



Convention Information

Vasa Order of America Grand Lodge Convention 2026

July 14 – July 18, 2026

Chicago Marriott Naperville

1801 North Naper Blvd.

Naperville, Illinois



District Lodge Lake Michigan No. 8 looks forward to welcoming you to the Vasa Order of America's 41st Grand Lodge Convention. This will be a new format for a GL convention in several respects. First, it is obviously not being held over the July 4 US holiday. Second, it is in a more condensed time frame recognizing and respecting that everyone's time is valuable. Third, and *most excitingly*, we are trying a NEW format with the addition of Culture Fest for both Vasa members and anyone interested in Swedish and Nordic Culture!

The Convention will open on Tuesday morning, July 14th, and culminate in a formal banquet on Friday evening July 17th. Culture Fest will be all day Saturday, July 18th concluding with a fun, energizing casual dinner. For those that stay over Sunday, there will be an optional frukost to start your day.

The convention and cultural day will all be held at the Chicago Marriott Naperville, conveniently located to both Chicago's O'Hare and Midway airports. Room rates before taxes are \$159/night for a king bed and \$169/night for 2 queen beds. Reservations should be made using following link:

<https://app.marriott.com/reslink?id=1772720585483&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

The link will connect you directly to the Marriott booking system. It will initially show only the \$159 rate, but by tapping the arrow to continue, it will proceed to the additional options. The dates are also pre-set but can be changed by tapping on the dates on the page. The hotel may be contacted directly at +1.630.687.6465 for any additional questions. Please make sure to indicate you're with Vasa.

Hotel reservations must be made by Monday, June 22, 2026.

Two trips are available for attendees who are not GL Officers or Delegates.

The first is a bus trip on Wednesday into Chicago with lunch at Swedish American Museum, a Chicago Gangster highlights tour (no walking involved) and evening architectural boat tour with dinner of Chicago's own Portillo's Italian beef, Chicago style hotdogs & salad.

(GL Officers and Delegates will be able to join the evening boat tour and dinner)

The second is a day trip on Thursday to Geneva to visit the Viking ship from the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, a tour of Geneva courtesy of the Geneva History Museum (no walking involved), lunch at Geneva's famed Little Traveler, and shopping on the historic and quaint 3rd Street.

(GL Officers and delegates are not able to attend this event)

GL Officers and delegates are invited to attend the evening architectural boat and dinner of Chicago's own Portillo's Italian beef, Chicago style hotdogs & salad. *(This is also available for those who do not wish to attend the full day tour, but would like to join the evening boat tour)*

Please see the additional attached page for complete information for Culture Fest on Saturday, July 18, 2026

A registration form is also attached. We prefer your complete registration online, including payment, at <https://www.vasaorderdistrict8.org/2026>. ***Please complete one registration per person attending.*** For those that prefer to mail their registration, please use the attached form(s), one set per person, and either pay online or include a **check payable to DLLM No. 8**. Questions may be directed to Susan Cleveland at mrandsrsc92@comcast.net. Please allow a day or two response time.

Convention Registration deadline is Sunday, June 14, 2026.