' -n -or (en-word = 'question') shows that the word 'fråga' has the following forms:

» en fråga = a question (indefinite form singular)

» frågan = the question (definite form singular)

1. Indefinite plural: -or Definite form: -na	2. Indefinite plural: -ar Definite form: -na	3. Indefinite plural: -er Definite form: -na	4. Indefinite plural: -n Definite form: -a	5. Indefinite plural: - Definite form: -en, -na
'en-words' that end in an unstressed -a (the -a falls away in the plural)	'en-words' that end in an unstressed -e, and monosyllabic 'en-words' that end in a consonant	'en-words' with the stress on the last vowel, and 'ett-words' with more than one syllable with a stress on the last vowel	Mainly 'ett-words' that end in a vowel	-en: 'ett-words' that end in a consonant, -na: 'en-words' ending in --are (the --e falls away in the plural)
en klocka a/one clock, watch två klockor two clocks, watches klockorna the clocks, watches	en granne a/one neighbor två grannar two neighbors grannarna the neighbors	en telefon a/one telephone två telefoner two telephones telefonerna the telephones	ett ställe a/one place, spot två ställen two places, spots ställen the places, spots	ett barn a/one child två barn two children barnen the children
en människa a/one human being två människor two human beings människorna the human beings	en bil a/one car två bilar two cars bilarna the cars	en minut a/one minute två minuter two minutes minuterna the minutes	ett arbete a/one job, work två arbeten two jobs, works arbetena the jobs, works	en lärare a/one teacher två lärare two teachers lärarna the teachers

Indefinite plural and definite form chart

» frågor = (any) questions (indefinite form plural)

» frågorna = the questions (definite form plural)

### SENTENCES TO STUDY

Remember: The English translation follows the Swedish sentences word for word to better understand the Swedish sentence construction.

Jag vet inte var cyklarna står. Jag ser dem [pronounced 'dom'] inte, i alla fall. I know not where the bikes are. I see them not, in all cases (i.e. anyway).

De [dom] kanske står bakom husen där borta. They maybe stand behind the houses over there.

Kan vi inte ta bussen istället? Can we not take the bus instead?

Bussarna går inte längre härifrån, tyvärr. The buses go not longer here from, unfortunately/I'm sorry.

Vet du var stationen ligger då? Vi kan ta tåget istället, fast det är sent. Vad tycker du? Know you where the station lies, then? We can take the train instead, even-though it is late. What think you?

Det går bra. Det tar en timme längre hem, men jag har inte bråttom. It goes well (i.e. It's fine/OK). It takes an/one hour longer (to) home, but I have not hurry (i.e. I'm in no hurry).

Vi är ändå hemma snart. We are still (at) home soon.

### NOTES

» Regular verbs end in -r in the present. Irregular verbs can also have other endings: 'vet' = know, 'kan' = can.

» 'De' [= they] and 'dem' (the objective form of the personal pronoun 'de') are pronounced 'dom'.

» Nouns like 'c kel' [= bicycle] lose their -e in the plural: en c kel, c keln, två cyklar, c klarna.

» 'Ta' [= take] (in 'kan ta' = can take) is a form of the verb which is called the infinitive.

» 'Hem' means 'home' and is also used as an expression of direction (Let's go home), while 'hemma' is = at home.

### NOTES

Numbers should be memorized at an early stage. There are two types of numbers: Car-

dinal numbers (one, two, three, etc.) and Ordinal numbers (first, second, third, etc.). With the exception of 'en' and 'ett' – both old acquaintances by now – all numbers have only one form and do not change with the gender or the number of the noun. The pronunciation of some numbers often differs somewhat from the spelling in everyday speech, as shown within brackets.

	Cardinal numbers	Ordinal numbers
0	noll	–
1	en, ett	första
2	två	andra
3	tre	trédje
4	fyra	fjärde
5	fem	femte
6	sex	sjätte
7	sju	sjunde
8	åtta	åttonde
9	nio [ˈnʲe]	nionde
10	tio [ˈtʲe]	tionde
11	élva	élfte
12	tolv	tólfte
13	trétton	tréttonde
14	fjórton	fjórtonde
15	fémton	fémtonde
16	séxton	séxtonde
17	sjúttton	sjútttonde
18	árton	ártonde
19	níttton	nítttonde
20	tjúgo [ˈtʲuːɡi]	tjúgonde

# Sweden and Some Swedes in the World

FOR 24 HOURS DURING THE FIRST WEEK of September Sweden and most of all Stockholm was a very special place in the world, when President Obama came for a visit and met with Prime Minister Karl Reinfeldt, as well as His Royal Highness King Carl XVI Gustaf. This visit did not provoke much attention in the US, because it was a short break in the president's travel to the G20 – meeting in St. Petersburg. But in Sweden, it was a great event with high impact for the Swedes and especially the Swedish journalists. The visit was the first ever truly bilateral meeting between American and Swedish leaders. President Obama's main interests were how to better utilize clean technology and emphasize environmentally sustainable alternatives.

Earlier this summer, in June, the organiza-

tion "Swedes in the World" put focus on the famous soccer player Zlatan Ibrahimovic by announcing him as "This year's Swede in the World." He is described as belonging to the upper ten percent of all soccer players in the world. Ibrahimovic was born in Malmö in 1981 and has had a marvelous career in different top teams in Europe; currently playing for Paris Saint-Germain. He is also Captain for the Swedish National Team.

Recently a large survey conducted by Cornell University ranked the countries which had the best conditions for inventors. Sweden was second on that list with Switzerland as number one. Coming as third, fourth and fifth were England, Holland and the US.

Currently there are two Swedes heavily involved in the Syrian crisis. Jan Eliasson is the

assisting UN Secretary General, and Professor Åke Sellström is leading the group of experts searching for chemical weapons in the country. That is an extremely difficult and very dangerous mission with the ongoing civil war.

I recently saw the finals of the PGA golf tournament in Atlanta, GA. Henrik Stenson from Sweden was the winner of the entire series. That makes him the current top player and another famous Swede in the world. He is not only the first male Swedish player, but also the first European to win this championship. (Earlier we had Annika Sörenstam as the top player among women.)

In September, Stockholm was the meeting place for the IPCC (UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) with participation from 111 nations. Experts gathered to find out

a scientific basis for measure to be taken in the future, which may be presented to politicians later on. There are certainly no easy solutions. The panel was founded 1988.

The last Swede to mention in this article is the "Swedish-American of the year," Martina Arfvidson of New York, born in Stockholm and now appointed by VOA for 2013. She was honored in our capital on August 17 by receiving her insignia, the diploma and the medal. It took place at a banquet arranged by the two local Vasa lodges in Stockholm. Later, at a short visit to Växjö, she saw the plate in the House of Emigrants with the names of all Swedish-Americans of the year since 1960 including hers from 2013. Accordingly, her name became No 54.

STIG S. SALGEBACK, GLCD SWEDEN

## IN MEMORIAM

**Memorial Notices** should be mailed with check or money order to Joanie Graham, 5838 San Jose Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804, (510) 526-5512, vasajlg@aol.com The fee is \$8 for one column inch. Longer obituaries will be charged a flat fee of \$25.00. All notices must be typed and written in a format similar to what you see here. NO newspaper clippings.

### ARIZONA

**DR. JON RINNANDER** (1942-2013) was a dear father, friend, scholar (Fullbright study), dedicated church worker, and gifted teacher. Jon added his articulate and enthusiastic touch to Tucson VASA 691 events until shortly before passing.

### CALIFORNIA

**RAGNHILD BESKOW**, 93, native of Overammer, Sweden, passed away on May 2, 2013 in Corpus Christi, TX. She met and married Hakon Beskow in Stockholm and they soon immigrated to the U.S., settling in the Chicago area. In 1983 retirement beckoned and brought them to Santa Rosa to join family and friends and soon after transferred their membership in Siljan Mora Tuna Lodge 134 to Linnea Lodge 504 in Petaluma. Ragnhild was preceded in death by her husband in 1990. She continued to live in Santa Rosa, near her many friends in the lodge. In 2004 she moved to TX to be near family. Surviving her are her son Robert, and her daughter Christina and their spouses, 7 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She was always an active participant in lodge activities, and her lively spirit and warmth will long be remembered.

**ELVERA GREGORY** passed away on August 17, 2013 at the age of 92. She was born Oct. 7, 1920 in Los Angeles and joined North Star Lodge #106 in 1980. She served many years as our Cultural Leader. Elvera is survived by two sons and their families.

**EDWALD (ED) HOGLUND** passed

away in Woodland Hills on June 5, 2013 at the age of 88. He was born June 24, 1924 in Los Angeles and joined North Star Lodge #106 in 1968. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, two sons and their families.

### CANADA

**IRENE HOKANSON**, 90, passed away on August 17, 2013, at Edmonton, Alberta. She is survived by her children, Robert (Carrie), John (Susan), Sue (John), Joan, Margaret (Gary), and Leah; seventeen grandchildren; twenty-five great grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Sharon; and brother, Bill. Irene also leaves behind a large extended family and numerous friends. She was predeceased by her husband, Ernie, and sons, Paul and Bruce. Irene joined Local Lodge Skandia No. 549 in Edmonton, Alberta, on October 5, 1963.

**PAUL R.A. KRAUSKOPF**, 63, passed away on June 30, 2013 in Morinville, Alberta. Those left to honour his memory are his loving wife, Linda; daughters, Lisa (Dave), Christine (Adam), Ronda, Shianne, Tricia, Shifairah, Shoshana and Odellia; seven grandchildren; siblings, Pauline, Don and Danny; father, Art; as well as many nieces, nephews and friends. Paul joined Local Lodge Skandia No. 549 in Edmonton, Alberta, on October 5, 1987.

### GEORGIA

**CHRISTINA PALM**, 69, of Nordic Lodge 708 in Atlanta, passed away suddenly on September 12, 2013. Loving wife to Per Olof, they were married for 45 years and lived in Johns Creek, GA and Örnköldsvik, Sweden. Christina is survived by her two sons, Jonas (Claudine) and Fredrik (Brian) and granddaughters Alexandra and Camden. A memorial service took place on September 22, 2013 at Peachtree Road Lutheran Church at 3:00pm.

### MASSACHUSETTS

**WALTER LARSSON**, age 95, of

South Chatham, MA died on Sept. 4, 2013. He was born in Göteborg, Sweden and served in the Swedish army. He was a pilot and a passionate sailor. He owned a Toyota dealership and loved working with cars. He was a Vasa member since June 8, 1967 and a member of Vinland Lodge of Cape Cod No. 703 since May 17, 1985. His loving wife Irene (Anderson) predeceased him. He leaves relatives in the U.S., Sweden, United Kingdom and Poland.

### MINNESOTA

**ROY H. HALLDEEN, Jr.**, was born August 18, 1936 in Minneapolis, MN and passed away July 25, 2013 in Orange City, FL. He joined Stenbock Lodge #138 on February 6, 1953. He is survived by his wife, Peggy, sisters Gloria Adolphson, Vivian Cushing, and Joyce Carlson; 2 nieces, 1 nephew, 2 great nieces, and 1 great nephew. He was preceded in death by his father, Roy H. Halldeen, Sr., and mother Bernice and sister Vernetta.

### OREGON

**HELEN PEARSON** was born in Portland, OR on August 22, 1930 and passed away on March 1, 2013. She joined Nobel Lodge #184 on November 20, 1959. Helen married into a Swedish family and quickly adapted to the many traditions. She was active with the Vasa Rosebud Youth Group when her children were young. Helen was predeceased by her husband Ove, and her son David. She is survived by her children Steven, Janet, Laurie, Paula and John along with her nine grandchildren.

### PENNSYLVANIA

**BETTY JEAN (CARLSON) KASTELIC**, age 88, passed away in Willoughby, OH on June 10, 2013. Survivors include her son Ken (Kathy) Kastelic, and daughter Karen E. Hocevar; grandchildren Leonard Kastelic, Kourtney (Bobby) Iorillo, Keith (Mary) Hocevar, and Brian (Evanthia) Hocevar; great-grandchildren Athena, Alexa, and Luke. Preceding her in

death was her husband, Leonard J., and brother Ivan Carlson, Jr. Betty Jean was born July 1, 1924 and joined Nobel-Monitor Lodge #130 on June 15, 1945 and became a LIFE member.

**SHIRLEY H. KIRCHNER**, born April 11, 1927, passed away on June 20, 2013. She was the beloved wife of the late John "Minnow"; dearest mother of Kimberley Horn (Michael), Jackie Germano (Peter), and John Kirchner; loving grandmother of Nicole, Joey, and Michael Germano, and Lea and Lily Horn. Shirley joined Nobel-Monitor Lodge #130 on September 13, 1998 and served as an Auditor.

**DALE O. SMITH**, born October 6, 1942, died July 25, 2013 at the age of 70. Dale joined Oscars Borg Lodge #172, Philadelphia on November 11, 1966 and served as Lodge Treasurer and Trustee of District 9. In addition to his wife of 49 years, Linda (Josefs-son) Smith, he is survived by his sons Erik Smith (Dina), and Bryan Smith (Liz) and his grandchildren Kayla, Matthew, Andrew and Timothy Smith; his step-grandchildren Dennis and Rachel Duffy. He was preceded in death by a brother, T. Louis Smith. A graduate of Drexel University and the Stonier Graduate School of Banking, Dale enjoyed a distinguished career in banking. He was active with his sons in Boy Scout Troop 372 and Troop 175 and was a Silver Beaver award recipient. He was a member of Doylestown Rotary Club, Boy Scouts of America, and served as Chairman, Board of Auditors for Buckingham Township, PA. Dale loved the outdoors and spending time with his sons and their families. He will be greatly missed. Sov i ro, Dale.

### SWEDEN

**GUN LITH**, Vimmerby, prominent member of LL Westervik #679 passed away on July 28, 2013 at the age of 85. She was born in Västervik and studied to become a teacher in elementary school, but added studies at the University of Uppsala in order to teach on higher level with focus on Swedish

literature and the English language. Since 1981, she was living with her husband, Gunnar, in Vimmerby, where both of them were teaching at the folk high school of the city. Throughout her life, she was interested in cultural matters and she devoted much time to literature and music. Within VOA, she served as cultural leader in the local lodge as well as DCL in DL 20 Southern Sweden for 4 years, and finally as GLCD Sweden during the period 2006 – 2010. She wrote a lot of very interesting articles on various subjects and was an expert on the world famous children's author, Astrid Lindgren, who also had her home in Vimmerby. In the field of music she was leader of a local choir as well as for choirs within the Swedish Baptist Mission, and made several tours to the US. The combination of music and deep knowledge of literature got her engaged in cultural programs in many other organizations, too.

Gun Lith's death is a great loss to her husband, Gunnar, two daughters and two grandchildren, but also to the VOA and other organizations.

### WASHINGTON, DC

**CLAUDE A. SMITH, JR.**, of Landsdowne VA died at age 85 on September 1, 2013. "Bud", a WWII and Korean War veteran, worked for the U.S. Office of Personnel Management as a systems analyst after retirement as a Captain in the U.S. Army. Beloved husband of Evelyn Smith, he is also survived by two daughters and three grandchildren. Claude was a member of Drott Lodge #168 since 1975.

### WASHINGTON

**LISA LARSON** was born September 26, 1973 in Chula Vista, CA. She graduated from Mariner High School in Mukilteo, WA and the University of Oregon in Eugene. Lisa was a member of Frihet Lodge #401 in Seattle. She passed away in June. We will miss Lisa as she inspired us to get things done. Her parents, Pat and Terry Larson and her brother Brian survive her.



# DISTRICT LODGE NEWS



## DL Golden Gate #12 California

On September 7, 2013, District Master Corky Peterson and District Treasurer Mike Peterson opened their home for a meeting of the District 12 Executive Board. There was an excellent turnout of Board members and other advisors and friends, some traveling many miles from the further reaches of District 12 to attend. Reports were given and much planning for 2014 was accomplished. Corky and Mike then hosted a delicious salmon luncheon for all.

SUBMITTED BY JUDY HARLESS



District 12 Executive Board Meeting

En God Vasa Jul och  
Ett Gott Nytt Vasa År  
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from  
**SILJAN MORA TUNA  
LODGE # 134**  
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Gott Nytt År*

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# Vasa Order of America New York District No. 4

## 38<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial Grand Lodge Convention July 4, 2014 to July 11, 2014 Hilton Westchester in Rye, New York



Start spreading the news, you're on your way, we want you to be a part of it,  
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[www.2014GrandLodgeConvention.com](http://www.2014GrandLodgeConvention.com)

Please use the above website to purchase your tours, opening dinner, and Grand Banquet and to link to the Hilton website to make your hotel reservations. The Hilton reservation code will be available six months prior to the convention - approximately Monday, January 6, 2014.

Final pricing contained on the [www.2014GrandLodgeConvention.com](http://www.2014GrandLodgeConvention.com) website.

### Calendar of Events

- Friday, July 4: Arrival of Delegates, Opening Dinner - July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic Theme
- Saturday, July 5: Delegate Registration, New Delegate Breakfast and Orientation, and First Session with Opening Ceremonies.
- Sunday, July 6: Free Day and Evening, Tour Planned for all Delegates and Attendees.
- Monday, July 7: Second Session and Evening Seminar, Tour Planned
- Tuesday, July 8: Third Session, Tour Planned
- Wednesday, July 9: Free Day and Evening, Tour Planned for all Delegates and Attendees.
- Thursday, July 10: Fourth Session, Tour Planned
- Friday, July 11: Fifth Session, Election and Installation of New Officers, Cocktail Reception and Grand Banquet

### Trips and Activities

With Swedish Speaking Tour Guides

- Friday, July 4: Opening Dinner - July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic Theme with Big Screen Display of Macy's Fireworks.  
Approximate Price: \$55.00 pp
- Sunday, July 6: Tour of West Point with Lunch at the Hotel Thayer.  
Approximate Price: \$100.00 pp
- Monday, July 7: Shopping Excursion to Woodbury Common to Shop at Luxury Outlets.  
Price: \$48.00 pp
- Tuesday, July 8: Tour of Central Park, Lincoln Center, Harlem, St. John the Divine - Columbia University, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rockefeller Center, Union Square, the High Line, and Greenwich Village.  
Price: \$68.00 pp
- Wednesday, July 9: Tour of New York City, including the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, the 9/11-Ground Zero Memorial, Wall Street, Brooklyn Heights, and Top of the Rock at Rockefeller Center.  
Price: \$130.00 pp
- Thursday, July 10: Tour of Grand Central Terminal, the largest train station in the world, the Chrysler Building, Chinatown, SOHO, and a tour and lunch at the Scandinavian House.  
Price: \$110.00 pp
- Friday, July 11: Cocktail Reception and Grand Banquet.  
Approximate Price: \$97.50 pp

