

The Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania

2021-2022 Annual Report



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President's Report

Thanksgivings

On October 3, 1863 President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation of Thanksgiving, calling on citizens of the United States around the world to set apart the fourth Thursday in November as a day of thanks. As fate would have it, the National Day of Thanksgiving took place exactly one week after Lincoln visited Gettysburg to deliver his address at the Dedication of Soldiers' National Cemetery. With less than a week remaining before Thanksgiving 2022, I share my final presidential annual report commencing with expressions of gratitude and appreciation.

- Thank you to this year's Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania board of directors. This all-volunteer group works year-round, devoting significant energy and time to fulfill the mission of our organization. The board's devotion and dedication to the Fellowship is remarkable and something for which I am most grateful.



- Thank you to all Lincoln Fellowship members whose involvement, attendance on Dedication Day and at the Taps program, along with their financial support sustains and energizes this organization.
- Thank you to all our partners in the Lincoln Fellowship's many programs: Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg Foundation, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Licensed Battlefield Guides, and Taps for Veterans.
- Thank you to all who attend Fellowship events including Dedication Day, *One-Hundred Nights for Taps*, *Gettysburg 2022*, and all who visit the Return Visit Statue.
- Thank you to our many donors who support the Lincoln Fellowship and for those who participated recently in the Adams County Community Foundation Giving Spree.

Dedication Day

This year marked the 159th anniversary of the Dedication of Soldiers National Cemetery and Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Commemorating this significant event in the life of our nation's history has been the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania's most significant priority since its founding in 1938. We appreciate the work and commitment of our partners with this event. Working to provide a quality program that



marks the importance of November 19, 1863 continues to be at the forefront of the board's yearly work. Thank you to all who plan, implement, participate in, and attend the annual Dedication Day ceremonies.

One-Hundred Nights of Taps, Gettysburg 2022

This year marked the sixth year of the *One-Hundred Nights of Taps, Gettysburg* program. This program was held at the Soldiers' National Monument every night from Memorial Day, May 30, 2022 through Labor Day, September 4, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. A tremendous thank you to Taps founder Wendy Allen, along with John and Sandy Tuskan for their many efforts to lead and present this program throughout the summer. Thank you to all who participated and assisted in providing this remarkable program. This year, the Fellowship partnered with Gettysburg National Military Park to provide this educational event. The Fellowship is grateful for this partnership and for the work of the National Park Service and its rangers, the Licensed Battlefield Guides, and Taps for Veterans, led by Jari Villanueva for their assistance with this incredible and powerful program.

Return Visit Statue

This year the Lincoln Fellowship had its Return Visit statue removed and completely restored by the Seward Johnson Atelier sculpture studio in Trenton, New Jersey. Thank you to Ken Kime for overseeing this restoration and for all those who contributed to



support the restoration. The work cost \$22,704 with funds coming from the Fellowship's statue fund, its general fund, and donations. The board recognizes the need to build back up the statute fund in order to cover future restorative work. The removal day in February and the return in May were memorable days with pictures on the Fellowship's Facebook page. The Fellowship will continue to care for this statue as it educates and reminds visitors of Lincoln's visit to Gettysburg in November 1863.

Education

The Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania continues to support educational initiatives to provide students with opportunities to explore and learn about Abraham Lincoln. This year's February 12, Lincoln's birthday celebration with preschool students from various schools in Gettysburg was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Lincoln Fellowship continues to support Gettysburg National Military Park's traveling trunk program working with GNMP Education Ranger Barb Sanders. We invite you to consider making a donation to the Fellowship to assist us in meeting our goal to educate students about Lincoln and the Gettysburg Address through the GNMP Traveling Trunks and other initiatives.

Outreach

The Lincoln Fellowship seeks to communicate with membership through a periodic electronic newsletter to increase our communications with our members. These newsletters share announcements and reminders about upcoming events, educational programs, and fundraising/donation opportunities; a copy of our board's monthly column from the *Gettysburg Times*; re-caps of recent events and programming; and other Fellowship-related news! Be sure to check your inbox!

Governance

It has been twenty years since the fellowship has reviewed its governing documents. The board began an extensive review this year and plans to present recommendations for updated bylaws at the 2023 meeting.

Website

The Lincoln Fellowship continues to develop its electronic communication. Our website is www.lincolnfellowship.org. Thanks to Christopher Gwinn for all his work with this. Please check out the website and send us your email address so we can communicate with you electronically.

Outgoing Board Members

Thank you to all the board members for their service. Thank you especially for outgoing board members Charlie Scott and Christopher Gwinn for their energy, dedication and faithful service.

Thank you

Thanks to all the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania members for their membership, support for the Fellowship's programs, and donations. If you have a question, need more information, or would like more information on how to support the work of the Fellowship, contact us at lincolnfellowshipofpa@gmail.com

It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people. Abraham Lincoln, Proclamation of Thanksgiving, October 3, 1863

LINCOLN FELLOWSHIP OF PENNSYLVANIA - Treasurer's Report for Fiscal 2021-2022

FY22 Activity

Receipts

Regular Memberships	\$1,850.00
Life Memberships	\$1,750.00
Giving Spree	\$3,650.36
Statue Fund Donations	\$1,707.00
100 Nights of Taps Donations	\$3,810.00
Other Donations	\$9,088.00
Interest	\$375.71
<u>Annual Luncheon Payments</u>	<u>\$3,465.00</u>
Receipts	\$25,696.07

Disbursements

Dedication Day Event	\$4,632.86
Annual Meeting and Luncheon	\$6,748.02
100 Nights of Taps	\$3,390.89
Other Programs	\$200.00
Statue Restoration*	\$11,179.00
Insurance	\$255.00
Accounting Fees	\$375.00
<u>Administration and Communication</u>	<u>\$2,629.34</u>
Disbursements	\$29,410.11

Assets as of May 31, 2022

General Fund	\$12,613.24
Speakers Fund	\$3,250.00
<u>100 Nights of Taps Fund</u>	<u>\$1,231.33</u>
Total ACNB Checking Account	\$17,094.57

Life Memberships Fund	\$30,491.81
<u>Statue Maintenance Fund</u>	<u>\$10,353.26</u>
Total ACNB Savings Account	\$40,845.07

Total Assets – May 31, 2022 **\$57,939.64**

*The deposit for the restoration of the "Return Visit" statue was paid in FY22. Upon completion of the restoration in July, the final payment of \$11,525.00 was submitted, using the \$10,353.26 remaining in the statue fund and drawing \$1,171.74 from the General Fund.