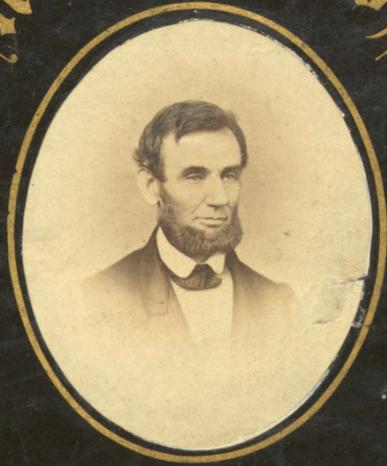


PREAMBLE & RESOLUTIONS
ADOPTED BY THE
Fire Department
of Philadelphia,
APRIL 20th, 1865.



Expressive of Regret of the Death of our Late President of the United States,

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Whereas, At the time, when the Nation was electrified and joyous over the success of the Union cause and the consequent overthrow of the rebellion that has caused so much patriot blood to be shed, then came a sudden and unexpected shock that stilled all our manifestation of joy and turned us all into one family of mourning, for the accursed rebellion required another victim, in the person of the President of the United States, who, whilst in the midst of his family, was most cruelly murdered, on the night of the 14th of April, in the City of Washington; and,

Whereas, We cannot but behold with horror the damnable deed, or cannot imagine what hell-born idea must have taken possession of the fiend who committed the awful crime, still we must not cavil at the will of the Almighty, who, no doubt, has permitted this to be done in order that He may work out His own inscrutable will; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Fire Department of Philadelphia do deeply deplore the untimely death of the President of the United States, **ABRAHAM LINCOLN**, who has been taken away from his country just at the time when his eminent services were most needed, and also on the eve of peace returning to our distracted country.

Resolved, That we recognize in **ABRAHAM LINCOLN** those virtues which make the statesman and patriot; his mild and magnanimous behaviour has so endeared his memory in the hearts of the American people that time can never efface it, and history will point to him as one of the best of men.

Resolved, That we sincerely condole with the family of our late President in this, their sad bereavement, and fervently pray that the Almighty will comfort them in their affliction; and though he was not spared to see his country reunited, he died with the knowledge that the day was not far distant.

P. McLAUGHLIN, Chairman,
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