



**H.R.H. CROWN PRINCESS VICTORIA  
OF SWEDEN**

**Deputy High Patron of  
The Swedish Colonial Society**

**New Sweden Colony 365th Jubilee  
Celebrating the Past, Present and Future**

**April 4 & 5, 2003**



**Greeting from Crown Princess Victoria  
on the occasion of the  
365 year celebration of New Sweden  
April 4-5, 2003**

By honoring the past we define the future.

It is with great pride that we honor the strong bonds between our two peoples as well as the achievements of the Swedish Americans.

We are particularly proud that the bonds between our two countries go back such a long time. Hundreds of thousands of emigrating Swedes have been integrated into the American society and have contributed to the development of the United States.

The first colonists had a hard time in their new country. We are grateful that the native Americans of the Lenni Lenape tribe accepted and supported the men and women who came over the Atlantic Ocean from Sweden. Today we want to continue to develop this relationship.

I was very much looking forward to participating in your celebrations. However, as you all know by now, due to the uncertain international situation, I decided in agreement with my parents to change my travel plans and stay in Sweden. It is a strong hope that I shall be able to visit the New Sweden area in the near future.

I wish you a successful and happy celebration of the 365 year jubilee of New Sweden and good luck in the future.

**VICTORIA**

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365<sup>TH</sup>  
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CELEBRATION

The logo features the number '365' in a white, elegant serif font with a 'TH' superscript, set against a dark blue vertical rectangular background. Below this, the word 'Jubilee' is written in a dark blue, flowing cursive script. Underneath 'Jubilee', the word 'CELEBRATION' is printed in a dark blue, all-caps, sans-serif font. The entire design is centered on a light cream background, with a dark blue horizontal bar at the bottom of the page.

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In Honor of  
Her Royal Highness  
Crown Princess Victoria  
of Sweden

The Officers and Councillors of the Swedish Colonial Society  
invite you to join in the continuing

*Jubilee*  
CELEBRATION

commemorating the  
365th Anniversary of the Founding of the New Sweden Colony

**Saturday, November 8, 2003**  
East Seventh Street at the Christina River, Wilmington, Delaware

11:00 a.m.  
Fort Christina State Park  
First Landing at "the Rocks"  
Recognition Celebration

11:30 a.m.  
Kalmar Nyckel Shipyard  
Peaceful Relations Ceremony  
with the Lenni-Lenape

Both events are open to the public.  
Limited on-street parking is available the length of Seventh Street.



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**Swedish Colonial Society**

**Buffet Reception  
November 8, 2003**

**Please Return by October 27, 2003**

I will attend the Buffet Reception at \$25.00.  
Limited only to the attendee of the 365th Jubilee Luncheon.

Unable to attend but wish to contribute .....

Print Name: .....

Address: .....

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Please find my check enclosed for \$25.00 for one reservation.  
Payable to Swedish Colonial Society.



The Officers and Councillors of the Swedish Colonial Society  
invite you to a

## **Buffet Reception**

in the presence of  
Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden

**Saturday, November 8, 2003**

Guests must arrive promptly by 12:30 p.m.

The Delaware History Museum  
504 Market Street  
Wilmington, Delaware

**Please reply by October 27, 2003**

The enclosed card must be returned in order for you to be  
admitted to the Buffet Reception. Attendance is limited.

Parking facilities are located between 5th and 6th Streets on  
Shipley – one block west of Market Street.



*The Swedish Colonial Society  
Jubilee Dinner*

*Commemorating  
Swedes and Finns in America,  
Past, Present and Future*

*April 5<sup>th</sup> 2003*

*The Union League of Philadelphia  
140 South Broad Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

365<sup>th</sup>  
*Jubilee*  
CELEBRATION

*Program*

<b>Welcome</b>	Sandra S. Pfaff Jubilee Co-Chair
<b>Greetings</b>	Herbert R. Rambo Governor, Swedish Colonial Society
<b>Invocation</b>	The Rev. Paul M. Cornell

*Toasts*

President George W. Bush	His Excellency Jan Eliasson Ambassador of Sweden Patron of the Swedish Colonial Society
H.M. King Carl XVI Gustaf	Ronald A. Hendrickson, Esq. Swedish Colonial Society Governor-elect
H.R.H. Crown Princess Victoria	Sandra S. Pfaff Jubilee Co-Chairperson
Colonial Forefathers	Margaret S. Bridwell Forefather Member

*Salad*

<b>Introductions</b>	Herbert Rambo
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*Entrée*

**Presentation of H.R.H. Crown Princess Victoria's  
Deputy High Patron of the Swedish Colonial Society Medal  
to Ambassador Eliasson**

Herbert Rambo

*Dessert and Coffee*

**Musical Program "Time for Three"** Robert Savage

**Conclusion**

Ronald Hendrickson

*Menu*

Mesclun Greens with Beet Curls,  
Stilton Cheese, Toasted Pine Nuts, Mandarin Oranges,  
and Seasonal Tomatoes, with choice of  
Raspberry or Maple Vinaigrette Dressing

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Filet Mignon with Merlot Demi-Glace  
and Maryland Crab Cake drizzled with  
Champagne Mustard Sauce

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Dauphine Potatoes and  
Asparagus Bundles

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Cinnamon-Apple Phyllo Basket  
Raspberry Coulis

Coffee and Fine Teas

Chauvignon Crystal Champagne - Sjoebloom Winery, Napa, California  
Wines – Sycamore Lane Wine, Napa Valley, California

*The Swedish Colonial Society*

*Officers for 2002-2003*

Governor.....Herbert R. Rambo  
Sr. Deputy Governor.....Ronald A. Hendrickson, Esq.  
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*Jubilee Committee*

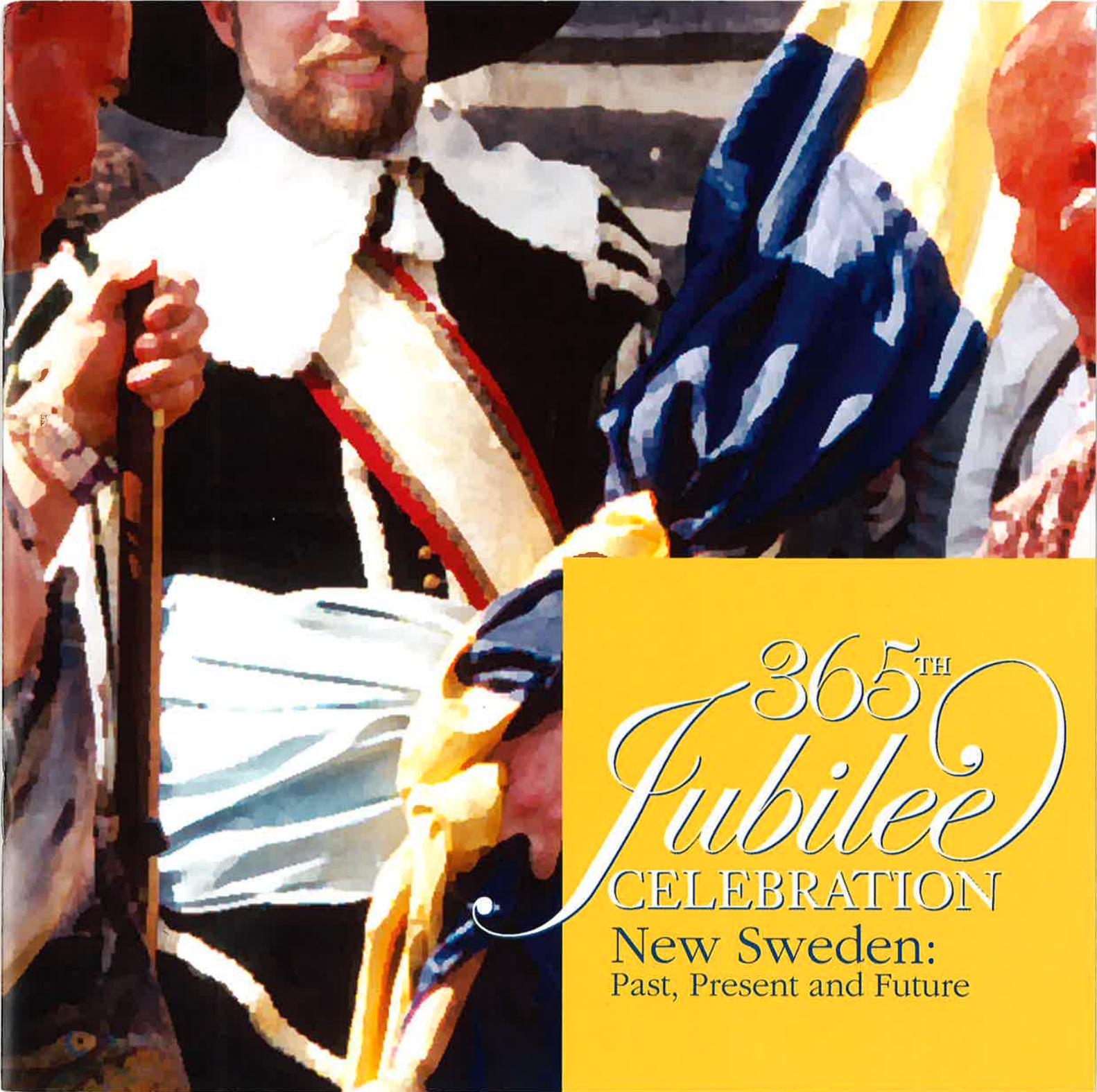
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365<sup>TH</sup>  
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CELEBRATION  
New Sweden:  
Past, Present and Future

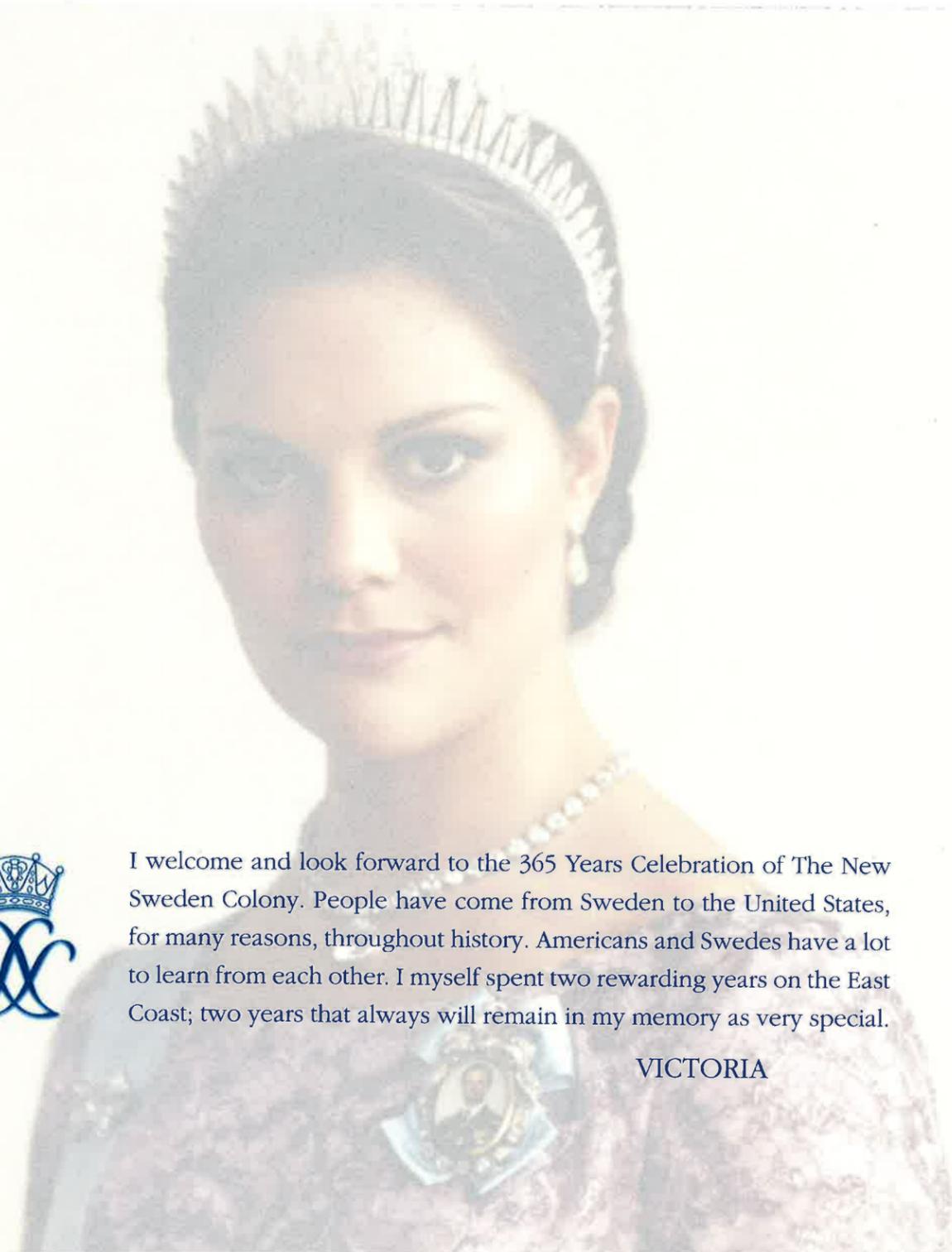
The New Sweden Colony in America began in March 1638 when two dozen adventuresome souls, under the command of Peter Minuit, arrived on the *Kalmar Nyckel* (Key of Kalmar) and *Fågel Grip* (Griffin) after a four month voyage. They first set foot in the new world at "the Rocks" in present-day Wilmington and promptly named their settlement and the nearby river "Christina" in honor of their 12-year-old monarch. Over the next 26 years, sixteen more voyages (three were lost) brought nearly 1,000 Swedish and Finnish men, women and children to this, the first permanent European settlement in the Delaware Valley. Experts estimate that there are millions of people living today who are descended from these early colonists – patriots who included a signer of the Declaration of Independence; builders who introduced log cabin construction to America; and peace-makers who enjoyed an unmatched record of friendly relations with the native people.

Crown Princess Victoria, heir to the Swedish throne, continues her family's tradition of honoring the New Sweden legacy past, present and future, by marking the 365th Jubilee Celebration with visits to heritage sites in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware. She is accompanied by Jan Eliasson, Ambassador of Sweden. The Swedish Colonial Society, proud guardian of this colonial heritage, is pleased to welcome Her Royal Highness and His Excellency to present-day New Sweden.



I welcome and look forward to the 365 Years Celebration of The New Sweden Colony. People have come from Sweden to the United States, for many reasons, throughout history. Americans and Swedes have a lot to learn from each other. I myself spent two rewarding years on the East Coast; two years that always will remain in my memory as very special.

VICTORIA

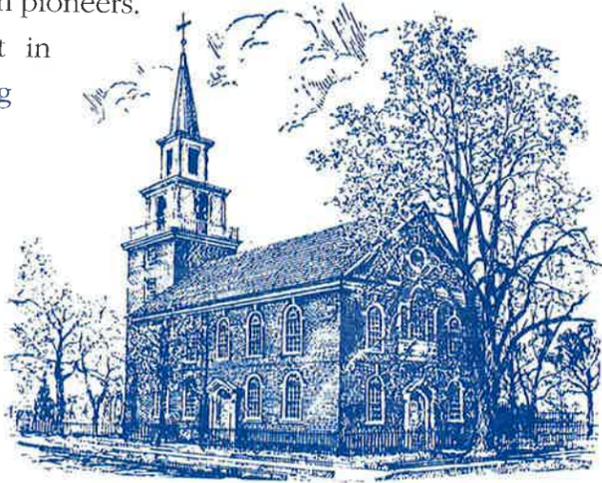




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Trinity Episcopal (Old Swedes') Church in Swedesboro, New Jersey, celebrates its 300th anniversary in 2003. The third (of eight) Swedish Lutheran churches founded during colonial times, Trinity was built on Raccoon Creek to minister to those West Jersey families who risked life and limb crossing the Delaware River to attend services at Holy Trinity in Christina (Wilmington) or Gloria Dei in Wicaco (Philadelphia). The log church was replaced by the present brick structure (the largest of all Old Swedes' churches) in 1784, its design thought to be inspired by St. Peter's Church and Christ Church in Philadelphia. Unusual internal construction techniques lead historians to believe that Trinity's tower and steeple, added in 1838, were completed by the same designer and carpenter who built Independence Hall in Philadelphia. At Trinity Church, Crown Princess Victoria and Ambassador Eliasson will meet with area school children and receive a welcome greeting signed by children (facing page - see list inside rear cover) from across the United States who are descendants of the original New Sweden pioneers.

Other New Sweden sites of interest in New Jersey include the Nothnagle Log House in Gibbstown, St. George's Episcopal Church in Pennsville, the New Sweden Farmstead Museum in Bridgeton, and the Swedish Log Granary in Greenwich.

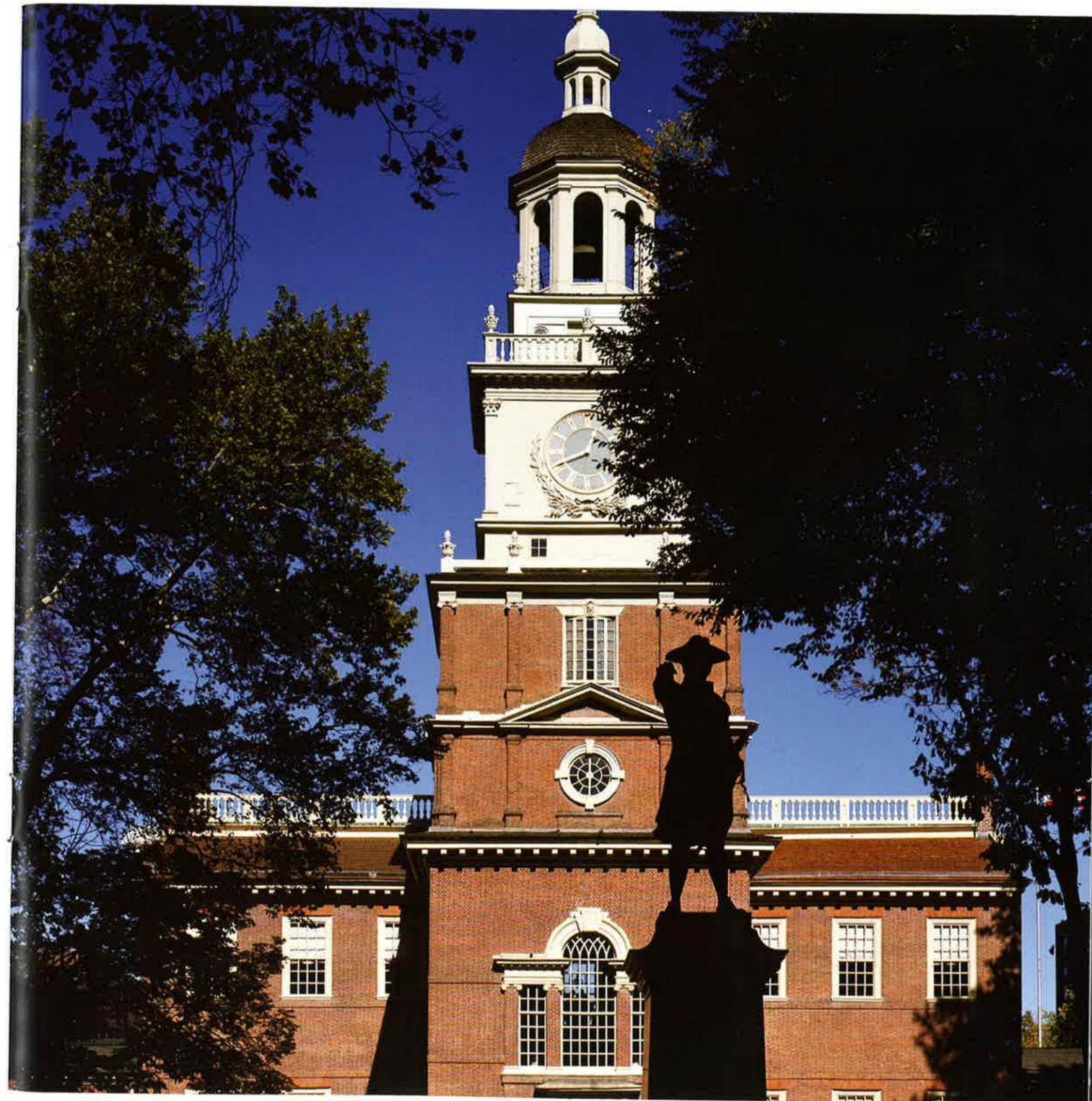


*I*ndependence Hall in Philadelphia, a World Heritage Site, is often referred to as the birthplace of our nation because it was here that 56 brave delegates, representing the 13 original colonies, signed their names to the document that declared independence from King George III of England. New Sweden's link to Independence Hall is John Morton (1725-1777), who was the great grandson of Mårten Mårtensson, born in Finland in Sweden, who arrived in New Sweden aboard the *Örnen* (Eagle) on May 22, 1654. John Morton, born in Ridley Township, Pennsylvania, received a sound education and became an accomplished surveyor before embarking on a career in public service. Morton was elected to the Provincial Assembly in 1756, the Stamp Act Congress in 1765, and the Continental Congress in 1774, where he joined such other notable Pennsylvania delegates as Benjamin Rush, Robert Morris and Benjamin Franklin. In the Continental Congress the vote for independence was not assured. The Pennsylvania delegates were equally divided and it was John Morton who cast the deciding vote in favor of independence. With Pennsylvania voting for liberty, the measure was carried. On July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was signed by the representatives to the Continental Congress in Independence Hall, with John Morton adding his signature to this historic document directly below that of fellow delegate Benj. A. Franklin.

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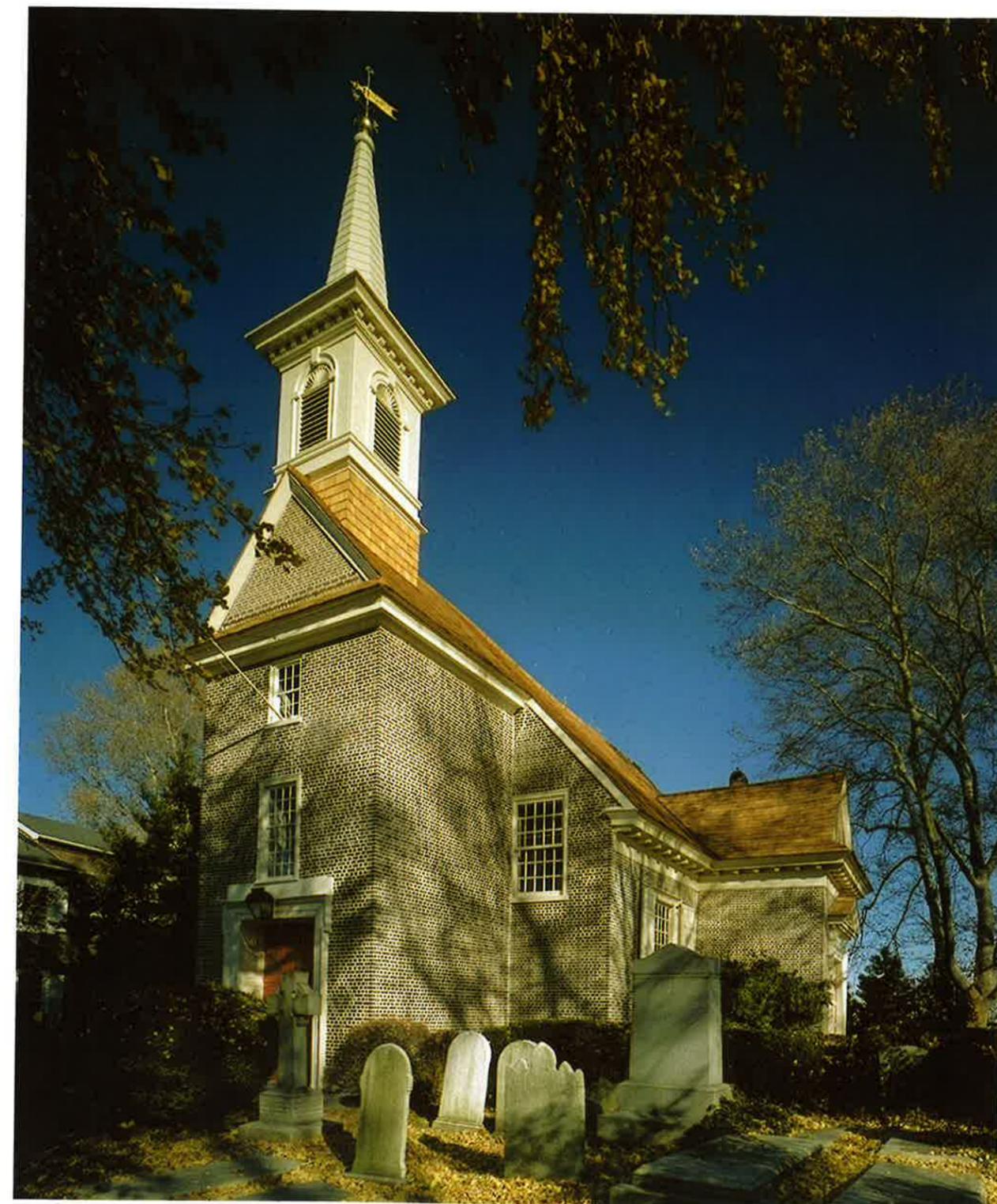
Benj. Franklin  
John Morton





**Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church** is the oldest house of worship in Pennsylvania and a National Historic Landmark. Gloria Dei traces its origins to 1646 services on Tinicum Island. By 1677, services were also held at Wicaco (Native American for "a peaceful place") in present-day Philadelphia, when Sven Svensson deeded this site to the Swedish mission and an existing blockhouse was renovated for worship. The present church was consecrated on the First Sunday after Trinity, July 2, 1700. The carved angels with open bible are believed to be from the original Tinicum congregation. The left-hand inscription is from Isaiah 9:2, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light, those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined" – the traditional lesson read at Christmas morning dawn (Matins Julotta). The right-hand inscription, "Glory to God in the highest" is the song of the angels to the shepherds (Luke 2:14) that is the usual canticle sung at every Swedish High Mass. A marble baptismal font, circa 1731, is one of the oldest in continuous use in the United States. Models of the ships *Kalmar Nyckel* and *Fågel Grip* hang from the ceiling, as does a Swedish chandelier, a gift from famed artist Carl Milles. In 1845, Gloria Dei joined the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania. The Church of Sweden and the Church of Finland hold services here for members of the Delaware Valley community.

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The original ship **Kalmar Nyckel** brought New Sweden's first settlers to the New World in March 1638. Over the next six years this ship made three more trips (four successful transatlantic voyages), setting a record unequalled by any other colonial vessel. In 1998, the full-sized replica *Kalmar Nyckel* began service as a fully functional sail training vessel as well as Delaware's and Wilmington's Tall Ship Ambassador. Crown Princess Victoria will tour the vessel as that ship's first royal visitor.

Unique among all colonial ventures was New Sweden's record of peaceful relations with the native people. To the north, the Dutch in New Amsterdam (New York) had great conflicts with the Algonquins along the Hudson River Valley. To the south, the English had constant feuds with the Susquehannocks in Virginia. In the Delaware Valley, however, the colonial Swedes and Finns treated the native people with cautious respect and there developed a mutually beneficial trade relationship that was unusually friendly by colonial standards. The Swedish delegation will meet with modern-day representatives of local tribes at the shipyard to continue this history of peaceful relations. Just up-river from the shipyard is Fort Christina Park, site of the first landing at "the Rocks" and the Carl Milles statue commemorating the 300th Jubilee Celebration in 1938. Nearby is the New Sweden Centre, home to the Living History Interpreters.

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**Holy Trinity (Old Swedes') Church**, a National Historic Landmark which traces its origins to the 1640 log mission at Fort Christina, serves the oldest Christian congregation in the Delaware Valley. Pastor Erik Björk led the movement to build a stone church (the oldest of eight 'Old Swedes') at its present location, the site of the Fort Christina burial grounds. Dedicated on Holy Trinity Sunday, July 4, 1699, this edifice is one of America's oldest church buildings still in regular use for worship. Crown Princess Victoria will tour the sanctuary and greet members of the church and vestry. New Sweden's Lutheran mission expanded to meet the needs of the growing colony and included eight houses of worship (now Episcopal) including Holy Trinity, Wilmington; Gloria Dei, Philadelphia; Trinity, Swedesboro; St. Mary Anne's, North East, MD; St. George's, Pennsville; St. Gabriel's, Douglassville; Christ, Upper Merion; and St. James, Kingsessing. A few steps from Holy Trinity stands the Hendrickson House, a reconstructed stone dwelling which was built in 1690 as a wedding gift for Anders Hendricksson and his bride, Brigitta, daughter of Mårten Mårtensson. Rebuilt at its present location in 1959, this house now serves as a library for New Sweden materials and museum housing Holy Trinity's treasures. Other New Sweden sites nearby in Pennsylvania include Governor Printz Park, Essington; Finnish Monument, Chester; Lower Swedish Cabin, Drexel Hill; Morton Homestead, Prospect Park; Morton Morton House, Norwood; and the Mouns Jones House, Douglassville.



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**Pastor Erik Björk** and his wife **Christina Stalcop**. On June 24, 1697, three priests from the Church of Sweden arrived at **Elk Landing**, Maryland, to renew the Lutheran congregations of the New Sweden Colony. One of these pastors was Erik Björk, a 29-year-old bachelor who would lead the church at Crane Hook (Wilmington), where ordained ministry had been absent for nearly a decade. By 1699, Björk had inspired his congregation to

build Holy Trinity Church at Christina. In 1702, Erik married Christina, the 16-year-old daughter of Peter Stalcop. For ten years, Erik and Christina ministered to the needs of the congregation. In 1712, Erik's replacement, Andreas Hesselius, arrived from Sweden along with his brother, Gustavus Hesselius, the accomplished portrait painter. Pastor Hesselius assumed leadership at Holy Trinity and his brother Gustavus eventually moved to Philadelphia to commence work as the first portrait artist in the colonies. Gustavus visited his friends at



Christina frequently and it is almost certain that he favored Erik and Christina with their likeness on canvas while the Pastor and his wife made preparations to return to Sweden. Erik and Christina left New Sweden on June 29, 1714. Andreas Hesselius noted in the Holy Trinity church book that Björk "left his own and his beloved wife's portraits." The whereabouts of the Björk and Stalcop paintings remained a mystery until a chance inquiry to the Society by Hans Ling (a descendant of the famous couple) of Uppsala, Sweden, began an investigation on both sides of the Atlantic which resulted in the location of the treasures in storage at the Nordic Museum, Stockholm. Valiant efforts by Society members and friends and Nordic Museum staff have allowed the repair and restoration of these paintings. Crown Princess Victoria will unveil the renewed works for an American audience that commences an extended viewing of these historic likenesses at the Historical Society of Delaware.



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The American Swedish Historical Museum, founded in 1926 in Philadelphia on land granted to a Swedish colonist by Queen Christina, is the oldest Swedish museum in America. The museum is modeled after Eriksberg Castle, a 17th century Swedish manor house. Twelve permanent galleries on two floors each serve to highlight a particular area of Swedish and Swedish-American achievement, complete in one room. Collections range from Viking material to New Sweden artifacts, from a re-created farm cottage to modern day sculpture and engraved glass. The Exhibition Gallery features a changing array of items devoted to Nordic art, history and culture. The museum is the focal point of Swedish-American activity in the Delaware Valley. Central to the museum's mission are the two galleries devoted to John Ericsson, the Swedish-born inventor of the Union iron-clad ship *Monitor* which fought the Confederate vessel *Virginia* in the most famous naval battle of the

American Civil War. One gallery room is furnished to resemble the interior of a Swedish ocean liner in the 1930s. The other room is devoted to Ericsson's post-war experiments with other engineering devices, especially solar-powered machines. At the museum, the Crown Princess will meet with members of the media, tour the galleries and open the special exhibition to honor the bicentennial of John Ericsson's birth.

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The colony of New Sweden, established 1638, was the starting point for the strong and fruitful relations between Sweden and the USA. It existed as a Swedish colony for only 17 years but its effects and significance will last long into the future. In Philadelphia and Wilmington we will remember and honor the Swedish Americans who have contributed to the development of a rich and multi-faceted society. The history of New Sweden cannot be told without remembering the Lenni Lenape Indians who played an essential role for the colonists. They accepted the Swedish settlements in the area. And the settlers showed respect for the culture of the Lenni Lenapes. The first Swedes who came here and created New Sweden during the 17th century, were followed by a second wave of almost one million Swedes during the 19th and early 20th centuries. Many of them settled in Minnesota and the Midwest. Today more than 10 million Americans are of Swedish ancestry. The United States is the most important trading partner of Sweden. Heritage as well as common interests are binding our two nations together. Our relations will, I believe, become even more important in the future. This is what we celebrate when we honor the people who made New Sweden possible.

*JAN* **ELIASSON**  
Ambassador of Sweden

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## New Sweden: Past, Present and Future

by  
**Ronald Hendrickson**

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## New Sweden: Past, Present and Future

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