



# Swedish Colonial News

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## GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

This third number of SWEDISH COLONIAL NEWS opens with a greeting to all members of our Philadelphia-based, original Swedish Colonial Society. We look back 82 years to the 1909 beginning of our Society under the inspiration of the distinguished co-founder Dr. Amandus Johnson and his associates whose noteworthy accomplishments we highly commend. Continuing into more recent years, we find that the visions of these early leaders are being carried out in new ways. The Forefather Member Program, begun in 1909, is being rejuvenated, and the numbers of authenticated Forefather ancestors is increasing. Enthusiasm on the part of members in sponsoring new members is helping to increase our membership list. One Honorary Governor has successfully spearheaded three history-making joint issuances of commemorative stamps with Sweden, the U.S.A. and one time including Finland. Plans for a similar commemorative issue in 1993 are now being formulated. One Councillor and Life Member is being acknowledged as the pre-eminent genealogist of the early Swedes in the Delaware Valley. When necessary, he corrects erroneous interpretations of the history of the early Swedes and he has won a major international award for his Swedish historical work. Members of our Society are furthering the preservation of historic Swedish landmarks by assisting in the restoration and maintenance of the unique surviving c. 1650's Lower Swedish Log Cabin.

In 1938, the SCS was involved in gala, internationally-publicized celebra-

tions of the 300th Anniversary of the Coming of the Swedes to America. In 1988, we also helped when the 350th Anniversary was commemorated. We look forward to new horizons as SCS plans are now being made to assist in

celebrating in 1993 the 350th Anniversary of the 1643 Coming of the Swedes to Tinicum and there establishing the first permanent European civilization in present Pennsylvania before William Penn was born!

Wallace F. Richter 

## FOREFATHERS

### 350 Years Ago - The Kalmar Nyckel's Third Voyage

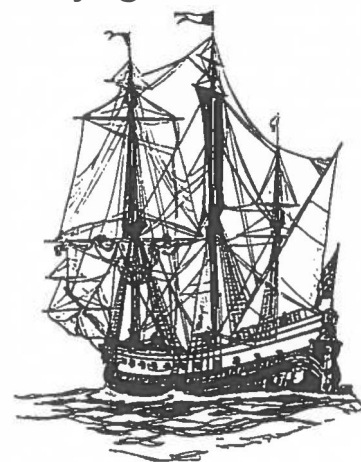
The year 1991 will be the occasion of another 350th anniversary in the history of New Sweden - the Kalmar Nyckel's third voyage to the new world.

This time the venerable Kalmar Nyckel was joined by a smaller sister ship, the Charitas, which left Stockholm on May 3, 1641 with 35 passengers on board. It joined the Kalmar Nyckel at Gothenburg, where another 35 passengers were added to the expedition. The two ships departed for America in July. They arrived at Fort Christina four months later, on November 7, 1641.

The 1641 expedition provided the colony with a large number of Swedes who would later gain prominence, including:

- Olof Stille from Roslagen, his wife, daughter Ella (who later married Peter Jochimsson and Hans Månsson, thereby becoming the mother of the first Yocums and Steelmans) and his son Anders. A second son, John Stille, was born in America.

- Måns Svensson Lom, also from Roslagen, with his wife and daughter Margaret (later wife of Peter Cock), daughter Catharine (later wife of John Wheeler) and a son Peter. More children were born in New Sweden, including Beata Lom, who became the



*The Kalmar Nyckel, the flagship of the colony New Sweden, makes its third and last voyage in 1641.*

wife of pastor Lars Carlsson Lock.

- Olof Thorsson, progenitor of the Tussey family, who boarded at Gothenburg with his wife Elisa, sons Olle and Lars and a daughter Christina.

- Mats Hansson, a gunner, and his wife Elisabeth, who became the founders of the Mattson families of Gloucester County.

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## FOREFATHERS *Continued*

### 350 Years Ago...

- His brother Anders Hansson, forefather of the Hanson families of Maryland's eastern shore.
- Johan Anderson, a boy from Strängnäs, forefather of the Stålcop family.
- Johan Ericksson from Ångermanland, forefather of the Earickson family of Kent Island, Maryland.
- Peter Andersson, a laborer, forefather of the Longacre family of Kingessing (West Philadelphia).
- Peter Larsson Kock (Cock) from Bångsta, a laborer, forefather of

the Swedish Cox family.

- Gotfried Harmer, nephew of Peter Minuit, who went to Maryland and had numerous descendants.
- Hans Månsson, a laborer from Skara, forefather of the Steelman family.
- Knut Mårtensson from Vasa, Finland, forefather of the Morton family of Marcus Hook.
- Hendrick Matsson, a Finn, forefather of the Matthiasson or Freeman family of Cecil County, Maryland.
- Bärtel Eskelsson, a Finn from Sunne, progenitor of the Bärtleson family and the father of both grandmothers

of John Morton, signer of the Declaration of Independence.

- Lars Thomasson from Veddigge, forefather of the Boore family.

Another forefather on this voyage was Åke Israelsson, a musketeer from Stockholm, who died on the day that his ship, the Charitas, arrived. His son, Israel Åkesson, later known as Israel Helm, would follow in 1642-43 and become the progenitor of the Helm family.

Dr. Peter S. Craig

## HISTORIC SITES

### Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission Rewrites History: The \$500,000 Blunder at Printz Park and the Morton Homestead

In April 1989, the Swedish Colonial Society was pleased to learn from Brent D. Glass, executive director of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC), that it was embarking on a \$500,000 initiative, financed by the Pennsylvania legislature, "to enhance the interpretation of the PHMC's Swedish-related sites in the Delaware Valley: Printz Park and Morton Homestead." This project, we were told, would "consolidate previous research" and "establish an integrated interpretive plan for the two sites."

The letter further advised us that this work would be done with the American Swedish Historical Foundation (ASHF), that the PHMC "will send you periodic bulletins as the project progresses" and that questions about the project should be directed to Alice Hemenway, Acting Director, Division of Historic Sites at Pennsbury Manor.

The promised "periodic bulletins" were never received. Concern about the project arose when we learned that the PHMC selected Frens & Frens of West Chester to implement the project. That firm had just issued a report, "The Morton Homestead, A Historic Structure Report," May 1989, which demonstrated its ignorance of the history of either the Morton site or the early Swedes. Concerns were increased when we were informed in March 1990 that the Morton Homestead would be renamed the Darby Creek Ferry House and that interpretative panels were being prepared for both Printz Park and the "former" Morton Homestead. Officers of the Swedish



Section of Robert Longshore map (c. 1693) showing division of land on Darby Creek between Mårten Mårtensson family and Johan Corneliusson heirs. Half-acre home lot on Amosland Run (left side of map) and 4-acre field (center) belonged to Corneliusson heirs. The remainder, including Morton homestead site (located on the left or west of field and southeast of Corneliusson home lot) belonged to Mårten Mårtensson.

Colonial Society then requested Alice Hemenway for an opportunity to review these new panels before they were installed. This request was denied. Meanwhile, Ann Barton Brown of the ASHF, recognizing that her organization lacked expertise on the history of the early Swedes on the Delaware, asked Frens & Frens to have their Morton Homestead report reviewed by Dr. Peter S. Craig of the Society. Frens & Frens requested Dr. Craig to undertake such a review, but then chose to ignore his detailed critique.

Amidst much fanfare, the new panels were unveiled on October 20, 1990. Regrettably, they are a disaster.

Although attractively mounted and tastefully illustrated, the language selected for these panels sets back the cause of an accurate depiction of the early Swedes on the Delaware by more than a century.

Some examples at Printz Park:

- The panel "The Search for Printz Hof" tells us (based on information from anonymous "scholars") that Printz Park probably is not the location of Printzhof, which "may be located further upstream [northeast]." However, a 1679 eyewitness account placed Printzhof on the "southwest point" of Tinicum Island.

- Another panel "The Rightful Owners" erroneously attributes to the Swedes the English attitude that when land was purchased from the Indians, the Indians were excluded from it.

- Throughout the panels, Governor Printz gets a heavy panning. He is accused, for example, of "not understanding" the Indians, calling them "heathens" without knowing what they believed. Printz's writings, however, show that he did understand the Indians' religious beliefs and the historic record shows that the Swedes' relationship with the Indians was more amicable than their English or Dutch counterparts in New England, New Netherlands or Virginia.

- Throughout the panels, historic absurdities abound. Thus, we are told that Peter Minuit, born in Wesel, Germany, of a Walloon father and a German mother, was "Dutch"; that Fort Elfsborg, abandoned because it was

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## HISTORIC SITES *Continued*

### Pennsylvania Historical...

rendered useless by the Dutch fort at New Castle, was instead abandoned because the soldiers "had been driven away by swarms of mosquitoes"; that present Norway was a part of Sweden in the 17th century and Finland was not; and that "Sweden lost interest in her new American colonies."

- Missing from the panels is any reference to the fact that this was the site of the first church in Pennsylvania and the birthplace of the Lutheran Church in America.

- Also missing from the panels is any reference to the fact that the first courts in present Pennsylvania were held at Tinicum Island and that this remained the site of the Swedish courts until 1662 when, after sale of the island by Armegot Printz, the court was moved to Upland. Indeed, the authors of the panel (Frens & Frens) have the mistaken notion that there were no courts of law in present Pennsylvania until they were introduced by the English, after 1664.

- The settlers themselves also get short shrift. The panels do not say who they were, where they lived, or how they lived, except that they "thrived in William Penn's Pennsylvania" and that their descendants "soon dispersed throughout the Delaware Valley and beyond."

At the Morton Homestead matters get even worse. During their earlier archeological investigation, Frens &

Frens had discovered that the south unit (formerly dated to 1654 by the PHMC) was in fact not built until the mid-18th century and stood over the foundation of an earlier building. Then, ignorant of the historic records involving this site, they became carried away in speculation. Thus:

- The panels tell us that this was not the site of the Morton Mortonsson homestead, but rather was occupied by Jan Cornelius. In fact, their names were Mårten Mårtensson and Johan Corneliusson. Road surveys and maps of the 17th century prove that the Morton homestead was, indeed, the site of Mårten Mårtensson's residence and that Johan Corneliusson's cabin was to the west, on Amosland run.

- One panel, describing the earliest structure (beneath the 18th century south unit), suggests that this may be the location of a blockhouse built to keep an insane son of Johan Corneliusson. The more logical conclusion - that this was the foundation of Mårten Mårtensson's first cabin - is not mentioned.

- The panel describing the north unit, which has a 1698 date inscribed in its corner fireplace, questions that the building is that old. Tax records and the records of Gloria Dei show, however, that there were two families living at this location 1693-97: Mårten Mårtensson and his wife and the family of his son Matthias Mårtensson.

- Another panel, "Even History

Changes" proclaims that the "floor plan" of the Morton homestead is "typically English" and that "only Jan Cornelius occupied the homestead." The first conclusion is unsupported; the second is contradicted by the fact that Corneliusson (who died by 1685) lived to the west of the homestead.

- The panels tell us nothing of the settlers who actually lived here or their neighbors. Records show that Mårten Mårtensson and his family arrived in New Sweden in 1654, the same year that Governor Rising reports the first settlement of three families at "Ammansland" (meaning the land of the wet-nurse in Swedish), and that Mårten lived at this site as early as 1663 and died here in 1706. The panels also fail to report that the property remained in the ownership of his Morton descendants until 1784 when it was sold by Sketchley Morton, son of John Morton, signer of the Declaration of Independence.

After the unveiling of the new panels, Dr. Glass was asked what he intended to do to correct the many manifest errors on these panels. After three months, there had been no response to this inquiry.

Dr. Peter S. Craig 

## FOREFATHERS

### New Sweden Forefathers: Nils Larsson Frände (Friend)

One relatively unknown forefather, progenitor of the Friend family in America, is Nils Larsson, who arrived in New Sweden on the Swan in 1648 and served as a warden for Governor Rising in 1654. Two years later, he married Anna Andersdotter (possibly the daughter of Anders Andersson the Finn) and settled at Upland (now Chester), where they raised a family of ten children. His house was also the location of the Swedes' quarterly court sessions after Armegot Printz sold the Printz family's Tinicum Island estate.

Nils Larsson played a very prominent role in the Swedish community until his death at Upland in the winter of 1686-87. He became known as Nils Larsson Frände, meaning "kins-

man" or "blood relative" in Swedish, possibly because of his influence among the Indians who considered him a "blood brother." Under English rule, his adopted surname became anglicized to "Friend." In 1668, Nils and two other Swedes, secured a permit from the governor of the new province of New Jersey to buy lands from the Indians in present Gloucester County. The resulting acquisition led to a large Swedish settlement centering around Raccoon Creek (present Swedesboro).

Nils Larsson Frände also acquired lands in present Bucks County, which he traded to William Penn in return for 800 acres east of Red Clay Creek in New Castle County. Penn built his Pennsbury estate on Frände's former

land.

At the time of his death, Nils Larsson was serving as constable for Chester township. His wife Anna survived him by about 40 years and was said to be over 106 when she died. Their children, with approximate birth years, were:

1. Brigitta, born 1657, who married John Cock (son of Peter Larsson Cock) and had nine children.

2. Anders (Andrew), born 1659, whose first wife was probably a daughter of Israel Helm. Andrew Friend died in Maryland after 1740, and had at least four children, including Israel Friend, a well-known Indian trader and inter-

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## FOREFATHERS *Continued*

### New Sweden Forefathers...

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3. Catharine, born 1661, who married Olof (William) Dalbo and died at Raccoon Creek in 1721, the mother of nine children.

4. Maria, born 1663, who married Gabriel Cock (son of Peter Larsson Cock) and had eight children.

5. John, born 1666, who married Anna (daughter of Hendrick Coleman), and died in Penn's Neck, Salem County, NJ in the winter of 1737-38; nine children.

6. Susannah, born 1670, who married Enoch Enochson and moved to Gloucester County, NJ; four surviving sons.

7. Sarah, born 1672, who married Amos Nicholas of Chester County; at least four children.

8. Gabriel, born 1674, who married Maria Van Culin of Chester County; at least five children.

9. Lawrence, born 1676, who married Sarah Jaquet in Penn's Neck; at least four children.

10. Barbara, born 1678, who married Peter Longacre (son of Anders Petersson Longacre); at least three children.

Descendants of Nils Larsson Friend have an active Friend Family Association which owns and operates a Friend Family Library in Friendsville, Maryland, where many records of descendants have been collected.

Dr. Peter S. Craig

## NEW FOREFATHER MEMBERS

We of the Swedish Colonial Society are proud of our Forefather Members\*. We welcome them and are happy to have them among our ranks. The new list includes:

Miss Dawn Alexandra Hillman, daughter of Councillor Tatnall Lea Hillman of Radnor, PA. Dawn was accepted as a new Life member and forefather member. She and her father are descendants of JÜRGEN KÜHN, who arrived in this country in 1643 and became the progenitor of the prominent KEEN family of America.

A very youthful new member, born on December 27, 1990 is George Conrad McFarland III. Young George's grandmother, Esther Anne (Mrs. George Conrad) McFarland, Sr., presented to him a Life membership which automatically became a forefather membership as well, since he shares with his grandmother, his father and his 2-year old sister, Megan, a descent from their forefather ancestor, JONAS NILSSON, who arrived in this country in 1643 and played an important role in the early New Sweden community.

Another grandmother of note is Mrs. Freeman G. (Flora) Martin, a good friend of the Society who frequently phones from her home in Montgomery, Alabama. At the January meeting, the Council had the pleasure of voting to accept as a member Mrs. Martin's son, John Freeman Martin. We also accepted as a full member Flora's grandson, Denis Prieur Higginbotham. Flora has been unusually supportive of our Society in sponsoring new memberships, with the goal of enrolling all members of her family who are, as she is, descendants of an outstanding 17th c. Swedish

forefather ancestor, OLLE STILLE, who came to this country in 1641. So far, she has provided memberships for her daughter, her son, her two grandsons and her granddaughter. Now she has in mind four other relatives for new membership and automatically for forefather membership.

Another recently-approved forefather member is Mrs. Frances Curtis Sugzdinis of Malvern, PA, sister of one of our first forefather members, Edmund DeForest Curtis, Jr. of Arden-croft, DE. They too are descendants of JÜRGEN KÜHN.

The latest to be accepted as a new forefather member is C. Donald Jess of Lancaster, PA, whose ancestor was Rev. LARS KARLSSON LOCK, who came to the New World in 1648.

Carl & Alice Lindborg

\* "Active members who can prove descent from Swedish colonists in the United States prior to the Treaty of Paris...in 1783."



Photo: Brian Daly

### Our Children

Life member Master Carter Magnus Lindborg celebrated his second birthday at the December 2, 1990 JULMIDDAG as the youngest member of the Swedish Colonial Society with his parents, Sue and Carl S. Lindborg. Later, Master George Conrad McFarland III, born on December 27, 1990, became a Life member and is now our youngest.

## EDUCATION

### Early Swedes in American History Books

We of the Swedish Colonial Society have expressed regrets that the early Swedish colonists have not received the recognition they deserve in American history books for their establishment of civilization and culture in the Delaware River Valley, beginning 6 1/2 years before William Penn was born, and carrying on into the growing nation.

As head of a subdivision of the newly-formed Education Committee (Beth Linnerson-Daly, Coordinator), I approached one of the leading textbook publishers through personal contacts and was introduced to the head of the American History Book Division, the person who decides which ethnic groups will be represented in the earliest section of their school textbooks - the section in which we are particularly interested. Her answer has opened an opportunity to us. She wants us to tell her what is unique about the Swedish group, what were their contributions to the establishment of our nation and why they should be included in books which will reach institutions of learning throughout the U.S.A., not just in our local area.

My husband, Carl, Swedish Colonial Historian, and I, to be joined by other members of our committee, have begun to answer these questions. We started with the introduction by these pioneers of log-cabin construction to America which enabled them to build colonies of permanent influence. The Dutch, coming from an almost treeless land, built only impermanent shelters which disintegrated. Log-cabin building was adapted by English settlers who followed the Swedes in the Delaware Valley. This knowledge spread across our nation.

Other contributions by the early Swedes include a fair treatment of the Indians, the first law court in Pennsylvania, a brave spirit in the face of difficulties in the wilderness, all of which have contributed to the American character, which has continued to the present day. Religious tolerance was allowed. The first church in present Pennsylvania was a Swedish log structure with separate bell tower at Tinicum, and the first school classes in Pennsylvania were conducted by the Swedish pastors, who were highly edu-

cated. This established a literacy among the New Sweden colonists which set a standard for the future nation. Distinguished descendants of these pioneers have remained in America and enriched our culture.

If the Swedish Colonial Society can encourage this textbook publishing company and others to recognize and include these Swedish Forefather ancestors, we can bring about an awareness in our school children and others of the important role played by the Swedes not only in the Delaware Valley but, in a larger sense, in the establishment of the entire United States of America.

Alice W. Lindborg 

## BOOK REVIEWS

### Rambo Genealogy Still Available

Word has been received that a limited number of copies are still available of the late Beverly Rambo's classic genealogy, *The Rambo Family Tree: Descendants of Peter Gunnarsson Rambo*, published in 1986.

The book is bound with a hard cover, containing 857 pages of text plus a 93-page evername index. This history of the Rambo family describes Peter, his six known children, and lists their descendants who can be found in nearly every state of the union. Some of the family lines have been extended to the 12th generation, with their children comprising the 13th generation.

Copies can be ordered from Beverly's sister, Mrs. Janet Roou, 341 Terrace Avenue, Viroqua, WI 54665. The price is \$53.50, including mailing costs.

### Books Available

A number of genealogical studies of Swedish settlers are available from the Gloucester County Historical Society, P.O. Box 409, Woodbury NJ 08096. The following prices include postage:

*Anthony Nelson*, by Elmer Garfield Van Name (1935), 85 pages. A study of Nils Mattsson's son Anthony Nelson and his New Jersey progeny. \$4.50, soft cover.

*Descendants of the Rev. Lars Karlsson Lock*, by Edith M. Davis Locke (1986), 250 pages. This genealogy

traces descendants of Pastor Lock's four sons who raised their families in Gloucester County. \$16.50, soft cover.

*Genealogy of the Mattson Family*, by George P. Walmsley, Sr. (1983), 185 pages. Although the author was ignorant of the correct origins of the Mattson families of Gloucester County, this is a creditable coverage of some of the descendants of Matts and Elizabeth Hansson who, unfortunately, are not mentioned. \$13.00, soft cover.

Three classics for genealogical research of the Swedes in West Jersey are also still available:

*The Records of the Swedish Lutheran Churches at Raccoon and Penns Neck, 1713-1786* (1938), 387 pages. \$13.50, soft cover; \$20.00, hard cover.

*The Records of Trinity Episcopal Church (Old Swedes), Swedesboro, Gloucester County, NJ 1785-1975* (1979), by Paul Minotty, 485 pages. \$19.00, soft cover; \$26.50, hard cover.

*The Records of the Moravian Church at Oldman's Creek*, by Paul Minotty (1968), 134 pages. \$5.75, soft cover.

The library of the Gloucester County Historical Society is located at 17 Hunter Street, Woodbury, NJ, and is open Monday through Fridays 1-4 PM, Friday evening 7-9:30 PM, and the last Sunday of each month, 2-5 PM. It has for sale over 100 publications on local history and genealogy.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Many SCS members have used the exceptional services of the Gloucester County Historical Society Library in Woodbury, NJ and may wish to join us in congratulating Edith Hoelle, library director, who has recently received the Richard J. Hughes Annual Award from the NJ Historical Commission. This award is given each year to recognize a distinguished career devoted to NJ History. Mrs. Hoelle received the award for her work in developing the library considered to be one of the finest research centers in the area for genealogy and local history. She has also made the Society's publication program one of the most vigorous of any historical organization in NJ.

Beth Linnerson-Daly 

## EVENTS

### Past and Present in 1990-1991

#### 1990

August 28

Tinicum Historical Society 1993 Planning Meeting.

September 10

Lower Swedish Cabin Meeting - Maintenance Discussion.

September 16

Scandinavian Craft Club Meeting - (Constituted 1921)

September 20

Publication Committee Meeting - SCS Council Meeting.

September 25

Tinicum Historical Society 1993 Planning Meeting

September 29

Douglasville, PA, Fair held at Måns Jones House

October 8

Lower Swedish Cabin Meeting - Teaching Children Cabin History

October 9

Leif Ericson Day Ceremony at Viking Statue - Banquet at ASHM.

October 10

Fold, label, stamp, mail Swedish Colonial News-Vol. I-No. 2.

October 12

Visit to Bredablick Lodge No. 880 F&A.M. New York

October 16

Women's Committee to Merion Cricket Club-Julmiddag Contract.

October 18

Swedish Colonial Society Council Meeting.

October 20

Viking Seminar at University of Pennsylvania.

October 20

Ceremony for New Exhibits - Gov. Printz Park - Morton Homestead.

October 24

Gov. Richter was speaker for Chestnut Hill Hi-12 - Swedes on the Delaware.

November 4

SCS 1993 Committee Meeting - Marie Bates Hiscock residence.

November 6

Women's Committee - fold, label, mail Invitations for Julmiddag

November 8

Tinicum Historical Society 1993 Planning Meeting.

November 12

Lower Swedish Cabin Meeting - Publicity - Funding.

November 15

Swedish Colonial Society Council Meeting.

December 2

Julmiddag - Merion Cricket Club.

December 31

Lower Swedish Cabin Blue Moon Meeting.

1991

January 10

Tinicum Historical Society 1993 Planning Meeting.

January 14

Lower Swedish Cabin Meeting - Future Planning.

January 17

Publication Committee Meeting - SCS Council Meeting.

January 19

N.J. Ed. Committee

February 13

SCS 1993 Committee - Planning - Calendar of events.

February 21

Publication Committee Meeting - SCS Council Meeting.

March 21

Swedish Colonial Society Council Meeting.

April 7

Forefathers' Day Luncheon - Overbrook Golf Club.

### SCS 1993 Committee

The 1993 Celebration Committee of the SCS, chaired by Mrs. Marie Bates-Hiscock, has held a series of planning meetings since last November. Numerous projects are being considered to complement activities being planned by the senior state-wide 1993 Committee chaired by Gene Martenson, our deputy governor.

Eighty-two years ago the SCS was established to focus on three objectives:

- 1) to commemorate historic Swedish events and accomplishments,
- 2) to determine historic sites & erect monuments, and
- 3) to collect, preserve and publish materials on the Swedish Colonial Period.

Our projects reflect these goals. Some activities under consideration for the year-long celebration include a kick-off costume or black-tie ball scheduled for July 1992 and mark-

ing the 400th birthday of Johan Printz (first Governor in present Pennsylvania), a Printz-style ox-roast, a military re-enactment, a model of Printzhof, the Governor's mansion, publication of a commemorative stamp, a boat ride tour of key Swedish sites, Swedish flags marking places bearing Swedish names, multiple reunions of direct descendants, a mapping of the Gloria Dei Cemetery, a commemorative publication and a

computer exchange program between schools in the New Sweden area and Jönköping, Sweden. We hope to create many opportunities to celebrate in the 1992-1993 commemorative year.

Some of the projects would be sponsored by the SCS; others we would simply encourage or endorse. If you have ideas you think are appropriate to this commemoration please contact Marie Bates-Hiscock 215-384-2386.

Marie Bates-Hiscock  
Beth Linnerson-Daly



Gene Martenson, Senior Deputy Governor of the SCS, leads the Julmiddag ceremonies. At his right is Mrs. Carl Nauckhoff, wife of the former Swedish Consul General in New York City.



## Swedish Colonial Society Members



(Carole Springer Photos) - Main Line Times

**SWEDISH COLONIAL SOCIETY MEETS.** Among those attending the "Julmiddag," a Christmas dinner, at the Merion Cricket Club in Haverford, sponsored by the Women's Committee of the Swedish Colonial Society, are (from left) Mrs. George C. McFarland of Haverford, Mr. Bertil Lantz of Rosemont, Women's Committee Chairman Mrs. Robert A. Nelson, Dr. S. Sturgis Poorman and Mrs. Poorman of Ardmore and Miss Julie A. Jensen of Haverford. The annual luncheon was in commemoration of the 352nd anniversary of the Swedes' first Christmas in America.

## Attend 'Julmiddag' In Haverford



**"JULMIDDAG" IN HAVERFORD.** In attendance on Sunday, Dec. 2, were also (from left) Mr. Douglass W. Hocker and Mrs. Hocker of Ardmore, Mrs. Victor F. Sheronas of Haverford and Dr. Christer Carlsson and Mrs. Carlsson of Bala Cynwyd. Highlights of the afternoon included lunch, folk dancing and singing by Mrs. Maurice Clancy.

## MEMBERSHIP

### New Members

Our list of Swedish Colonial Society members is growing rapidly, perhaps in part due to the reading by the general public of reports of our activities in "Swedish Colonial News" (of which this is the third issue). We welcome these new members and are glad to see that a number of them are already showing interest by voluntarily

#### SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES & PHOTOS TO NEWSLETTER

Limited space will be reserved in each issue for readers' articles or photos. Material submitted should be typed, double-spaced and not exceed 500 words. Black and White photos are best, but clear color photo can be used. Captions for identification should accompany all photos. Please do not write directly on the photo, either in front or back. Include a return address and phone number for questions the Publications Committee might have for return of photo.

Send materials to:  
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joining in our activities.

The list is as follows:

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Washington, NJ;

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Mobile, AL (recent individual  
Forefather Member);

Miss Dawn Alexandra Hillman,  
Radnor, PA (Life & Forefather  
Member);

Mr. C. Donald Jess, Lancaster, PA  
(Forefather Member);

Master Carter Magnus Lindborg,  
Coatesville, PA (Life Member);

Gunhild Ljung, Wayne, NJ;

Susan Lovercheck, Media, PA;

Mr. Robert Scott Rhodes Mahan,  
Philadelphia, PA;

Mr. John Freeman Martin,  
Montgomery, AL (Forefather  
Member);

Master George Conrad McFarland III,  
Radnor, PA (Life, Forefather  
and our youngest member);

Mr. Leonard E. Rambo,  
North Port, NY;

Jean Carson Roll, Trenton, NJ;

Mr. & Mrs. Lee Siegel,  
Greenwich, NJ;

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Member);

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CA, (Forefather Member)

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Kathleen Gill Mahan,  
Masonville, CO;

Letitia Eves Mayo, Media, PA;

Hibbard Gustav Gumpert,  
Philadelphia, PA;

James A. Kimble, Toledo, OH,  
(Forefather Member)

Matilda K. Williams,  
New York, NY (Life Member).

Alice W. Lindborg-Dorothy W. Richter

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