



## **The society of Långörasläkten – letter to relatives I, 2010.**

Winter has left its trace; the gravel road has become bumpier. Here and there you can find remnants of last night's light rain showers. The well-ploughed field is full of life; new wild oat crowds the worried Canadian geese. Well, now we have arrived. The warped barn to the left welcomes us and the "Falun Red" façade of the house is glimpsed ahead. We turn right to the nature reserve, and walk by huge Junipers, some Swedish Whitebeams and a curious small Birch. We continue to climb upward to the highest point. Our eyes are drawn out over the sea and follow the horizon. Sweeping from the cape of Torhamn to Öppenskär, then turning back and there she is, far-far away but still so close, the pilot house tower on Långören.

The committee of the Society of Långörasläkten through this letter thank you all for your continuing membership and your confidence for us to lead the society until 2012. We see it as a fragile and tactful task to manage the legacy of Hjalmar Berglunds pioneering efforts. Our society consists of almost 2,000 members and the number of known "Långöringar" amounts to more than 14,000 individuals. The society still grows and we thank our genealogists' Bertil, Arne and Sture for their remarkable recruiting efforts. Once again we would like to point out that the biggest bank of knowledge about our relatives is within our members. Talk to your relatives about our society and advertise membership!

What is the purpose of our society? According to the society constitution: "It is to gather the offspring of Håkan Svensson Kraak. And to pass on and document cultural traditions from the Archipelago of Eastern Blekinge". The committee now asks all members how we can do this the best way? We meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> year on Långören but it is our wish for more activities. So would we appreciate suggestions and will help to realize them. It's not the committee but we all as members that can evolve our own society in the direction we desire.

The committee has during the year met on a regular basis and divided tasks. Mats Carlsson has shouldered the task as the cashier. Olaussons Accountings has reviewed the bookkeeping for year 2009 and everything was in order. The economy in the society is solid.

Brita Wanngårds work as webmaster is grandiose. The society's homepage, [www.langoraslakten.org](http://www.langoraslakten.org) has with all rights received a lot of positive critique. On our homepage you can find information about our society and parts of our genealogy directory "AllGen" are available. Check out your own chain of relatives and ancestors and see what relation you have to our forefather Håkan Svensson Kraak. Do you want to contribute or

come up with ideas? Use our homepage to write contributions, or suggestions and to hold discussions in our forums or why not post in our blog. On the home page you will also find previous letter to relatives, records from annual meetings, records from the committee meetings and contact information for the committee.

The committee has discussed and approved Björn Berglunds appeal regarding the missionary house on Långören and we quote some of his text below:

**“The society of Långörens native district appeals for contributions for the missionary house”**

*“In the summer of 2009 the missionary house transferred from the Långörens society of interest to the society of Långörens native district. The missionary house as well as the pilot house needs maintenance and together these buildings constitute cultural legacy. The missionary house was built in 1937 on initiative from they who lived on the island (see our homepage [www.langoren.info](http://www.langoren.info)) and has been used for religious meetings and various occasions such as weddings and baptisms and we aim to continue. Now this building is in great need for renovation and maintenance, interior and exterior. Renovation is a must for us to be able to have the building used as a common meeting place. A local construction company has submitted an offer for 200,000 SEK. The Swedish Native association has granted us with 70,000 SEK and together with private contributions from people on the island we have 90,000 SEK which means that we still are depending on private donations to renovate the building. We now appeal to members of the society of Långörasläkten for contributions. For further information please contact the chairman of the society of Långörens native district, Björn Berglund, phone:+46 46-12 60 42 or e-mail: [bjorn.berglund@geol.lu.se](mailto:bjorn.berglund@geol.lu.se)”.*

We hope and believe that our proud society will live on many years. But, one worry we have to address before our 2012 meeting is that an Election Committee was not established at the last meeting on Långören. The task of creating an Election Committee has been assigned to the acting Main Committee until our next meeting in 2012.

If you have ideas and thoughts about the future of the society don't hesitate to contact one of us on the society committee. You may want to take a more of an active part in our society, let us know what you wish contribute.

Karlskrona, June 2010

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