

ArMs 1986.009, 1990.003, 2005.015
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The Records of the Vasa Order of America
1906-1974

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Introduction

This collection consists of 3.75 cubic feet of documents and ephemera from a number of Brooklyn- and Bronx-based member lodges of the Vasa Order of America, the largest Swedish-American fraternal organization in the United States. The collection was formed by three separate donations (accession numbers 1986.009, 1990.003, and 2005.015) from Dr. Lillie Pope of Brooklyn, who purchased the former Vasa Club building at 465 Dean Street where several of the Brooklyn lodges met. The location is just east of Flatbush Avenue in today's Prospect Heights neighborhood. The bulk of the collection is comprised of minutes of lodge meetings, lodge membership records, yearly and twice-yearly financial reports from the individual lodges, and ephemera, covering the period 1906 to 1982, with the bulk of the material spanning the 1920's to the 1970's. The collection also contains a limited amount of lodge correspondence, correspondence and records from subsidiary Vasa organizations, and constitutions and by-laws. Earlier materials are in Swedish that gradually switched to English around mid-twentieth century, and provide a glimpse into the process of lodge and member assimilation.

The Vasa Order of America (V.o.A.) collection also includes a small amount of material from other Swedish-American organizations—especially Agne Lodge #101 of the Independent Order of Vikings, which shared the Dean Street meeting house. These non-Vasa materials have been given their own series within the collection. Two of the donations (accession numbers 1990.003 and 2005.015) included items such as banners, vestments, flags, lottery boxes, photographs, and paintings, which have been moved to BHS's museum division. "Vasa" is the family surname of the Swedish royal line that founded the modern state of Sweden in the sixteenth century and established Lutheranism as the state religion under Gustav Vasa (1496-1560), the first King of Sweden, elected in 1523.

There are no restrictions on access to the collection.

Historical Note

In the mid-nineteenth century, thanks to the blessings of – in the words of poet and bishop Esaias Tegnér—“peace, vaccine, and potatoes,”¹ Sweden experienced a population boom. While Swedes had been emigrating to the United States since 1840, significant numbers began to make the journey around 1865, drawn by the promise of ample land for farming, fewer income and property requirements for voting, and greater freedom of religion. Large waves of immigrants followed in the 1880's and 1890's, peaking in the decade between 1881 and 1890, during which period 325,000 Swedes emigrated to the U.S.

Up to this point the new arrivals were largely from rural areas of Sweden, bound for similar areas in the United States like Minnesota and Illinois, but between 1890 and 1910 emigrants began to arrive from more urban areas of the country, and came to form a significant portion of the industrial workforce of northeastern states like Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. By the decade 1910-1920, between one fifth and one quarter of all Swedes had moved to the United States. The vast majority entered through the port of New York, first through the processing facilities at Castle Garden in present-day Battery Park, then beginning in 1892 through the facilities on Ellis Island. The community in Brooklyn was a significant East Coast Swedish enclave, encompassing about half of the total number of Swedes in New York City.

While there were always exceptions, Swedes in Brooklyn tended to be employed along fairly strict gender lines: the men in industries such as ironwork and construction (especially foundations and flooring), the women as housekeepers, maids, cooks, and seamstresses. Public service also began to attract members of the community, and by 1901 attorney J. Edward Swanstrom, son of a Swedish

¹ Quoted in Hasselmo (1976) at p. 11.

immigrant clergyman, became the second person to be elected president of the newly designated borough of Brooklyn.

In addition to working and raising families, Swedish immigrants to America quickly set about forming organizations of all kinds—churches, newspapers, choral societies, unions. One major focus of Swedish-American organizations was social welfare. The first Scandinavian branch of the Salvation Army in the U.S.—the Brooklyn #3 Corps—was formed in Brooklyn in 1887.² Numerous fraternal organizations were formed to offer not only fellowship but also a kind of health and life insurance in the form of “sick benefits” and “death benefits,” among them the Vasa Order of America, the Scandinavian Fraternity of America, the Independent Order of Vikings, the Independent Order of Svithiod, and the Swedish Order of Valhalla. In the first decade of the 21st century, the Vasa Order of America (<http://www.vasaorder.com>) is still the largest Swedish-American fraternal organization in the United States, with nearly 300 lodges in the U.S., Canada, and Sweden.

The Swedish-American community in Brooklyn followed the pattern of many other immigrant communities, growing prosperous and more assimilated, and eventually moving from the city to the suburbs. In 1929 the Vasa Order had 72,000 members, but by the late 1960s and early 70s, their memberships dwindling, the Brooklyn lodges of the V.O.A. began to consolidate, culminating in a flurry of mergers in the early 1970s. As of 2006, only one active lodge—Nobel-Liljan #64—remains in Brooklyn. Vasa’s emphasis has shifted from the first two items stated in its original charter—“To render aid to sick members of the corporation... and to render pecuniary aid towards defraying the funeral expenses of members”—to the third, the promotion of “social and intellectual fellowship among the members,”³ focusing largely on the celebration and preservation of Scandinavian culture.

The Order runs an education fund which provides scholarships, non-interest-bearing student loans, and money for cultural promotion and children’s clubs (*barnklubben*) and camps. It continues to publish the *Vasa Star* (*Vasastjernen*), and owns and maintains Vasa Parks in Budd Lake, NJ; South Elgin, IL; Bellevue, WA; Agoura Hills, CA; Foster, RI; and Edmonton, AB. V.O.A. also maintains a national archive, based in Bishop Hill, IL (<http://www.vasaorder.com/bishophill/index.htm>), and a library of educational audiovisual materials on Scandinavian subjects.

Other Scandinavian-American fraternal organizations have survived as well. As of 2006, the Independent Order of Vikings (I.O.V.) (<http://www.iovikings.org>) has nearly 30 lodges in U.S., still offers life insurance and prescription drug benefits to its members, and sponsors scholarships. It also publishes a magazine, *The Viking Journal*. Three I.O.V. lodges remain in New York State, but none in Brooklyn. The Independent Order of Svithiod (I.O.S.) (<http://www.svithiod.org>) sponsors a children’s group, scholarships, and a benevolent assistance program for “needy members.” As of 2006, the I.O.S. has 10 lodges, all in Illinois.

The Brooklyn Lodges

The Vasa Order is organized into a three-tiered hierarchy, with the Grand Lodge of the Vasa Order at the top, District Lodges below the Grand lodge, and the local lodges for the most part within the jurisdictions of the District lodges. The lodges of Brooklyn fell under the jurisdiction of New York District Lodge #4.

At least ten Vasa lodges were founded in Brooklyn: Sture #33, Valkyrian #35, Nobel #64, Nordstjernen #89, Liljan #107, Olympic #235, Björn #275, Syskonkedjan #306, Strängnäs #371, and Harmony #476. Valkyrian and Liljan (“the lily”) appear to have been founded as women’s lodges. Each met at one of two locations: Olympic, Björn, Syskonkedjan, Strängnäs, and Harmony met at the Vasa Club at 465 Dean Street; Sture, Valkyrian, Nobel, and Liljan originally met at Vasa Hall at 267

² The Scandinavian Branch was absorbed into the American Salvation Army in 1965.

³ Quoted in Ljungmark (1975) at p. 123.

52nd Street. Until 1915 Nordstjernan met at Lyrik Hall at 329 Atlantic Avenue, then at the Vasa Hall, finally moving to Dean Street between 1955 and 1958. Nobel and Liljan both moved their meetings to the Dean Street clubhouse in 1967. St. Erik #338, a prominent Bronx lodge at which the Barnklubb Elsa Rix #1, the oldest children's club in the Vasa Order, was founded, met at the Harlem Masonic Temple (310 Lenox Avenue at W. 126th Street) until 1922, then at the Hotel Astor in Times Square thru 1933, then the Stockholm Restaurant at 27 W. 51st St., and finally, beginning in 1937, at the Vasa Temple, located at 138 E. 149th Street in the Bronx.

After World War II, as lodge members began to move away from the city, a process of consolidation began. St. Erik #338 was absorbed by Olympic #235, which moved from Brooklyn to Staten Island in 1964 where, as of 2006, it remains active. Sture #33 and Valkyrian #35, disbanded or were absorbed by other lodges sometime between 1951 and 1966; Björn #275 did the same, sometime after 1966. Nobel #64 and Liljan #107 voted to merge in early 1970 to form Nobel-Liljan #64.

While Syskonkedjan #306, Strängnäs #371, and Harmony #476 all discussed merging with Nordstjernan #89, only Strängnäs appears to have done so, also around 1970. Syskonkedjan #306 appears to have merged with the newly-formed Nobel-Liljan #64 instead; and Harmony #476 seems to have done the same in March of 1973. As of 2006, Nobel-Liljan was meeting at the Salem Auditorium, 450 67th Street, Brooklyn.

Scope and Content

This collection comprises 3.75 cubic feet of material from the Brooklyn and Bronx lodges of the Vasa Order of America, as well as a small amount of material from other Scandinavian-American organizations in New York City, covering the period 1906-1982 (bulk dates 1920 to 1970). The collection is made up of minutes of lodge meetings, lodge membership records, yearly and twice-yearly financial reports from the individual lodges, correspondence, constitutions and by-laws, and ephemera. It is arranged in nine series, with the majority of the material in very good condition, and is housed in five legal document boxes, one record carton, one oversize box, and one miscellaneous box.

The collection is arranged into the following nine series: Series 1: Minutes of Lodge Meetings (1920-1970); Series 2: Constitutions and By-Laws (1929-1970); Series 3: Correspondence (1920-1973); Series 4: Financial Records (1906-1975); Series 5: Membership Records (1907-1969); Series 6: Subsidiary Organizations and Activities (c.1933-1980); Series 7: Ephemera (1934-1973); Series 8: The Independent Order of Vikings (1908-51); and Series 9: Artifacts (ArMs 2005.015).

Of the eleven Brooklyn Vasa lodges mentioned in the collection's materials, (Sture #33, Valkyrian #35, Nobel #64, Nobel-Liljan #64, Nordstjernan #89, Liljan #107, Olympic #235, Björn #275, Syskonkedjan #306, Strängnäs #371, Harmony #476) roughly half are represented only by a name on a single document or list. Lodges Nobel #64, Nobel-Liljan #64, Nordstjernan #89, Liljan #107, Syskonkedjan #306, and Harmony #476 are extensively documented in the collection. Of the four Bronx V.O.A. lodges mentioned (Thor/Thora #39, Gösta-Saga #78, St. Erik #338 and Washington #584), only St. Erik #338 is extensively documented in the collection. Lodge Agne #101 of the I.O.V. is documented by the bulk of the material in series 8. Tingvalla #71 of the I.O.V. is mentioned only in records, and Rurik #69 of the I.O.S. is documented by a single certificate in series 8, box 6, folder 7.

Four items from Series 8, Box 6, Folder 7 and one item from Series 7, Box 5, Folder 21 have been moved to an oversize box. All are certificates. The membership applications for Nobel #64 and Syskonkedjan #306 (Series 5) were originally intermingled, but have been separated into folders 1 and 6, respectively. Two flyers from the Vasa children's clubs (Series 6, Box 5, Folder 12) were originally tucked into the 1933 minutes of St. Erik #338 (Series 1, Box 1, Folder 6), before being moved to their present location. The advertising form for the Vasa Radio Hour (Series 6, Box 5, Folder 13) was found in the 1932 minutes of St. Erik #338 (Series 1, Box 1, Folder 5).

The majority of the material in the collection is in good to excellent condition. The oldest membership applications in Series 5 are somewhat brittle and have torn edges; a few have been torn in half. The minutes of St. Erik #338 (Series 1, Box 1) have numerous newspaper clippings, flyers, and brochures pasted into the minute books and pages. These have been interleaved with acid-free paper to prevent further discoloration of the pages. The minutes of Harmony #476 have a few pages that are torn entirely in half.

Series Descriptions

Series 1 : Minutes of Lodge Meetings (1920-1970) (ArMs 1986.009, 1990.003) contains minutes of the local lodge meetings for St. Erik #338, Liljan #107, and Harmony #476, ranging from 1920 to 1970. The minutes for St. Erik (8 folders) are especially rich; they are entirely in Swedish, continuously cover the years 1918 to 1941, and contain numerous clippings and flyers pasted into the minute books, documenting the lodge's many events and activities. The minutes of Harmony #476 (5 folders) cover the period 1935-1973, with small gaps throughout and a larger gap from 1939-1945. They are in generally good condition, though a few pages are torn entirely in half. The minutes of the last meeting contain the procedures of the merger with Nobel-Liljan. The minutes of Liljan #107 (one folder) cover the merger-heavy period 1968-1970, and are mostly in Swedish. Some minutes also contain informal lists of benefits paid out to members.

Series 2: Constitutions and By-Laws (1929-1970) (ArMs 1986.009, 1990.003) contains copies of the constitution of the Vasa Order of America, and the by-laws of New York District #4 (1940-63), Nobel-Liljan #64 (c. 1970), Harmony #476 (c. 1957), and St. Erik #338 (1929), (1929-1970). It also contains copies of the proceedings and recommendations of the Grand Lodge conventions (1962, 1966) and N.Y. District #4 conventions (1960-67).

Series 3: Correspondence (1920-1973) (ArMs 1986.009, 1990.003) contains approximately 50 items of lodge correspondence between the years 1920-1973. A number of the negotiations and logistics of the lodge mergers of the early 1970s are documented, as well as various activities. Nobel #64, Nordstjernan #89, Liljan #107, St. Erik #338, and Harmony #476 are represented.

Series 4: Financial Records (1906-1975) (ArMs 1986.009, 1990.003) contains annual financial reports from the Grand Lodge (1963), N.Y. District #4 (1959-1969), the Vasa Club of Brooklyn (1961, 1965), Nobel #64 (1947-1970), Nobel-Liljan #64 (1970-1971), Nordstjernan #89 (1906-1975, with intermittent gaps from 1909-1961), Liljan #107 (1966-1970; missing 1969), St. Erik #338 (1916-1949; missing 1917, 1935), and Harmony #476 (1934-1971; missing 1941-44). These reports are rich sources of information, as they not only include a financial report for the lodge, but a list of lodge officers, new members, active and passive members, and members who transferred or deceased. Some of these reports also contain interleaved trustees reports and treasurers' reports. Many are in Swedish.

Series 5: Membership Records (1907-1969) (ArMs 1986.009) contains several kinds of lodge membership records ranging from 1907 to 1969. First and most numerous are applications for membership in lodges Nobel #64 (c. 1949-1967, 1 folder), Nordstjernan #89 (1909-1963, 3 folders), Liljan #107 (1907-1969, 1 folder), Syskonkedjan #306 (1915-1968, 1 folder), and Harmony #476 (1934-1965, 2 folders). Many applications are in Swedish. Not all applications are dated, so they have been arranged alphabetically by surname of applicant, with female members who applied while single filed under their maiden names. Since Nobel was founded in 1904, it is safe to assume that these forms do not represent a complete set for that lodge, and probably not for the other lodges either.

Series 5 also includes membership update forms returned by members of Nobel #64, Nobel-Liljan #64, Liljan #107, Syskonkedjan #306, and Thora #39 (5 folders). There is also a pad of carbon copy “membership change reports” from Nobel #64 only, and several membership lists (6 folders).

Series 6: Subsidiary Organizations and Activities (c.1933-1980) (ArMs 1986.009, 1990.003) contains materials from subsidiary organizations and activities of the V.O.A.. (c.1933-1980) These include financial records, correspondence and receipts from the United Vasa Building Association (1947-1980, 6 folders); financial records and correspondence pertaining to the Swedish Home for Aged People in Staten Island (1944-1964, 2 folders); by-laws, records, correspondence, and a blank membership card for the New York District Lodge #4 V.O.A. Blood Fund (1956-1974, 2 folders); an undated address book of subscribers to the *Vasa Star* (1 folder); a few documents related to the Vasa children’s clubs (*barnklubben*) (c. 1933-1966, 1 folder); a blank advertising order form for the Vasa Radio Hour, c. 1932; and miscellaneous correspondence related to annual Sweden Day celebrations (1958-1969, 1 folder).

Series 7: Ephemera (1934-1973) (ArMs 1986.009, 1990.003) contains ephemera from 1934-1973. This includes a large, hardcover Vasa songbook from 1947 (in Swedish) and several souvenir programs: a 1934 visit of Vasa members to Stockholm (in Swedish); the golden anniversary celebrations of Nobel #64 (1954) and N.Y. District Lodge #4 (1952); and the 23rd and 25th Conventions of the Grand Lodge of the V.O.A. (1954 and 1962). Other miscellaneous ephemera include a newspaper clipping; several pieces of promotional material from the Scandinavian restaurant and banquet hall “Iceland”; a card with song lyrics (in Swedish); a funeral card and service for a deceased member; blank order forms for Vasa merchandise; and two photographs.

Series 8: The Independent Order of Vikings (1908-51) (ArMs 1986.009, 1990.003) contains material from the Independent Order of Vikings and other Scandinavian-American organizations covering the period 1908-1951. The bulk of the series (6 folders) relates to lodge Agne #101 of the Independent Order of Vikings, which was based in Brooklyn and also met at the Vasa Club on Dean Street. The I.O.V. material includes copies of I.O.V. constitutions, by-laws, and amendments from 1923 to 1940; several I.O.V. ritual books from 1909 to 1934; and correspondence (mostly in Swedish), membership lists, receipts, and ephemera from Agne #101, from 1934-1951. The remaining single folder in Series 8 contains certificates and ephemera from other Swedish-American and Scandinavian-American organizations that have been active in the New York City area.

Series 9: Artifacts (1928 and undated) (ArMs 2005.015) contains three wooden lottery boxes used by the lodges. Boxes 1 and 3 contain wooden and ceramic or glass marbles. An inscription on Box 1 reads *Till Logen Strängnäs #371 på 10 årsdagen Mars 17 1928 / Från Logerna Valkyrian #35 Sture #33* [“To Lodge Strängnäs #371 [on] their 10th anniversary March 17, 1928 / From Lodges Valkyrian #35 [,] Sture #33”].

Swedish Terms

Since a fair portion of the collection’s materials are in Swedish, researchers may find the following list helpful.

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| <i>å</i> | at |
| <i>adress</i> | address |
| <i>afflyttningskort</i> | (membership) transfer |
| <i>ålder</i> | age |

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| <i>anförvandter</i> | nearest relatives |
| <i>angående min karaktär</i> | character references |
| <i>ansökan om/till medlemskap</i> | application for membership |
| <i>år</i> | years |
| <i>avflyttade medlemmar</i> | members transferred (out) |
| <i>barnklubben</i> | the children's club |
| <i>besök</i> | meeting (lit. "visit") |
| <i>ceremonimästare</i> | master of ceremonies |
| <i>döda</i> | deceased |
| <i>domensdagar</i> | anniversary |
| <i>den sökandes namn</i> | signature of applicant |
| <i>F.D. Ordförande i god ställning</i> | past presidents in good standing |
| <i>finans-rapport</i> | financial report |
| <i>finanssekreterare</i> | financial secretary |
| <i>från</i> | from |
| <i>födelseort</i> | birthplace |
| <i>loge(n)</i> | (the) lodge |
| <i>hövding</i> | chief |
| <i>i</i> | in |
| <i>inre vakt</i> | inner guard |
| <i>intagna å avflyttningskort</i> | members admitted by transfer |
| <i>intagna nya medlemmar</i> | new members initiated |
| <i>kaplan</i> | chaplain |
| <i>kassör</i> | treasurer |
| <i>medlemskap</i> | membership |
| <i>möteslokal</i> | meeting place |
| <i>mötesdag</i> | meeting day |
| <i>namn</i> | name |
| <i>Ordensmedlemmar som erhållit understöd</i> | Order members who have received benefits |
| <i>ordförande</i> | chairman/president |
| <i>ordförande av förtroendemännen</i> | chairman of the board of trustees |
| <i>protokollbok</i> | record book (meeting minutes) |
| <i>sekreterare</i> | secretary |
| <i>stadgar</i> | by-laws |
| <i>storloge(n)</i> | (the) Grand Lodge |
| <i>skattmästare</i> | treasurer |
| <i>Sverige</i> | Sweden |
| <i>sysselsättning</i> | occupation |
| <i>termin(s)-rapport</i> | annual or biannual report |
| <i>till</i> | to |
| <i>utstrukna medlemmar</i> | members dropped from roster |
| <i>Vasa Förbundet</i> | United Vasa Lodges |
| <i>Vikingen</i> | the Viking |
| <i>Vikingarne</i> | the Vikings |

Related Material

BHS museum accession 1990.8.1-.43 includes banners from Nordstjernen #89 and Syskonkedjan #306, other unidentified banners and flags, two masks, 25 vestments, a lottery tube, 5 flag poles, an ornament, and a painting which were originally part of ArMs accession 1990.003.

A copy of Allan Kastrup's book, *The Swedish Heritage in America: The Swedish Element in America and American-Swedish Relations in Their Historical Perspective* may be found in the BHS Othmer Library at call number E184.S23.K3. Related images may be found in the Othmer Library photo collections.

The Vasa Order of America National Archives, Box 101, Bishop Hill, IL 61419 (309-927-3898) (<http://www.vasaorder.com/bishophill/index.htm>) maintains a national repository of historic materials related to the Vasa Order. The village of Bishop Hill itself is designated a National Historic Site, and traces its Swedish roots back to its founding by immigrants of the Janssonist religious sect, led by Erik Jansson, in 1846.

The Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center at Augustana College, 639 38th Street, Rock Island, IL (309-794-7204) (<http://www.augustana.edu/swenson/>) is an archive, library and research institute dedicated to the history and legacy of Swedish immigration to North America.

Access Points

610 – Names – Corporate

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Grand Lodge, Vasa Order of the United States of America
Independent Order of Vikings

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651 – Geographical Headings

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655 – Forms and Genre

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Correspondence
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Printed ephemera

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Container List

Series 1: Minutes of Lodge Meetings (1920-1970) ArMs 1986.009, 1990.003

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| | 4 | Minutes - St. Erik #338 [1990.003] | 1930 – 1931 |
| | 5 | Minutes - St. Erik #338 [1990.003] | 1932 – 1932 |
| | 6 | Minutes - St. Erik #338 [1990.003] | 1933 – 1933 |
| | 7 | Minutes - St. Erik #338 [1990.003] | 1934 – 1935 |
| | 8 | Minutes - St. Erik #338 [1990.003] | 1939 – 1941 |
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| | 11 | Minutes - Harmony #476 [1986.009] | 1952 – 1956 |
| | 12 | Minutes - Harmony #476 [1986.009] | 1957 – 1964 |
| | 13 | Minutes - Harmony #476 [1986.009] | 1965 – 1973 |
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| | 15 | Convention Proceedings and Recommendations – Grand Lodge [1986.009 and 1990.003] | 1962 – 1966 |

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| 1 | Constitution of the Vasa Order and Changes [1986.009] | 1935 – 1959 |
| 2 | By-laws and Changes – NY District Lodge #4 [1986.009] | 1940 – 1963 |
| 3 | By-laws – Nobel-Liljan #64 [1986.009] | circa 1970 |
| 4 | By-laws – Harmony #476 [1986.009] | circa 1957 |
| 5 | By-laws [Draft] – St. Erik #338 [1990.003] | 1929 |
| Series 3: Correspondence (1920-1973) ArMs 1986.009, 1990.003 | | |
| 1 | Correspondence – Nobel #64 [1986.009] | 1963 and undated |
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| 3 | Correspondence – Liljan #107 [1986.009] | 1968 – 1970 and undated |
| 4 | Correspondence – St. Erik #338 [1990.003] | 1920 – 1943 |
| 5 | Correspondence – Harmony #476 [1986.009] | 1965 – 1966 |
| 6 | Correspondence – Mergers: Nobel #64 and Liljan #107 [1986.009] | 1970 |
| 7 | Correspondence – Mergers: Harmony #476 and Nobel-Liljan #64 [1986.009] | 1972 – 1973 |
| 8 | Correspondence – Mergers: Nordstjernen #89, Syskonkedjan #306, Strängnäs #371, and Harmony #476 [1986.009] | 1970 |
| 9 | Correspondence – Mergers: Syskonkedjan #306 and Nobel-Liljan #64 [1986.009] | 1970 – 1972 |
| 10 | Correspondence – Mergers: Olympic #235 and unknown [1986.009] | 1964 |
| 11 | Correspondence – Miscellaneous [1986.009] | 1958 – 1971 and undated |
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| 1 | Annual Reports – Grand Lodge of the Vasa Order [1986.009] | 1963 |
| 2 | Annual Reports – New York District Lodge #4 [1986.009] | 1959 – 1969 |
| 3 | Annual Reports – Vasa Club of Brooklyn [1986.009] | 1961 – 1965 |
| 4 | Annual Reports – Nobel #64 [1986.009] | 1947 – 1970 |
| 5 | Annual Reports – Nobel-Liljan #64 [1986.009] | 1970 – 1971 |
| 6 | Biannual Reports – Nordstjernen #89 [1986.009] | 1906 – 1920 |
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