

Pennsylvania Abraham Lincoln

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First National Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Town Hall Meeting November 20, 2008 at Gettysburg College



Row 1, from left to right Norman Bristol Colón, Allen Guelzo, Susan Eisenhower, Jesse Jackson, Jr., and Jack Kemp.
Row 2 Charles R. Branham and Malik Neal. Photos compliments of Bill Dowling

On November 20, 2008 the [National Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission](#) launched the first of ten Town Hall Meetings. The theme was "**Lincoln's Legacy: Race, Freedom, and Equality of Opportunity.**" **Jesse Jackson Jr., Jack Kemp, Allen Guelzo, Susan Eisenhower, and Norman Bristol-Colón** were the panelists at this town hall meeting. The moderator was **Charles R. Branham**, Senior Historian, DuSable Museum of African American History in Chicago. Malik Neal, a senior from West Catholic High School in Philadelphia delivered the opening oration at the event before an audience of over 325 enthusiastic attendees. Malik was a finalist and winner of a \$50,000 college scholarship in the "Now Debate This" competition sponsored by the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia during the summer of 2008. The Town Hall meeting was hosted by the Civil War Institute and the Pennsylvania Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission at Gettysburg College. To view the first hour of the C-SPAN video, visit C-SPAN [online](#). This event was endorsed by the national ALBC and the PA ALBC.



145th Anniversary of Gettysburg Address Dedication Day 2008



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Ken Burns' Dedication Day Speech November 19, 2008

View C-SPAN's video of the [Dedication Day Ceremony](#) at Soldiers' National Cemetery

The Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania, The National Park Service and the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College were delighted to have Ken Burns as the Dedication Day Speaker on November 19, 2008. To read more about Ken Burns and his accomplishments, [click here](#). This event was endorsed by the [Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission](#) and the [PA Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission](#).

Lincoln Programming on C-SPAN

The ALBC has partnered with C-SPAN to celebrate Lincoln's 200th Birthday. Here's what's happening this month:

Sunday, December 14
C-SPAN - Book TV
12:00 - 1:30 pm ET

Lincoln Scholar Michael Burlingame will be LIVE taking calls and discussing his new 1800 page 2-volume biography of Abraham Lincoln, "Abraham Lincoln: A Life."

Mr. Burlingame's book has been highly anticipated among Lincoln scholars. It has yet to be published and remains on standing back-order. Publisher Weekly selected it as one of their Books of the Year. The book is to be released the week following his appearance on Book TV. This is Mr. Burlingame's first media appearance discussing the book.

December 14-20
C-SPAN
9:00 pm ET

White House Week - Documentary Series

A 90-minute documentary kicks off White House Week. Lincoln scholar Harold Holzer will discuss the Lincoln assassination. Other historians featured include Doris Kearns Goodwin, Richard Norton Smith, Anthony Pitch and many more!

Thursday - 12/18 @ 9:00 pm - The Lincoln White House featuring Harold Holzer in the Lincoln Bedroom. A special on the Lincoln Cottage follows.

For a complete schedule and to see interview clips from the week's programs, visit: <http://whitehouse.c-span.org/>

Look for future Lincoln 200 Years programming on the first Saturday of every month from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. on C-SPAN through April 2009.

Upcoming segments shot in high definition will feature Lincoln's life in Springfield, Illinois and the newly renovated Fords Theatre. C-SPAN and the ALBC will also bring viewers event coverage from across the country that highlights the life and times of our 16th president.

For more information on C-SPAN Lincoln 200 Years programming, visit -- <http://www.c-span.org/lincoln>

To learn more about Lincoln Bicentennial celebrations happening around the nation, visit the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission - <http://www.abrahamlincoln200.org>

Inauguration 2009 Theme: A New Birth of Freedom **January 20, 2009**

"A New Birth of Freedom" commemorates the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. The words come from the Gettysburg address, and express Lincoln's hope that the sacrifice of those who died to preserve the nation shall lead to "a new birth of freedom" for our nation.

The inaugural theme, selected by Senator Diane Feinstein and members of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies, will be woven through the inaugural ceremonies. For more information on Inauguration Day events, please visit the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies [website](#).

Early 2009



Andrew D. Brunhart, Deputy Director of US Mint, unveiling the Lincoln silver dollar at Dedication Day in Gettysburg.
Photo compliments of Bill Dowling

The United States Mint will be releasing four pennies in 2009, commemorating the 200th birthday of the 16th president, Abraham Lincoln, and the 100th anniversary of the first issuance of the Lincoln penny. In addition to the Lincoln Bicentennial One-Cent Program, the US Mint will also be selling Abraham Lincoln Commemorative Silver Dollars during 2009. The design of the silver dollar was unveiled during the 145th Dedication Day on November 19th at Gettysburg National Cemetery. The US Mint will begin accepting orders for the Abraham Lincoln Commemorative Silver Dollar in early 2009. For more information, please visit the US Mint [website](#).

February 11, 2009 **"Lincoln Day in Harrisburg: For the People"**

A day-long series of events celebrating the importance of Abraham Lincoln's visits to the state of Pennsylvania. A tentative schedule of events includes art exhibits, civil war encampment, and civil war music. Events will be held at the state Capitol Building and the Matthew J. Ryan Building in Harrisburg, PA. Lincoln artist Wendy Allen will facilitate the Lincoln Birthday Card Project, created a portrait of President Lincoln with accompanying side panels for birthday wishes from the public. For more information Wendy and her work, please visit her [website](#).

About the Commission

Based at the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College, the purpose of the Pennsylvania Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission is to organize, arrange, and coordinate bicentennial tributes to Abraham Lincoln in Pennsylvania and to coordinate those activities with the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission of the federal government, as well as other interested parties. For more information about the PA ALBC, please visit our website at: <http://www.palincolin.org/>

Program Endorsements by PA ALBC

Endorsement of your program includes listing the event on our webpage, a reciprocal link, and the opportunity to use our logo in all of your publicity. If you would like to have your program endorsed by the PA ALBC see our [endorsement criteria](#) and email your response to albc@gettysburg.edu

SEND US YOUR NEWS AND EVENTS!

If you have news or an announcement for a Lincoln-themed event, please send your news/event item to albc@gettysburg.edu with the subject line **E-NEWSLETTER**. Thanks very much for your interest and support!

"I leave you, hoping that the lamp of liberty will burn in your bosoms until there shall no longer be a doubt that all men are created free and equal." *The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln edited by Roy P. Basler, Volume II, "Speech at Chicago, Illinois" (July 10, 1858), p. 502.*