GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

On a rainy day, January 23, 1998, the painting of Johan Printz, given to our Society by His Majesty Gustav V, King of Sweden, was transported by Ann Barton Brown, Director of the American Swedish Historical Museum (ASHM) and myself from the Historical Society of Pennsylvania to ASHM where it will be on loan. The portrait will serve as the focus of the Swedish Colonial Society's contribution to "The Swedish Organizations in the USA: Then and Now" exhibition.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the officers and participants who enabled the Society to have another outstanding Julmiddag. (Story on page 9).

Our next annual event is the joint Forefathers' Day Luncheon at the du Pont Country Club on May 3, 1998, hosted by the Delaware Swedish Colonial Society. The first joint meeting was held April 2, 1977 in the Gold Ballroom of the Hotel du Pont. The Swedish Ambassador Count Wilhelm Wachtmeister was the speaker with one hundred and seventy members and guests in attendance. I am sure that all of us, in the best Swedish tradition, will make every effort to make this occasion memorable. I trust I will see you there.

As we contemplate the Swedish presence in America for the past 360 years may we view our contributions to "The New Land" as substantial and may each of us continue to enjoy a healthy and prosperous 1998.

William Neal

A Patriot's Lucia at Christ Church

The "St. Lucia Festival of Lights" is a Swedish tradition heralding the start of the Christmas season. Chosen from the parish girls, St. Lucia leads a candle-lit, song-filled procession of attendants and "star boys" in an observance held in homes and centered around family. Several observances in the Delaware Valley are held in area "Old Swedes" Churches.

The Lucia Fest is celebrated in a unique manner at historic Christ "Old Swedes" Episcopal Church, Swedesburg, Upper Merion, PA because it recalls an epic event from American History. Reenactors remember the Continental Army's passage to Valley Forge during the Revolutionary War by portraying war-weary soldiers who arrive and join the congregation. The Lucia Fest in 1997 marked the 359th anniversary of the Swedes' first Christmas in America.

360th Gala Observance

The 360th Anniversary of the Founding of the New Sweden Colony will be commemorated in a gala historic observance Sunday, March 29, 1998, Wilmington, DE, the ancestral home of America's Swedish and Finnish forefathers.

Attendees will have the unique opportunity to watch the filming of authentically dressed 17th century reenactors who will recreate the landing at "The Rocks" of the first Swedish explorers for a television documentary on the construction of the Kalmar Nyckel replica.

The program begins at 11:00 am with a celebration of the Eucharist at Holy Trinity Church, one of eight "Old Swedes" Churches in the region, established by the descendants of the first colonists.

As participants leave the church for the
FOREFATHERS

LARS CARLSSON LOCK, PASTOR OF NEW SWEDEN AND HIS FAMILY

Lars Carlsson Lock, as was typical among Swedish ministers, generally used a Latinized version of his name - Laurentius Caroli Lockenius. He was born as Lars Carlsson [Lars, son of Carl] and later adopted his surname from his place of origin, Lockerud, near Mariestad, in Skaraborg County, Sweden. Based on his reported age at the time of his death, he was born about 1624.

In September 1647, at the age of 23, Lars Lock sailed from Göteborg to New Sweden aboard the Swan. In the colony, he replaced the veteran minister, Johan Campanius, and took up residence at the New Sweden glebe lands, which extended from the mouth of Upland (Chester) Creek to the northeast on Tinicum Island. His congregation, however, was widely scattered, extending from the Schuykill River on the north to Christina Creek on the south.

In the summer of 1653, when the free men, led by Olof Stille, decided to file a petition of grievances with Governor Printz, they apparently turned to Lock to write the petition. Printz accused him of instigating the "mutiny," but the new Governor, Johan Rising, was persuaded that Lock was not guilty of the charge.

Lars Lock married twice. There being no other minister on the Delaware, he performed the marriage rites both times.

His first wife, named Catharina, was born in Sweden about 1635. Her parents have not been identified. In September 1661, she ran away with Jacob Jongh from Göteborg, who had arrived in New Sweden in 1654 as a soldier and commissary. They moved first to Westchester County, NY, but returned to Philadelphia County by 1677. Jongh served as sexton and schoolmaster at the new log church at Picaco, under Rev. Jacob Fabritius, until his death in April 1686. Catharina then married John Tank. She died at the age of 78 and was buried at Gloria Dei Church at Picaco, 14 August 1713. Her only child, Hester Young, apparently was fathered by Jacob Jongh.

Lock's second wife, mother of all of his known children, was Beata Lorn, daughter of Mans Lorn, who lived with Olof Stille at Techoherassi, the tract between Ridley Creek and Crum Creek. Beata was reported to be the first girl born in New Sweden. She was 18 years old when she married Lock in January 1662. The Dutch authorities claimed the marriage was illegal because Governor Stuyvesant had not yet granted Lock a divorce from his first wife. But Olof Stille, speaking for the Upland Court, informed the Dutch it was none of their business.

Around 1663 over 20 Finnish families, members of Lock's congregation at Tinicum Island, moved to Crane Hook, in Dutch-controlled territory south of the Christina River. Granted religious freedom by the New Amstel governor, Alexander d'Hinojossa, the Finns built a log church at Crane Hook, which Lock also served until his death.

Around 1664, Lock acquired, as his personal property, the former Techoherassi estate of Olof Stille. When, in 1669, a number of the Finns plotted a rebellion against the British (who captured the river in 1664), Lock lent support for the scheme and was heavily fined for his role in the "Long Finn Rebellion," so called because the agitator for the rebellion was a tall Finn.

Lock's role as the only minister on the Delaware ended in 1677 when the Swedes living northeast of Mill (Darby) Creek built a new log church at Picaco and invited Jacob Fabritius to be their pastor. Adding insult to injury, Jacob Jongh, who had eloped with Lock's first wife, became sexton for the new church.

Lock continued to serve in the pulpits of both the Tinicum church and the Crane Hook church until his death at Upland Creek in September 1688 at the reported age of 64. In the final years of his life he suffered from lameness. His widow Beata died in the following spring. Their minor children then moved to Gloucester County NJ to live with their aunt, Maria Lorn, wife of Johan Mattsson.

The seven known children of Lars and Beata (Lorn) Lock are listed below. All of their spouses were Swedes and all were active in the Swedish church on Raccoon Creek, at present Swedesboro.

1. Anders Lock, born c. 1663, was appointed constable of Ridley Township in Dec. 1687. In 1689 he sold the family plantation and moved to Gloucester County, where in 1694 he married Christina Fish, widow of Hans Peterson. Anders died of a rattlesnake bite and was buried 5 August 1716. He was survived by six children: Maria, Israel, Lars, Helena, Mans and Anders.

2. Mans Lock, born c. 1665, never married. He died in Gloucester County by 1698.

3. Catharina Lock, born c. 1668, married c. 1692 John Jonasson, son of Jonas Nilsson. Perhaps he was a mariner for he seems to be absent most of the time. Catharina became housekeeper for John Bowles whose 1715 will left his entire estate in Greenwich Township to Catharina and her five daughters: Beata, Elisabeth, Anna, Maria and Rebecca Jones. Catharina Lock Jones was buried 22 March 1720.

4. John Lock, born c. 1670, married by 1713 Catharina Hoffman, daughter of Frederick Hoffman. John Lock was buried 6 Nov. 1720, survived by four children: John, Mans, Beata and Helena. His widow became the second wife of Stephen Jones (Swedish).

5. Peter Lock, born c. 1673, married c. 1703 Maria (parents not identified). A vestryman at the Swedish church at Raccoon, Peter Lock was buried 13 June 1731, and survived by nine children: Lars, Charles, Beata, Maria, Jonas, John, Jasper, Peter and Susanna.

6. Maria Lock, born c. 1675, secured an order on 1 June 1697 from the Gloucester County court against Hermanus Helm to pay support for her illegitimate child, born the previous April. Before the year was over, it was arranged that she marry Anders Hoffman. They lived at Piles Grove in Salem County. Anders Hoffman was buried 25 April 1727, survived by eleven children: Lars, John, Anders, Mans, Catharina, Maria, Beata, Rebecca, Margaret, Susanna, and Magdalena. Widow Maria Lock Hoffman was still living in 1749.

350 YEARS AGO

PASSENGERS ARRIVING IN NEW SWEDEN ON THE SWAN IN 1648

Governor Printz had not seen any new settlers from Sweden since 1644. He was pleased, therefore, to welcome the Swan, which arrived early in 1648 carrying new settlers for the colony.

The Swan had left Göteborg on 25 Sept. 1647. Its progress was impeded by winter storms and it was probably late in February when it finally anchored at Fort Christina.

No passenger list survives for this ship. However, from secondary records, the following passenger list may be reconstructed. It is probably incomplete.

Known passengers on the Swan included:

- Lars Carlsson Lock from Lockerud, near Mariestad, Skaraborg County, a young minister, who had been selected to replace Johan Campanius. (See Forefathers article, page 2 of this issue.) The normal pastor’s salary was 25 guilders per month.

- Friederick Hans Kock, a barber surgeon, was also on board. He was scheduled to replace Hans Janeke. However, he did not stay. He went back to Sweden on the same ship, leaving Hans Janeke to wait six more years before he could return to Sweden.

- Anders Andersson from Västergötland had been hired as a soldier at 10 guilders per month. He served as a soldier for five years, returning to Sweden with Governor Printz in 1653.

- Jacob Iversson, another soldier, apparently died in New Sweden shortly after his arrival.

- Johan Fisk, another soldier, soon became a freeman and in this civilian capacity used the name of Johan Skofvel [shovel] and joined in the 1653 complaint against Printz. He either came with his wife or married in the colony, as his son Casper Fisk was born 4 Feb. 1651. Casper’s descendants used the surname of Fish.

- Abbe Claessen, from Dockum in the Netherlands, had been on prior voyages as a member of the crew. This time he stayed and became the skipper of Governor Printz’s sloop.

- Mats Persson, was the ship’s carpenter on the Swan. He also stayed in the colony as a carpenter until 1654, when he returned to Sweden on the Eagle. His wife did not accompany him to New Sweden.

- John Wheeler, an Englishman, also first appears in the colony around 1648. (He might also have entered New Sweden from another colony.) He became a freeman, married Catharine Lom (daughter of Måns Lom) and joined in the 1653 protest against Governor Printz. He then left the colony, moving first to Dutch-controlled Fort Casimir and then to Cecil County, Maryland.

- Hendrick Johansson appears also to have arrived on the Swan. He was an “old freeman” by the time the Eagle arrived in 1654 and was apparent father of Johan Hendricksson, progenitor of the Swedish family that took the surname of Bilderback.

- Nils Larsson Frände probably also arrived on the Swan. He was an adult in the colony by 1650. In 1656 he married Anna Andersdotter, daughter of Anders Andersson the Finn, and became progenitor of the Swedish-Finnish family.

- Peter Johansson, his wife Maria and their children were probably also on board. They soon quit the colony and were residing on the Patuxent River in Maryland by 1651.

- Mats Bengtsson arrived on the Swan and ran away. Printz was able to bring him back. He was listed as an “old freeman” in 1654 and after the surrender became deputy-scout and court messenger for the Upland Court until his death on 9 Sept. 1662. He was survived by a daughter Walborg.

Unfortunately, the arrival of the Swan did not increase the size of the New Sweden colony. Many people left the colony on the same ship. Aside from the barber surgeon Friederick Hans Kock, the settlers returning to Sweden included:

- Lieutenant Måns Kling & his family.
- Pastor Johannes Campanius & family.
- Blacksmith Hans Rosbrack & family.
- Freeman Christopher Rettel & his family.
- Cattle guard Anders Clasesson Mink and his son Clas Andersson.
- Nobleman Knut Lilliehök.
- Trumpeter Eric Andersson.
- Soldier Bengt Hendricksson.
- Soldier Måns Nilsson.
- Soldier Eric Åkesson Tott.
- Soldier Johan Andersson.

The Swan departed from Fort Elfsborg on its homeward journey, 16 May 1648. With favorable winds, the ship proceeded directly to Stockholm, arriving on 3 July 1648.

Patriot’s Lucia - (continued from page 1)

and included a surprise visit by Major General and Mrs. Anthony Wayne.

Two hundred and twenty years ago, following defeats in the fierce Revolutionary War battles at Brandywine and Germantown, the Continental Army camped at Whitemarsh, PA for six weeks preparing for a British attack that never appeared. On December 10, 1777, the Americans broke camp and began the journey to their winter quarters at Valley Forge. During a blinding snowstorm, George Washington led his soldiers across the Schuykill River at Swedesford, December 13, 1777.

The Continentals crossed the river on a continued page 4
Old Swedish Burial Ground

In view of a Council discussion about the "Old Swedish Burial Ground" in Chester, I decided to visit it for the first time. It is located near the waterfront at the Avenue of the States and Second Street. Since Interstate 95 has an Avenue of the States exit, it was easy to find. Upon arriving at the site, I discovered that it was not immediately surrounded by a residential area but by large commercial buildings with little or no pedestrian traffic. Here during the 1970s, the Delaware County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution dedicated a monument to mark the grave of John Morton (1724-1777), signer of The Declaration of Independence.

This burial ground adjoined the site of the St. Paul's Episcopal Church built in 1702 and is now the property of the City of Chester. The cemetery appears to be maintained but, like most old cemeteries, it undoubtedly has suffered from the ravages of time and perhaps, some vandalism. One of the entrance posts is missing some bricks at its base and the enclosing walls of the cemetery are leaning.

It is my hope that the Swedish Colonial Society will help preserve this site and give John Morton more recognition in the future.

Editor's Note: Those who have visited Sweden will recall the impeccable state of their cemeteries. Maintaining Swedish historic sites is a prime objective of the SCS.
300 YEARS AGO

STARTING TO BUILD TWO OLD SWEDES' CHURCHES

The Gloria Dei Records Project - the translation of the early Swedish records of Gloria Dei Church in Philadelphia - is revealing interesting new facts about the history of this church, which will be celebrating its 300th anniversary in the year 2000.

Soon after the arrival of the new pastors from Sweden, the congregations at the two active Swedish churches were persuaded that they deserved new churches, built of stone and brick, to replace their old log churches. Committees were therefore appointed to decide where the churches should be built. On this issue there was sharp disagreement within both congregations.

The church at Crane Hook, served by pastor Ericus Björk, had members living on both sides of the Delaware River. On the western shore they stretched from Marcus Hook down to Crane Hook and westward as far as present Elkton, MD. On the eastern shore they extended from Raccoon Creek down to Finns' Point in Salem County.

The Crane Hook committee came to an agreement by August 1697 that their new church would be built near the site of old Fort Christina on land owned by John Stallop. After reaching agreement with Stallop on the specific site, a contract was made on 19 May 1698 with Joseph Yard of Philadelphia to build a church with inside dimensions of 60 x 30 feet and walls 20 feet high. The first stone was laid 28 May 1698. Work was sufficiently completed to allow the formal dedication of the church on Trinity Sunday, 4 June 1699.

Problems at Wicaco

At the up-river log church, the Wicaco congregation had more difficulty reaching a decision. Pastor Anders Rudman's congregation was also widely dispersed. On the west side of the Delaware church members were spread from Nishaminy in Bucks County down to Marcus Hook and westward as far as Matsunk in Upper Merion Township. East of the Delaware they extended from Pennsauken Creek to Repaupo Creek and eastward as far as Great Egg Harbor on the Atlantic seaboard (present Atlantic City).

An abandoned log church still stood on Tinicum Island, but it stood on land now in English ownership and was not seriously considered as a viable place for a new church of stone and brick. The choice boiled down to two locations - build it at Passyunk on the Schuylkill (Point Breeze), where land had been purchased for a new church and glebe, or remain at Wicaco on the Delaware, which was closer to the young city of Philadelphia.

While this dispute raged, it was necessary to make some interim improvements to the old log church. The new translation of Rudman's church accounts shows that on 30 August 1697 money was spent for 402 board feet to build a gallery for the old church so that it could accommodate the increased size of the congregation. Also, three yards of red cloth were purchased for the pulpit. Because the existing altar was an "old board, like a butcher's table, with four cups under it," a new altar was built in September 1697.

Decision by lottery

These interim improvements to the old church gave some time to resolve the bitter division of opinion on Wicaco versus Passyunk. Unable to find a basis for compromise between the two camps, Rudman finally persuaded his committee on 17 May 1698 to agree to abide by a lottery. Two pieces of paper were put into a hat, one marked Passyunk and the other Wicaco, and Michel Laicaen was chosen to draw one of the slips from the hat (he could not read). The slip he selected said "Wicaco" and the disagreement was thought to be resolved.

However, the heirs of Anders Svensson were not agreeable to granting the amount of land needed for a new church, a sexton's house and an enlarged ground for future graves. In disgust pastor Rudman addressed the congregation on 7 August 1698 and announced that he had done all he could to bring the congregation together, but without success. Therefore, he had no choice but to return to Sweden. He left the Wicaco congregation to contemplate their differences of opinion and moved to live with Björk at Christina for the next four weeks.

In the interim, aided by a fervent sermon by Björk, the Wicaco congregation "came to its senses" and the Svens on heirs promised such land as was needed for the new church.

Contracts Made

On 13 October 1698, the first contracts were let for the construction. The first, with Joseph Yard, master mason of Philadelphia, called for the construction of a church the same size as at Christina (60 x 30 x 20 feet), but with walls of brick, for £140. The second was with the brick maker Richard Cantrill. On 7 Jan. 1699, a contract was made with John Smart and John Harrison for the carpentry work at a cost of £141.

Although the first load of stone was delivered to the church site on 29 Nov. 1698, work in earnest on the church did not begin until the spring of 1699. The same builders were employed at both locations and they were obligated to finish their work at Christina first.

Once the Christina church was dedicated, work progressed rapidly on its sister church at Wicaco. It was sufficiently finished to be dedicated on 2 July 1700 as Gloria Dei Church.

The pastors had served as the contractors for their own projects. Björk calculated that the total cost of Holy Trinity Church at Christina was £770, including £200 as the estimated value of labor and board given by members of his congregation. Rudman calculated the total cost of Gloria Dei Church at 667 pounds, 9 shillings and 4 pence. Unlike Björk, Rudman insisted that members of his congregation providing labor or board for the workers be compensated for their services.

Rudman was more tenacious than Björk in pursuing donations from their congregation. Björk collected £180 in cash donations. Rudman collected £598 from the Wicaco congregation. Both also used proceeds from the sale of Swedish Bibles and religious books to help offset construction costs. The rest of the costs had to be covered by loans.

Dr. Peter S. Craig
300 YEARS AGO

FOUNDING CONTRIBUTORS
OF GLORIA DEI CHURCH

The translation work by Dr. Kim-Eric Williams of Rudman’s church building accounts, as part of the Gloria Dei Records Project, permits for the first time a listing of all of the contributors to the construction of the original church, which will celebrate its 300th anniversary in 2000.

The list, apparently begun in 1698, when the first contributions were solicited, divides the congregation into districts or neighborhoods. Within each district were listed each of the households targeted for donations. That list is summarized below. Contributions are shown in pounds, shillings and pence. The stora rota or At-Large District consisted of adult men who were not also heads of households otherwise listed.

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Dr. Peter S. Craig
Swedish Colonial News

Events

American Swedish Historical Museum Exhibition

Exhibition

On February 22nd an important exhibition opened at the American Swedish Historical Museum and will be on display through August 23, 1998. The exhibition features Swedish organizations and clubs that have played an important role in Swedish America. This exhibition will examine the impact these organizations have had on the history of Swedish America and describe how these activities have changed over the years.

Museum hours are Tuesday - Friday 1 pm to 4 pm, Sat./Sunday 12 pm to 4 pm. Admission $5 Adults, $4 Seniors and Students, Members and children free. Call (215) 389-1776.

Gala Observance - (cont. from page 1)

the Ancient Swedes' Procession to the Rocks at nearby Fort Christina State Park, they will hear the thunder of cannon fire in the distance. Just as it happened centuries ago, the guns of the Kalmar Nyckel will announce the arrival of the Swedes led by Commander Peter Minuit.

Hearing the gunfire, a group of Lenni-Lenape come to the water's edge, where they see two ships flying blue and yellow triple-tailed Swedish Naval Ensigns. At 12:30 pm a small boat from the Kalmar Nyckel heads for "the Rocks", a natural outcropping of granite that has become famous as the birthplace of the New Sweden Colony.

Reenactors from the Woodland Confederacy, Croton-on-Hudson, New York, will be making their first area appearance as they portray the Lenni-Lenape as they appeared 360 years ago. The Landing Party will consist of members of the Army of Gustavus Adolphus, University Park, Maryland. The boat crew and Commander Peter Minuit, portrayed by David Menser, are from the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation.

At its brief height, the territory of New Sweden comprised modern Delaware, southeastern Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey. The 1655 Dutch invasion and conquest of the Swedish Colony resulted in the birth of the semi-autonomous "Swedish Nation on the Delaware." It is during this period that the colonists achieved their greatest successes and ensured their place in history.

Led by four magistrates, Chief Justice Olle Stille, Justices Matts Hansson, Peter Larsson Cock and Peter Gunnarsson Rambo, the Swedish and Finnish colonists introduced self-governing democracy in America, albeit limited and under the watchful eye of the Dutch representative.

The "Swedish Nation" remained mostly unchanged after the English began rule in 1664 and it lasted until 1682. The "Quaker Invasion" by William Penn and the Society of Friends, resulted in the majority of Swedish magistrates being replaced by English judges.

Following the reenactment, The Delaware Swedish Colonial Society and the Swedish Colonial Society will recognize Delaware Governor Thomas R. Carper and Wilmington Mayor James H. Sills, Jr. for their efforts in preserving colonial history.

After DSCS President Albert H. Ostrand, Jr., and SCS Governor William B. Neal, honor the memory of the colonists with the traditional wreath-laying ceremony, the observance will take on a more festive direction at the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation Shipyards. Lunch will be an Old Fashioned Amish Country Pig Roast Barbecue ($15.00 per person; $10.00 children 12 & under).

Besides the reenactors, special guests at the Barbecue will be David Hiott, the recently appointed "Kapten" of the Kalmar Nyckel; documentary filmmakers Mark and Georgi Marquisee; SCS Historian-genealogist Dr. Peter S. Craig, and others still to be confirmed. Call Albert Ostrand (302) 656-3731 for reservations.

- Herbert Rambo
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Antoinette W. Sorensen, Tacoma WA
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Janet Robinson Beers, Wisscasset ME
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John B. Tepe, Greenville DE
Anders Larsson Dalbo
Aleasa Hogate, Pennsville NJ
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F. Leif Eareckson, Annapolis MD
Nils Larsson Frände (Friend)
James A. Friend, Edison NJ
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R. Michael Borland, Colora MD
Johan Gustafsson (Justis)
John Walton Justice, Chattanooga TN
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Joyce Stevenson, Mullica Hill NJ
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Lawrence Mattson, Macedon NY
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Alexander P. Hartnett, Moorestown NJ
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Peter Bayard Kane, Cazenovia NY
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Audrey Ligget Snyder, Tampa FL
Joan Ligget Snyder, Tampa FL
J. Marc Wheat, Arlington VA
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William B. Neal, Claymont DE
Lars Carlsson Lock
C. Donald Jess, Lancaster PA
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Ruthellen Davis, Newtown Square PA
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Verna Marvin, Gladwyne PA
Johan Van Culin (Culin)
Christopher Cameron, Malvern PA
John C. Cameron, Malvern PA
Meghan Cameron, Malvern PA
Walter C. Culin, Burlington NC
Our traditional annual Julmiddag commemorating the Swedes' First Christmas in America was held at the Merion Cricket Club November 30, 1997. Approximately 70 members and guests attended. Success was assured by several leaders on the Council. Katarina Sheronas arranged and directed the Lucia Procession. Esther Ann McFarland handled the logistics with the Club. Cliff and May Holgren sent out invitations and arranged the decor. They also arranged for the guest speaker, Dr. William W. Clements who presented a fascinating slide presentation of his investigations of runic inscriptions in the New England area. The traditional toasts were given. De Ann Clancy led the singing of the national anthems. Dr. Peter Craig introduced the Forefather members in attendance. The Rev. Kim-Eric Williams gave the Invocation and Benediction in Swedish. Thanks to all the Council members, the had by all. speaker and the girls and boys participating. A fine time was had by all.

Participating in Julmiddag and the Lucia Procession are, left to right, Mrs. George C. McFarland of Haverford, "Lucia" Katarina Sheronas, Cecilia Campbell-Westlind of Ardmore, Erika Colman of Malvern and Maud Palmer of Devon.

Calendar of Upcoming Events - 1998

May 3, 1998
Forefathers' Day Luncheon jointly sponsored by the Swedish Colonial Society and the Delaware Colonial Society, at the du Pont Country Club. For ticket information call Clifford Holgren (610) 526-1656.

May 2/3, 1998
New Sweden Militia Muster and Farmstead Open House, Bridgeton, NJ. Colonial Swedish Musketeers encamp for weekend at the Farmstead Museum Open House. For Information call (609) 455-9785 and leave message.

June 14, 1998
SCS Annual Visitation to Gloria Dei "Old Swedes" Church 11:00 am, 916 Swanson St., Philadelphia commemorates the 360th Anniversary of the founding of the New Sweden Colony. Rev. Kim-Eric Williams will be the speaker. All members are invited. For information call Rev. David Rivers (215) 389-1513.

June 18, 1998
Fifth Annual Trinity "Old Swedes" Church Golf Tournament, Woodbury (NJ) Country Club. Proceeds reduce historic preservation debt. The entry fee is $100 (all fees, dinner and prizes) and patron ads are $25. For information call (609) 467-1227, or send remittance to Box 31, Swedesboro, NJ 08085.
New Forefather Members

Bobby G. Lykins, Estill Springs TN, descended from Peter Nilsson Laican via his son Anders Lykins of Douglassville PA.

Margaret Sooy Bridwell, Berwyn PA, descended from Olof Stille via his daughter Ella Stille who married Hans Mansson and their son Jöns Steelman of Great Egg Harbor NJ.

Patricia T. Marshall, Milford DE, descended from Jürgen Keen via his daughter Anna who married James Sandelands of Chester PA.

Richard Steadham, Woodbridge VA, descended from Tinen Stiddem via his son Benedict Steadham of Brandywine Hundred, New Castle County DE.

Raymond H. Longacre, Ephrata PA, descended from Peter Andersson via his son Anders Persson Longacre of Kingsessing, Philadelphia, PA.

Aleasa Hogate, Pennsville NJ, descended from Anders Larsson Dalbo via his son Olof Dalbo of Raccoon Creek NJ.

Andrew R. Likins, New Brighton MN, descended from Peter Nilsson Laican via his son Anders Lykins of Douglassville PA.

New Members

Katharine A. E. Campbell
Malvern, PA

Patricia H. Follweiler
Boyertown, PA

Susan L. Furick
Alpharetta, GA

Justin R. Green
Newport, VA

Aleasa J. Hogate
Pennsville, NJ

Life Member

Lt. Col. William E. Moody, USA (Ret)
Haddonfield, NJ

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Doylestown, PA
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