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Lincoln League of Illinois

Constitution and By-Laws



“Let us have faith that
right makes might.”

—*Abraham Lincoln*

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PREAMBLE



We Republicans of Illinois, believing that this, the centennial year of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, is an opportune and auspicious time to awaken a high sense of duty in public affairs do hereby form the Lincoln League of Illinois and invite all young men to join who desire the Republican Party to remain true to the ideals of those who formed it and who wish the State of Illinois to maintain the high standards set by Lincoln and his followers.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

The name of this organization shall be the LINCOLN LEAGUE OF ILLINOIS.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The Lincoln League of Illinois is formed to perpetuate the ideals of Abraham Lincoln by organizing Lincoln Posts throughout the State to encourage and inspire men, especially young men, to learn and disseminate his teachings and to develop the growth and spread of republican principles as taught and practiced by the first great leader of the party of progress, thereby inducing all men to take a more active part in Local, State and National affairs, to the end that the standard of citizenship may be elevated, and the problems of today met with the same lofty purpose and unselfish patriotism that inspired him, and that Illinois, the birthplace and cradle of Republicanism, may hold first rank among the commonwealths of the nation in public service and leadership.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. This club shall consist of active, associate and honorary members.

SEC. 2. Active members shall be members of the Republican party of Illinois between the ages of twenty-one and forty-two.

SEC. 3. Associate members shall be members of the Republican party above the age of forty-two.

SEC. 4. Honorary members shall be such persons as are nominated by the Executive Board or elected by vote of the League.

SEC. 5. Active members only shall be eligible to hold office and to vote.

ARTICLE IV.

FEEES AND DUES.

The membership fee of active members shall be one dollar, and the dues of active members shall be one dollar per year. The Executive Board shall have power to assess and collect an additional sum each year not exceeding one dollar per member.

ARTICLE V.

OFFICERS, POWERS AND DUTIES.

SECTION 1. The officers of this League shall consist of a president, first, second and third vice-presidents, a secretary and a treasurer. No officer shall be eligible for re-election to succeed himself.

SEC. 2. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the League for the term of one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

SEC. 3. The President shall preside at all meetings of the League, and in his absence one of the vice-presidents may preside.

SEC. 4. The Secretary shall keep the records of the League, and shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to this office.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect and take charge of all the money belonging to the League, and to disburse the same upon the orders signed by the chairman and secretary of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

SECTION 1. There shall be an Executive Board, which shall consist of the officers of the League and nine other members, to be appointed by the president of the League.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to carry out the object and purposes of the League in appropriate manner and in accordance with the constitution and by-laws.

SEC. 3. The Executive Board shall meet regularly at least twice a year, at such time

and place as shall be decided upon by said board. Five members thereof shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to prepare a list of able and prominent men who can be secured to deliver addresses on Lincoln under the auspices of the Lincoln League.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to co-operate with the local posts in arranging programs and securing good speakers for the Lincoln birthday exercises.

SEC. 6. The Executive Board shall print and publish addresses on Lincoln delivered before the Lincoln League, or any Lincoln post, which possesses unusual merit, for distribution to the members of the League.

SEC. 7. The Executive Board shall offer a Lincoln League medal annually for the best oration on Lincoln, of the value of not exceeding \$100. Contestants therefor shall be members of any school or college in Illinois. The Executive Board shall prescribe the rules to govern the contest and award for the same.

ARTICLE VII.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall appoint from the membership of the League the committees on

Organization,
Finance,
Membership,
Publicity,
Entertainment,
Lincoln's Birthday Exercises.

SEC. 2. There shall also be a committee on public affairs, which shall take cognizance of all important public questions and make recommendations to the Executive Board for action as will best subserve the interests of good government.

ARTICLE VIII.

MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS.

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the Lincoln League shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday after Lincoln's birthday, and at such time and place as the Executive Board shall direct. The President shall call special meetings upon the request of any ten members, or of the Executive Board.

SEC. 2. Twenty members shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 3. The election for officers of the League shall be held at the annual meeting. Voting shall be by ballot by members present.

ARTICLE IX.

LINCOLN POSTS.

SECTION 1. Any seven members of the Lincoln League living in the same city in Illinois shall constitute a local organization of the Lincoln League, and be known as a Lincoln post, and shall be designated Lincoln League of Illinois. (here insert name of city), Post. For example, the local post of Joliet shall be known as Lincoln League of Illinois, Joliet Post.

SEC. 2. Lincoln posts shall elect officers on Lincoln's birthday of each year. The officers shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. The president shall appoint committees to correspond to the committees of the Lincoln League, and it shall be the duty of the Lincoln posts to carry out the objects of the Lincoln League in their respective cities.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the officers of the Lincoln posts to see that Lincoln's birthday is appropriately observed by public exercises in their respective cities.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the presidents of the local posts to submit reports of their acts at the annual meeting of the Lincoln League.

SEC. 5. All members of the Lincoln League shall affiliate with some local post in the county in which they reside.

ARTICLE X.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. There shall be an advisory committee composed of one hundred and two associate members, to be selected by the Executive Board, one from each county in the state.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the advisory committee to familiarize themselves with all public questions of importance, and recommend action thereon to the executive committee.

ARTICLE XI.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1. The constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the active members present at any meeting of the League, providing due notice in writing of such proposed change shall have been sent to the active members four weeks in advance of said meeting.

