

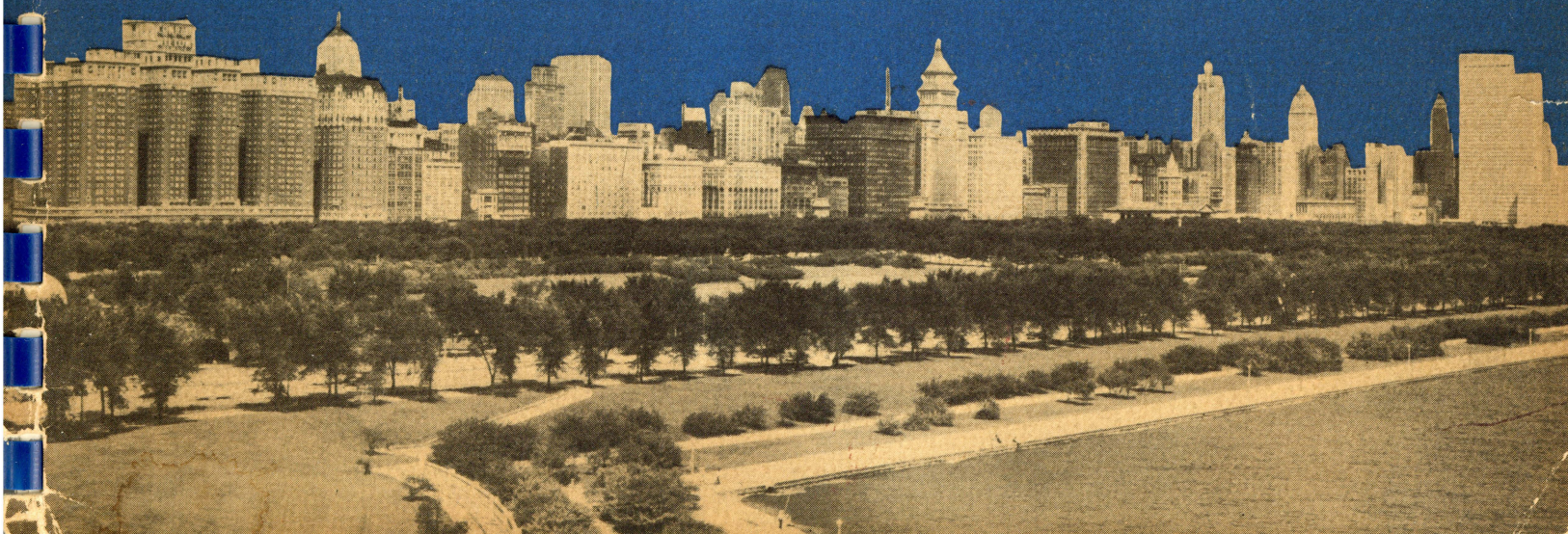
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PROGRAM

Twenty-fourth Grand Lodge Convention, Vasa Order of America, Chicago, Ill.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

- 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Registration of delegates at the Conrad Hilton Hotel.
 1:00 P.M. Grand Lodge Convention opens. Installation of new delegates. Appointments of committees. Address of welcome by the City of Chicago officials.
 6:00 P.M. Reception and dinner at the Swedish Club, 1258 N. LaSalle Street. Greeting by Consul General Gösta Oldenburg; solo by Virginia Olson, dancing to Utterstrom's Orchestra.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

- 9:30 A.M. Chartered buses leave the Conrad Hilton Hotel for Vasa Park in Elgin, Ill., for a day of relaxation, entertainment, and to get acquainted with brother members. Program by children's and junior clubs; exhibition by Jamestown Drill team; address by Gov. Wm. Stratton. (See special program for details of this affair.) Fox River Valley lodges will be hosts on this day.

MONDAY, JUNE 9

- 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Business session of the convention.
 Special activities for guests who do not wish to attend convention sessions—South Side ladies to be hostesses. Drill teams will be entertained at one of the Swedish Clubs—North Side ladies will be hostesses.
 7:30 P.M. Initiation of new members at Conrad Hilton Hotel, by Elvira Drill Team of Rockford, assisted by Thule Drill Team of Jamestown, New York. Refreshments served.

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

- 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Business session of the convention.
 Guests not wishing to attend convention session will have the day to themselves to shop and visit downtown stores at their leisure. Hostesses will be available as guides.
 6:00 P.M. Chartered busses leave for the South Side Swedish Club, 7330 S. Ridgeland Avenue. Dinner served at 7:00 P.M.—South Side Central Committee is host. Entertainment by South Side Swedish Club Male Chorus; Virginia Olson, soloist; Solstrålen Folk Dance Team.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

- No business session of the convention.
 9:30 A.M. Busses leave the Conrad Hilton Hotel for a sightseeing tour of the North Shore with a stop at Five Ellums Arboretum in Libertyville, Ill., where Brother Nels J. Johnson will serve lunch. Buses leave at 1:30 P.M. for Rockford. A rest stop and refreshments at Vasa Park in Rockford, and a short visit to the Erlander Museum.
 6:30 P.M. Dinner at Hotel Faust. On the program will be the Svithiod Male Chorus. Vocal solos by Miss Dora Lindgren of Stockholm, Sweden, and Howard Lindstrom; greetings by dignitaries.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

- 10:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Business session of the convention.
 Refreshments and sightseeing for guests not attending the convention sessions, arranged by the Vasa ladies of the North Side.
 6:00 P.M. Chartered busses leave the Conrad Hilton Hotel for Orphei Singing Club, 1332 Irving Park Road. North and West Side Central Committee is host. Entertainment by Orphei Singing Club, solos by Carole Johnson and Carl Gustafson; recitation by Helen Johnson.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

- 9:30 A.M. to conclusion. Business session of the convention.
 7:00 P.M. Grand Banquet at the Conrad Hilton Ballroom. On the program will be Hon. Judge Luther Youngdahl, U.S. District Judge for the District of Columbia, as the main speaker; Mr. Edgar Bergen of Hollywood, Calif.; Miss Dora Lindgren of Stockholm, Sweden, Baroness Elsa Fleetwood, accompanist; Chicago Swedish Male Chorus, Dr. Harry Carlson, director; greetings from City and State dignitaries. Alenius String Ensemble for dinner music and Gunnar Nelson's Orchestra for after dinner dancing.

ALL BUSINESS SESSIONS OF THE CONVENTION WILL BE HELD AT
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To Our Grand Lodge Officers, Delegates,
Members and Friends:

I wish to extend a most hearty and cordial welcome to this, our 24th Convention. The Grand Lodge Convention Committee hopes all Delegates and Guests attending this, our 24th Convention, in our great City of Chicago, will have an enjoyable visit which will be beneficial to all of us.

It is a great honor to have been chosen the General Chairman of the Committee. Credit for the success goes to the Committee and the Vasa Members in our District as a whole, the Chairmen of the Sub-Committees and their members. Cooperation from our District Master, in our District No. 8, the Executive Board, the Rockford Committee, the Fox River Valley Committee, and all other Districts has been excellent.

The Souvenir Program Book was successful because of hard work by the Committee under the leadership of the Chairman, Brother Arthur Johnson. The support from our members has been excellent. Our advertisers have been generous and we hope our members will show their appreciation.

Our Secretary, Sister Winnie Skibbie, worked hard with the vast secretarial duties connected with this convention and her work will always be highly valued.

We were fortunate to have our Grand Master, Ellis F. Hillner, as a member of the Committee and his knowledge of Convention procedure has been of help to the General Committee.

I wish to thank all the Chairmen of the various Committees along with their members -- the only way I can express appreciation for all the work that has been done.

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Fraternally,

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To Delegates and Friends:

Welcome to Chicago. I believe you will find our city a pleasant and entertaining place.

I am delighted to extend to you a warm welcome, and sincere greetings to this our 24th Grand Lodge Convention.

The convention committee has exercised every effort to make this one of the most outstanding events in the annals of the Vasa Order of America.

It has been a pleasure to have worked with this committee for the past two years, and I am fully acquainted with the efforts and interest incorporated in making this a comfortable and entertaining stay in Chicago.

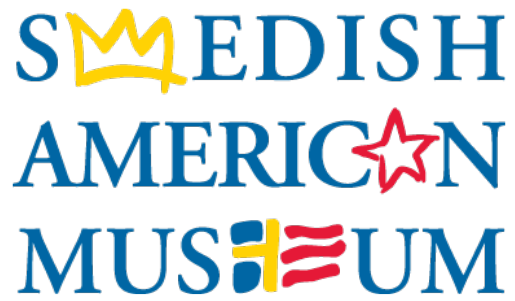
Entertainment for every evening during the entire convention week has been arranged for by our various local groups. I am sure you will find it pleasant and enjoyable.

The most outstanding talent of American and Swedish descent, coupled with Swedish-Americans from Chicago, has graciously accepted invitations to participate in this event, as has special talent from Sweden. Our detailed program will outline these features more thoroughly.

The members of our Order in the Illinois District, as well as other Swedish-American groups, join me in a most hearty welcome.

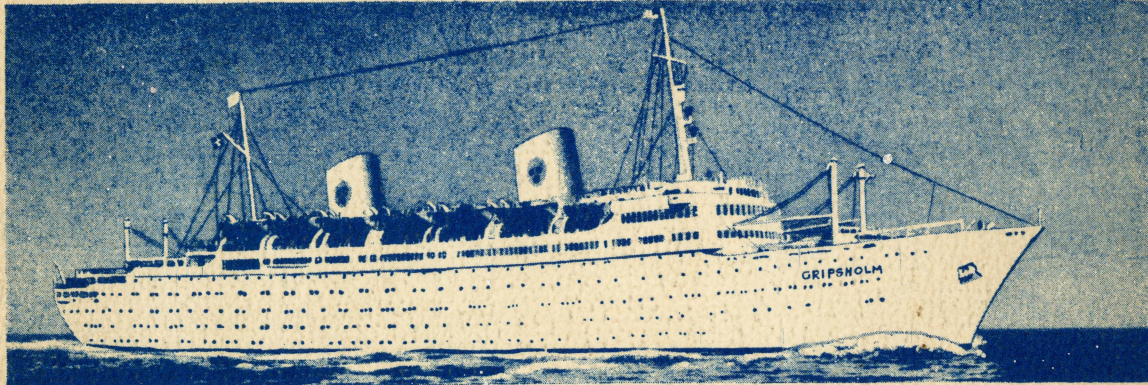
Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Ellis F. Hillner
Ellis F. Hillner, Grand Master



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