

LINCOLN PILGRIMAGE

1. **HISTORY** - This event began as a troop activity, organized by George REA Thomas in 1959 to honor Abraham Lincoln.
2. **PURPOSE** – This event bring together all scouts from the Detroit Area Council who come together to honor Abraham Lincoln and rededicate the statute of him at D-bar-A Scout Ranch.
3. **DATE** - The event is held on the Saturday closest to February 12.
4. **PROGRAM** – The event consists of a welcome from the Lodge Chief, a presentation of the Gettysburg Address, speeches about the lives of George Thomas and Harold Oatley, the Lincoln Pilgrimage Indian Ceremony, a laying of a wreath at the base of the statue, and lunch provided for all participants.
5. **COST** – The cost for participation in the event is the price of the patch and the price of lunch, rounded up to the nearest dollar. The cost of the event is included in price of the Winter Fellowship for lodge members.
6. **PLANS** – The Host chapter develops the agenda for the event, including scheduling and organizing any guest speakers.
7. **PATCH DESIGN** – The host chapter presents the patch design to the Lodge Executive Committee at least 3 months before the Lincoln Pilgrimage. The Lodge Staff Adviser orders the patch
8. **RESPONSIBILITIES** - The Host Chapter requests assistance from Chapters as needed.
9. **EVENT SUBCOMMITTEES**
 - A. **Parking Committee** - Directs cars to parking lots.
 - B. **Registration Committee** - Registers Lodge Members.
 - C. **Kitchen Staff** - Provides coffee, hot chocolate, donuts, and lunch
 - D. **Clean-up Crew** - Cleans the dinning hall and other facilities, and polices the outside area.
 - E. **Program Committee(s)** - Carries out the planned program.

9. **WINTER FELLOWSHIP** – The host chapter shall plan fun events for the weekend of the Lincoln Pilgrimage for the membership of the lodge, which do not take away from the Lincoln Pilgrimage. There should be a full program, beginning Friday evening and ending with breakfast and clean up on Sunday for all Lodge members.
- 10 **INDIAN CEREMONY** – The following Indian Ceremony is conducted before the laying of the wreath at the base of the Lincoln Statue:

Allowat Sakima: I welcome you, my friends in Scouting, to the annual Lincoln Pilgrimage of Migisi Opawgan Lodge 162. As the chief of the fire, I ask you to join with me in this tribute to Abraham Lincoln. Brother Meteu will now provide us with some spiritual uplifting as we begin our ceremony.

Meteu: We are gathered here this afternoon
With cheerful hearts and spirits,
To review our past and present
With great pride and feeling.
We, who are of scouting,
Do now pledge to serve that purpose,
Upon which our roots were founded,
That still beholds us to this day
Through our Scout Oath and Law.

Allowat Sakima: Brother Nutiket, will you now perform that duty which has been entrusted to your charge?

Nutiket: I have been charged with the responsibility to emphasize four points of the Scout Law. A scout is cheerful; A scout is thrifty; a scout is brave; and a scout is clean. Also, I must remind us all of that part of the Scout Oath that explains our duty to ourselves: "To keep ourselves physically strong mentally awake, and morally straight." (Nutiket lights and places third torch) Let these words now find their way into our minds as the light of this torch finds its way to your eyes.

Allowat Sakima: Brother Kitchkinet, please perform your duty,

Kichkinet: I too must emphasize four points of the Scout Law. A scout is helpful; a scout is friendly; a scout is courteous; and a scout is kind. It is for me to remind you of that part of the Scout Oath which tells us "To help other people at all times."

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(Kitchkinet lights first torch) Let these words now find their way into your hearts as the light of this torch finds its way to your eyes.

Allowat Sakima

As the mighty chief, I have an obligation to demonstrate the greatest responsibilities of a scout. A scout is trustworthy; a scout is loyal; a scout is obedient; and a scout is reverent.

Also we must never forget "To do our duty to God and our country." (Allowat Sakima lights middle torch) Let these words now find their way into your spirits as the light of this torch finds its way to your eyes.

Meteu:

We have now illuminated our hearts and minds and spirits with the lights of Scouting. Let these lights illuminate this symbol of Abraham Lincoln (points to statue) and this, the symbol of our country (points to flag). Please join with me in the pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country. Scout Salute, I pledge ... (pause for audience to start)

Laying of the wreath