



*The
Swedish Club
of Chicago*

YEAR BOOK
1926

PAST PRESIDENTS



- 1870-89—NO RECORDS
- 1890-1—LAWRENCE HESSELROTH
- 1892—MAGNUS OLSON
- 1893—LAWRENCE HESSELROTH
- 1894-5-6—MAGNUS OLSON
- 1897—S. A. SWANSON
- 1898—GUSTAF LUNDQUIST
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- 1900—GUSTAF LUNDQUIST
- 1901—WM. DAHLEN
- 1902-4—G. BERNH. ANDERSON
- 1905-6—JOHN ERICSON
- 1907—ROBERT LINDBLOM
- 1908—DR. O. C. NYLUND
- 1909-18—C. S. PETERSON
- 1919—ALEX. J. JOHNSON
- 1920-1—C. S. PETERSON
- 1922—JOHN E. ERICSSON
- 1923-4—C. E. CARSON
- 1925-6—EINAR LINDEBLAD



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President 1925-1926

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Members of the Swedish Club of Chicago:

Another year has rolled by—a year of achievement in making our Club what it is today—"The Club Beautiful," and it is a pleasure to issue this Year Book of 1926-1927 that our members may know how our Club has gone forward and progressed.

Since the year of 1870 this Club has been known under different names. It started in that year under the name of Föreningen Freja, and again in 1882 it was called Svenska Klubben. In 1886 the name was changed to Svenska Sångsällskapet and again in 1889 it was known as Svenska Sångsällskapet Freja, which name, however, was of short duration. The 13th of December 1889 the Club was reorganized and called Svenska Glee Klubben, and under that name it was incorporated the 13th of May 1891, and then moved into our present quarters. In 1910 the name was again changed to Svenska Klubben until in 1924 it was incorporated under the present name—THE SWEDISH CLUB OF CHICAGO.

In all these years the Club has shown steady progress, and due thanks should be recorded to the untiring efforts of the former Presidents and their Boards of Directors. Personally, after serving as a Director for two years, and as President of the Club for the past two years, I fully realize what these gentlemen have put forth in the way of interest and effort to meet the problems that arise.

We appreciate what the Singers have done for our Club, as they were really the originators of our present Society back in 1870, and I take this opportunity to thank the Swedish Glee Club and their able leader, Mr. Wm. Nordin, for their co-operation whenever called upon to assist at our functions, as their singing adds zest and spirit to any party, which is so essential to the Club.

Our aim all these years has been to foster Swedish art and culture pertaining to our Homeland, and our last Art Exhibit was a very successful one, under the able direction of Mr. C. E. Hallberg, who was untiring in his efforts in behalf of the Exhibit.

Our decision to limit our members to a standing membership of 350 has proven to be a wise move. We have

at present a number of names on the "waiting list" anxious to join us.

We are all familiar with the transformation of our Club during May-June, 1926, and we owe unlimited praise and gratitude to the Committee for their untiring work during the alterations, and it was gratifying that this work was finished and the Club in readiness when we were honored by the visit of his Royal Highness Crown Prince Gustaf Adolf of Sweden, and her Royal Highness Crown Princess Louise of Sweden, both of whom remarked on the beauty of the Swedish Club, the Crown Prince being especially elated to see his father's picture, which had been presented to the Club on June 22nd, as a gift from the Ladies' Auxiliary.

The entertainments during the year have been very successful, the dinner dances especially being popular and well attended.

The management of our dining room has taken exceptionally good care of us, and the food at our daily meals as well as at our banquets has been excellent. The system has proven a success, eliminating any possible loss to the Club.

It is of interest to report that our venture in real estate has been successful. I refer to the purchase of the adjoining property. The returns from this investment pay the interest on the mortgage, and in addition over one thousand dollars on the principal this year.

We highly appreciate the assistance of the Ladies' Auxiliary in beautifying our Club and especially for their efforts during the alterations and selection of furnishings.

It is with profound regret and sorrow to report the death of our beloved friend and past President of our Club 1905-6, Mr. John Ericson. An outstanding international character, beloved by all.

Summing up everything, it has been a wonderful year in the history of the Swedish Club of Chicago, we have prospered as never before, and this is due to the co-operation from the entire membership. We can well be proud of our Club as it reflects prosperity, refinement and the spirit of good fellowship, which is symbolic of our race.

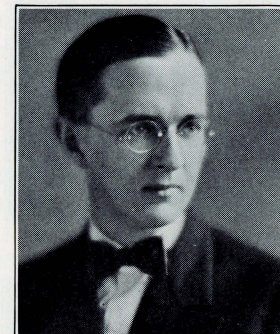
In conclusion I wish to state that the two years I have served as President of the Swedish Club have been short and interesting ones. My duties for the Club have been a pleasure, through the splendid co-operation and assistance of the officers and Board of Directors. I desire to express my gratitude and sincere thanks for the support that has been given me, and for the honor you have bestowed upon me.

EINAR LINDEBLAD, President.

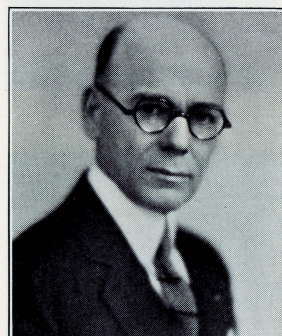
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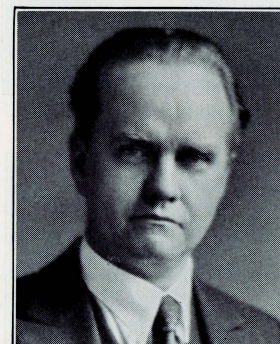
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