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NEXT ALP CONVENTION IN FORT WAYNE, INDIANA
AT THE LINCOLN MUSEUM
April 19 - 21, 2002

The Lincoln Museum in Fort Wayne, Indiana has been chosen as the headquarters for the 8th annual convention of the Association of Lincoln Presenters, April 19 - 21, 2002.

Vandalia, Illinois - in May it was known that the Old State Capitol in Vandalia was closed for a renovation project and was to be reopened in March. However, in July asbestos was discovered in the Capitol, and it could not be removed in time for our convention. Vandalia requested year 2004 instead.

Since Lincoln City, Indiana was chosen for convention in year 2003, we asked if they would like it in year 2002. They gave extenuating circumstances why they would prefer to have it in year 2003.

The by-laws of the ALP call for our convention to be held in a place where Lincoln walked in even years such as 2002. That narrowed the field to Bloomington, Illinois and Fort Wayne, Indiana, both of which had officially invited the ALP. Both cities sent a proposal for the convention. I discussed these with the vice-presidents and members of the board. For several reasons (including illness and fees), Fort Wayne was chosen over Bloomington, without bad feelings resulting.

The Lincoln Museum in Fort Wayne is one of the largest repositories of Lincoln artifacts in America. Their library is a major source of information about Abraham and Mary Lincoln. Their gift shop sells many Lincoln items and books and will offer our members a ten percent discount on purchases. The Lincoln Museum has graciously offered the Association of Lincoln Presenters complimentary access to their facility for this weekend in April, 2002. They have waived their normal rental fees and are going all out to offer the ALP an exceptional experience.

A local committee has been formed of people from Fort Wayne and Indiana. The head of this committee is Larry Givens of Fort Wayne. The committee has three members from Fort Wayne plus four others from Indiana. They are developing the plan for this convention.

The Holiday Inn will be our central hotel. It is two blocks from the Lincoln Museum. Cars will not be necessary, and ladies in hoop skirts should have no problem. The Holiday Inn has a free shuttle to and from the Ft. Wayne airport. For reservations call 1-800 - HOLIDAY or (219) 422-5511. Room rate is \$67. For the Hilton Hotel dial 1-800 - HILTONS or (219) 420-1100 room rate is \$82.

How Lincoln Changed My Life

A book is being prepared on HOW LINCOLN CHANGED MY LIFE
by members of ALP. Please send your essay or poem of 500 words or less
to Dan Bassuk at address below.

HOW PRESENTING LINCOLN CHANGED MY LIFE

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In nineteen hundred ninety five, this Lincoln presented "History Alive,"

Things were not the same, and Ralph Borrer is to blame,
For he informed me about ALP, life membership I paid the fee.

Not knowing about history you see, it was time to "rouse the Lincoln in me."
Not an avid reader of history you know, utilization of my time required a different flow.
My library changed its looks, with Abraham Lincoln and Civil War books.

The Lincoln Trail was another source, to learn about the "honest man" of course.
To Hodgenville, Kentucky I did go, to see the birthplace and the spring so low.
New friendships made with Jim Sayre and Mary, and Givens whom we call Larry.

Charleston, Illinois for the 4th convention, a visit to Springfield was this new ALP
member's intention.

New Salem village where Abe worked in a store, afforded the opportunity to learn more.
So I journeyed to where we were to meet, and being interviewed by NBC was neat.

Qualify me with masochistic intention, asking to host the 7th annual convention.
45 Lincolns gathered as they should, learning about West Virginia's statehood.
Lo and behold, I appeared, on C-Span's "American Writers" series that year.

I chose this format to express how, Lincoln changed my life to what it is now.
None of this would have happened you see, all my new friends would still be strangers
to me.

I'll say this before I'm through, I hope this will "Rouse the Lincoln in You."

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