

Hypoteket

Over the years, many members of royalty, from political life and the business community have made important decisions in the banqueting halls of the Hypoteket. Much energy was laid down so that Scanian landowners could be approved credit in order to continue with agriculture and the upkeep of their castles and country mansions.

The Scanian Hypoteks Society was founded in 1836 and was a loan institute for farmers and landowners. At this time it was difficult to get an approved loan and the process could take up to five years. The board of directors consisted of the large landowners from the Scanian castles and country mansions.

In 1914 the Scanian Hypoteks Society decided to build new premises and the responsibility for this project fell on Issac Clason, one of the country's foremost architects. Clasons style involved the use of natural building materials and preferably natural stone for the facades. Having the Scanian Hypoteks Society as developer he was able to realize his exclusive visions. The main facade facing Church Street was built using hand-quarried grey limestone from Ignaberga and has a closed, almost fortress-like appearance.

The closed oak door and the somewhat ominous facade give the building a sense of secrecy, something that the Swedish security services (Säpo) appreciated. When kings, queens, presidents and ministers visited Lund, it was often here that they resided. The building is easy to protect and when a dark blue Saab was parked opposite the park, the inhabitants of Lund knew that important visitors were in town.

Today's banqueting halls are the former rooms used by the board of directors. All of the details concerning the interior woodwork, ironwork and plasterwork were designed by Clason, much of which is still intact. Details such as the oak-wood paneling in the main hall, the open fireplace and the arched roof with rich decor were very exclusive and costly at the time. The ceiling decor represents the four seasons from an agricultural perspective. That grapes were harvested is probably due to the Italian plasterers who worked with the ceiling. This building is full of priest's holes and secrets.

That it has been both an honour and a pleasure to work at the Hypoteks Society is easy to understand when reading the notes of the members of the board. Being taken care of in the best possible fashion in the beautiful halls was also self-evident.

Today, it is possible to book the banqueting halls at the Hypotek for weddings, dissertation dinners and other gatherings. Our motto is that our guests should always feel very welcome and sure that every little extra detail is taken care of so that they are always totally satisfied.