

Why You Should Join

Your membership supports the Society's efforts to preserve Upper Merion Township's past through maintenance and expansion of our written and photographic archives, the on-going development of our website, and the continuation of our public programs on local community history.

Annual membership entitles you to receive by mail quarterly issues of *The King Of Prussia Gazette*, which features articles about our local history and other valuable information.

Members will have an opportunity to meet like-minded neighbors, community leaders, and historians who share an interest in expanding the knowledge of the fascinating history of Upper Merion Township and its architecture, genealogy, and other remarkable intriguing aspects.



The King of Prussia Inn: Once the center of our community, the (c. 1756) King of Prussia Inn's iconic presence still stands as a proud reminder of our past.

Annual Membership Fees

* Student/Senior (65+)	\$35.00
* Individual	\$40.00
* Family Household	\$50.00
* Patron	\$125.00
* Charter	\$250.00

Volunteers

The Society benefits greatly by the knowledge and expertise of dedicated and capable volunteers whose efforts enable all of our varied activities, from coordinating our public programs to working with our archives and managing our publications and website.

We are always looking for new people to step up and take on new projects. If interested, please come to a meeting and talk to us, or contact us by electronic or conventional mail.



Valley Forge National Memorial Arch: Built in 1910 by authorization of the secretary of war and given to the Commonwealth of PA on June 19, 1917 to commemorate the 139th anniversary of the evacuation of Valley Forge.

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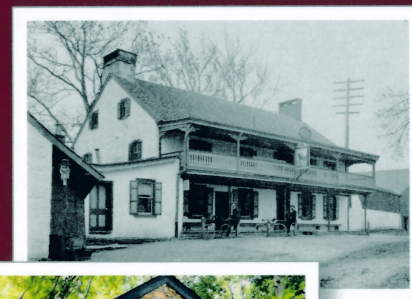
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The King of Prussia Historical Society

was first established in 1953. The Society was rejuvenated in April 2012 and is incorporated as a non-profit 501(c) (3) with tax exempt status.

Upper Merion Township has had a rich history beginning with its inception over 300 years ago in 1713. The aim of the Society is to share this history and to preserve its richness for future generations.

Purpose

The purposes of the Society are fourfold:

- ✱ To encourage research in the history of Upper Merion Township and adjoining communities, regularly exchange local historical knowledge, and present such research in a public forum.
- ✱ To promote interest and research in local history by publishing and distributing a periodical entitled *The King of Prussia Gazette*, dedicated to historic truths and to ennoble the present through a recognition of the past.
- ✱ To collect, archive, and preserve the various documents, photographs and artifacts of local historic significance that have, or will, become the property of the Society.
- ✱ To maintain a cooperation with Township Supervisors and staff, the teachers and administrators of Upper Merion Area Schools, and the Upper Merion Township Library to increase community interest in local history.

*Hanging Rock:
Near which,
General Washington
and his men camped
prior to their winter
quarters at Valley
Forge in 1777-78.*



Roberts School: In 1848 Jonathan Roberts built this school for children of the millworkers on Croton Road.

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Mission Statement

The mission of the King of Prussia Historical Society is to preserve and interpret the history of Upper Merion Township as relevant to its various neighborhoods of Gulph Mills, Gypsy Hills, Croton Woods, King of Prussia, Valley Forge, Abrams, Belmont, Town Center, Swedesburg, King Manor, Henderson, and Swedeland, as well as the areas of Rebel Hill, Port Kennedy, and Hughes Park. The Society's goal is to stimulate public interest and to support the township's heritage through educational programs and public events focusing on preserving the past and shaping the future.

Meetings

Members and friends of the King of Prussia Historical Society are invited to regular meetings nine times a year. No meetings will be scheduled in July, August, and December. A topic dealing with local history will be presented following a brief business meeting. Meetings normally held at Christ Church Old Swedes— visit website for updates.

An "Annual Meeting" will be held each January. The purpose of this meeting will include the election of Directors and Officers, the reporting of the business of the Society, and for any other objectives that may be deemed necessary.

King Of Prussia Gazette

The Society publishes a quarterly publication to share and to encourage scholarship and to promote interest in local historical topics. *The King Of Prussia Gazette* is provided to Society members as a benefit of membership. Back issues are available on the society website.



Christ Church-Old Swedes: The congregation was established early in the 17th century.