



District Lodge Pacific Southwest No. 15

111th District Convention at Palm Garden Hotel

495 North Ventu Park Road, Thousand Oaks, California 91320
February 28 – March 1, 2026

Dear Vasa Member:

The 2026 District Lodge Pacific Southwest No. 15 Convention Committee invites you to join us on the weekend of February 28 – March 1, 2026 for the Annual District Convention. The event will be held at the attractive and comfortable Palm Garden Hotel in Thousand Oaks, CA. We shall try to make it a pleasant and memorable occasion.

Please make reservations by telephone 805 716-4200. The hotel is holding a block of discounted rooms for us until February 13, 2025. Please mention that you are attending the Vasa Convention to get our special per-day rate of \$139.00 plus tax for a single or double occupancy room. Cancellation 24 hours prior to date of arrival. The same room rate is available for Friday night.

Reservation made on: _____ **Confirmation No.:** _____

Hotel parking is complimentary for all guests

If you arrive early for the convention and/or will be in Thousand Oaks on Friday afternoon, we hope that you will join us at 6:00 pm for a pre-convention dinner at the Palm Garden Hotel. This dinner is not a part of the convention and will be at your own expense. To reserve a seat at this event, please check here ☐ and follow the instructions for pre-convention dinner on last page.

We will offer a children's program on Saturday. Please see the last page for details with more to come.

Saturday morning begins at 7:00 with a complimentary hot breakfast for all hotel guests. Discounted breakfast tickets will be available for those conventioners who are not staying at the hotel. Convention registration starts at 7:30. At 8:30 am there is an orientation for new delegates. The official opening of the convention is scheduled for 10 am sharp. The meeting is adjourned for lunch around noon and resumes an hour later. Our PDM Club will meet during the lunch hour. The banquet in the evening will be all fun with good food, music and dancing.

Sunday morning starts at 7:00 with a complimentary hot breakfast for all hotel guests. The registration desk opens at 7:30 for those conventioners who didn't register earlier. Our convention reconvenes at 9 am. At noon we get together for the customary memorial service that honors our departed brothers and sisters. The luncheon at 1:30 includes scholarship presentations, host raffle, and opportunity drawing.

Friday hotel check-in starts at 3:00 pm but baggage can be put in a storage room until check-in time.

Enclosed please find the reservation form, hotel information, welcome dinner instructions and a schedule of events. Please feel free to call should you have any questions.

In Truth and Unity,

Bertil (Bert) Winther

Convention Hotel Liaison

Phone 424 206-8257 e-mail: winther.bert@gmail.com



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CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 28, 2026

7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.	Hotel complimentary breakfast	Palm II
7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Registration	Palm I
8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.	New delegates orientation	Studio
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Convention opens	Palm I
12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Palm II
12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.	PDM Club business lunch	Studio
1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Convention reconvenes	Palm I
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Social Hour - Cash bar	Palm I
7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.	Banquet and dancing	Palm I & II

Sunday, March 1, 2026

7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Hotel complimentary breakfast	Palm II
7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Registration	Palm I
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Convention reconvenes	Palm I
12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.	Memorial Service	Palm I
1:00 p.m.	Check-out time	
1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Luncheon with scholarship awards and lottery drawings	Palm II
3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Convention Reconvenes - Installation of District Officers	Palm I



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CONVENTION MEAL RESERVATION

Name (s): _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____ E-mail: _____

Fill in all the items that apply. Make additional copies for each person.
Grand Lodge officer or District Lodge officer or Local Lodge officer

Title _____ (shown on name badge)

Check if Delegate _____ Representing Local Lodge # _____

Vasa Member _____ or Guest _____ Local Lodge # _____

I will attend the following

Saturday Lunch

Check meal choice: Turkey _____ Ham _____ Vegetarian _____ \$31.00 per person \$ _____
(No charge for Invited Guests and District Officers)

Banquet

Check meal choice: Beef _____ Salmon _____ Vegetarian _____ \$65.00 per person \$ _____
(No charge for Invited Guests and District Officers)

Scholarship Awards Luncheon

Check meal choice: Chicken Salad _____ Vegetarian _____ \$42.00 per person \$ _____

Convention Registration Fee: Early reservation by February 4 is \$20.00. \$ _____ per person \$ _____
Late reservation (after February 4) is \$25.00

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Dress code: Business Attire

No meal reservations by phone or e-mail

Payment by check only, no refunds after February 11 and no payments at the door

If you are an invited guest or District officer please write "guest" instead of dollar amount.
Please mail this form with check payable to D.L.P.S.W. No. 15 and to be received no later than
FEBRUARY 11, 2026 (STRICTLY ENFORCED)

To Vasa Convention Committee
c/o Bert Winther, PO Box 3890, Redondo Beach, CA 90277
Phone: 424-206-8257

For Committee use only

Amount Received: \$ _____ Check No. _____ Date Received: _____

Reservation for pre-convention dinner

This event is planned for Vasa members who will be in Thousand Oaks on Friday evening 2/27/2026.

Place: Palm Garden Hotel, 495 North Ventu Park Road, Thousand Oaks, California 91320.

Time: 6 pm on 2/27/2026.

Price: \$45 including tax and gratuity.

Here's the menu:

Garden Salad or Ceasar Salad with Ranch or Vinaigrette dressing.

Chicken with Lemon Caper Sauce, Roasted Chicken with Jus, BBQ Chicken.

Spinach Ravioli, Pasta Alfredo, Pasta Pomodoro.

Roasted Potatoes, Garlic Mashed Potatoes.

Served with non-alcoholic beverage, sauteed vegetables and rolls w/ butter.

To make a reservation, please send a separate check for \$45 to the address below. It should be payable to D.L.P.S.W. No. 15 and must be received no later than February 11 2026 (STRICTLY ENFORCED).

Vasa Convention Committee

c/o Bert Winther, PO Box 3890, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

2026 District Convention with Children's Program

Miss Sophia Lent (Skandia Lodge) will lead the children in **crafts, games and fun!**

Saturday, February 28th

Cost: \$20 per child (lunch included)

- Children **0–4** must be accompanied by a parent
- Children **5–14** may attend independently

Payment Options -

Please send a check made out to **Skandia Lodge** to:

Kathryn Martin
1148 E Route 66
Glendora, CA 91740

OR pay by Zelle to: **skandialodge247@gmail.com**