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The family meeting September 3, 1988 at Hässelby Castle in Stockholm

The family meeting 1988 was the 18th in a series of well arranged and pleasant family gatherings in the 36 years' history of the family including the first preparatory meeting in Sigtuna starting-year 1952.

This time the committee, consisting of Gun Hagmann, Bengt Ohlsson and Björn Eriksson, had agreed on the lucky solution to chose Hässelby Castle in a western suburb of Stockholm as a "battleground" for the activities of the family union. This castle, built in 1647, was purchased 1931 by the community of Stockholm and since 1963 it is used as a culture centre for the capitals of Scandinavia. Nordic congresses, concerts and exhibitions succeed each other there.

The meeting was very well attended, almost exactly 100 persons, and we were supported by fine weather at least during day time. We gathered in the pleasant cellar of the castle, had coffee and sandwiches, glad to be together again after two years of "separation". After that we got a short presentation of the castle and its history and later on we made a tour guided by the superintendent of the castle, Torbjörn Forsell.

Later we gathered together for the annual proceedings, opened by the chairman Karin Ronge. In her word of welcome she addressed especially Allan and Evelyn Johnson, who had come all the way from California. When the cashier Harald Berner had made a report of the economic situation, which was satisfactory, and the accountants had adopted the report, the meeting decided to raise the annual subscription from 30 to 40 swedish crowns because of the general increase of costs.

Karin Ronge was re-elected as chairman. Re-elected were also the other members on the board. Birgitta Sjöström was newly-elected as archivist and Anna Öhman as deputy member. Allan Johnson, USA, was elected as honorary member because of the great interest he had shown the family

union since long time.

Next annual meeting will be in Falun 1990 with Karin and Per Ronge as organizers. The photographing after the meeting was as usual a big entertainment where everybody at last got caught on the many photographers' plates. The dinner, which started with a drink, was eaten in a festive atmosphere. The popular menu consisted of shellfish salad, steak and ice cream with chocolate sauce.

During dinner Allan Johnson made a speech and expressed in good Swedish his and his wife Evelyn's gratitude to the family union and its members for the kind reception they had got in Sweden. He also invited all of us to go over and visit their home in California. While eating we were also entertained by the unions own Barber Shop quartett with wonderful singing and by the euphonious choir.

Later in the evening Rut Egerö told old memories about our relatives in ancient days. In connection with that we looked at a number of family photos which had been enlarged through Marina Skaar. It also appeared that she had recorded on tape Margit Berglind's and Rut Egerö's earlier informal talk about the family. - We could even find some time for games and dancing.

About twenty relatives accepted on Sunday the recommendation to follow a guided tour in the Middle Ages museum situated in front of the parliament in Stockholm city. We thought the tour was very instructive and interesting.

With family greetings

Per Ronge