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On 29 March 1638, two ships, the Kalmar Nyckel (The Key of Kalmar and the Fogel Grip (The Griffin) arrived at what is today Wilmington, DE. To mark this anniversary, the Kalmar Nyckel Medallion and Stamp Fund of 823 E. Seventh Street, Wilmington, DE 19801, has issued commemorative medals, recently released. The medals come in three types—bronze, sterling silver and sterling silver dipped in gold.

The obverse side of the medal shows the Kalmar Nyckel in full sail, the reverse shows some of the landmarks in the Delaware Valley, comprising Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey.

The proceeds from the sale of the medals will help support the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation, a non-profit group engaged in building a full-scale visual replica of the historic Kalmar Nyckel. This 91-foot-long, tall sailing ship will be certified by the U.S. Coast Guard to carry passengers. It is planned that she will sail as a training ship, be a tourist attraction and serve as a goodwill ambassador for Wilmington at all major tall ship parades.

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