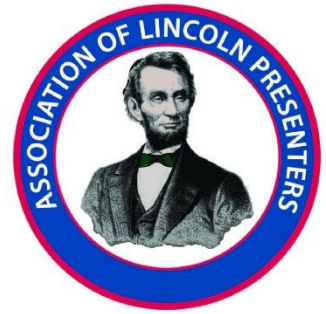




The Association of Lincoln Presenters
2018 Conference Information
April 19-22, 2018
Freeport, IL



Conference Hostess: Laura Keyes, 815-494-4313, Keyes97@aol.com
Assisted by: George Buss, Kevin Wood, Robert Kaplafka, and Geoffrey Graham.

Hotel Accommodations: Hampton Inn Freeport. 109 S. Galena Ave, Freeport, IL. (815)232-7100. Hotel reservations can be made starting now **up until March 19th**. Identify yourself with the Association of Lincoln Presenters (ALP) to receive the group rate of \$99/night plus taxes. After the deadline the Hampton Inn will release unreserved rooms for general sale. The price includes a hot breakfast buffet each day in the hotel lobby. Amenities include pool, fitness center, and wireless internet.

Registration Form: Registration is now online! The form is [HERE](#) (<https://goo.gl/forms/MvuwJ588PpZQhIzfl>) and on the ALP Website and Facebook page. In order to save postage costs and expedite the registration process, a smaller conference packet is being sent this year, and you are encouraged to register online. If you are unable to register online, you must phone Laura Keyes at 815-494-4313. **Registration closes on March 1st.**

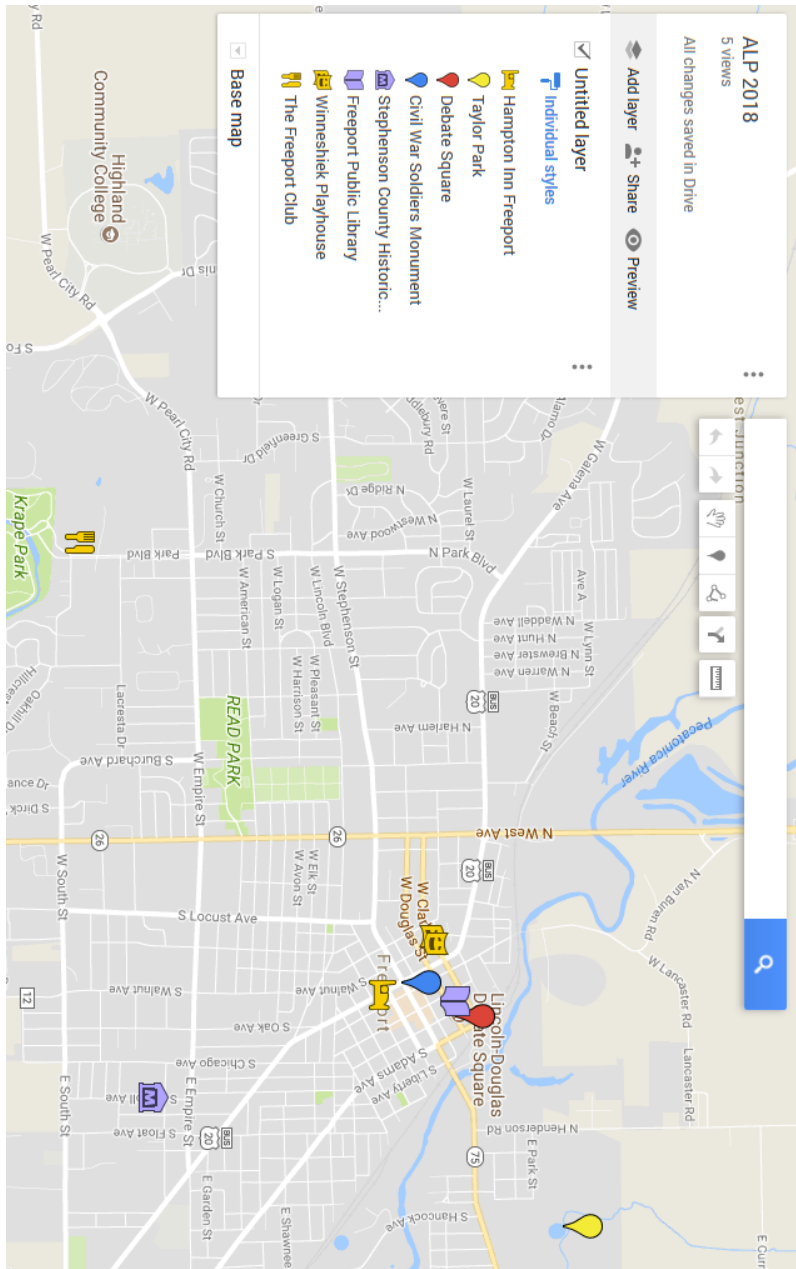
Travel Plans: The largest airport that services Freeport, IL is Chicago O'Hare International Airport. However, there are various regional airports that are physically closer: Madison, WI; Rockford, IL; Moline, IL. Depending on your airline, these airports could be easier. There is no mass transit from any of these airports to Freeport, IL. There is bus service from Chicago (O'Hare/Midway), Milwaukee, and Madison to Rockford, IL, which is about one hour from Freeport, IL. You are *strongly* encouraged to rent a car and drive to Freeport from the airport in which you land.

Shipping: If you would like to ship packages ahead of time, please address them to: Laura Keyes, Freeport Public Library, 100 E. Douglas St. Freeport, IL 61032. You should also contact Laura directly to ask her to set them aside.

Dressing for the Event: Mr. and Mrs. Lincolns will want to dress on Friday. We will do a group photo on the grounds of the Stephenson County Historical Society (rain option: inside the Freeport Public Library). Everyone is encouraged to wear formal evening attire for both Friday and Saturday evening's dinners.

Meals: Thursday dinner will be on your own, and a list of recommended restaurants will be included in your welcome packet. Lunch on Friday and Saturday will be simple, yet there will be choices. Dinner on Friday and Saturday will be a buffet, with choices for main dishes. Final menus are not set at this time. If you have dietary requirements (allergies, vegetarian, etc.) please list them on the registration form. If you do not inform us of dietary needs at this time, there is no guarantee our caterers will be able to accommodate you.

Map: A larger map will be included in the welcome packet. If you have specific questions about locations of events, please contact Laura Keys directly.



Silent Auction: The form has been included in the Conference packet for your convenience. Please make copies to accompany the silent auction items you are donating. Bring the items to either Friday or Saturday evening's dinner. Silent Auction will be only Saturday evening.

Emergencies while traveling: If you are detained while traveling, please contact either Laura Keyes (815-494-4313) or Robert Kaplafka (847-977-1255).

Welcome/Pick Up Registration Materials: Welcome Table will be in the lobby of the Hampton Inn on Thursday afternoon/early evening. It will then move to the Freeport Public Library for Friday early morning and Saturday early morning. If you plan to arrive in town outside of these times, please contact Laura Keyes beforehand and she will make special arrangements.

Photographers: Mary Armstrong has agreed to be our conference photographer once again. Her studio will be in the lower level of the hotel, and she will be set up to take professional portraits. Mary and her sister will be photographing the entire conference. Be sure to order group photos; Mary will have an order form with the cost of various prints, CDs, DVDs, etc.

Weather: April in Northern Illinois will be cold, so be sure to bring appropriate outerwear, including umbrellas. Ladies, invest in flannel petticoats! The hotel is about four blocks from our main meeting place (the public library), and unless the weather is rainy, you will be encouraged to walk the distance.

Confirmation: All registered participants will receive an email confirmation at the time of registration and any other updates or developments about the conference after the registration deadline.

Day in Galena: Sunday will be (almost) all day in Galena, IL, about one hour west from Freeport, IL. The tentative plan is to caravan/carpool there in the morning, and return in the late afternoon. If you have to leave for home sometime during the day, then plan to leave from Galena.

Membership Meeting: You will notice that the time frame for our Membership Meeting on Saturday morning is shorter than previous years' meetings. Consider this a kindly reminder to be on time, to be brief in any remarks/reports/proposals you plan to make, and to read any handouts you will be given beforehand (most likely in your Welcome Packet). This will keep the meeting moving along quickly, and keep us on time for the rest of the day.

2020 Annual Conference Presentations: These will be presented after Friday evening's dinner before we leave the Freeport Club. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Keyes directly.

Tentative Schedule:

Thursday, 19 April

2:30pm-4:30pm - ALP Board Meeting at Freeport Public Library

5-6:30pm - Dinner on own (list of restaurants will be provided)

7-9pm - "Lincoln in Conversation" presentation at Winneshiek Theatre, Freeport

9-9:45pm - Dessert Reception at Winneshiek Theatre

Friday, 20 April

8:45am - Gather at Freeport Public Library, split into three groups

9-11:20am - Mini Tours of Freeport (buses will be provided)

11:45am - Lunch for Gentlemen at Freeport Public Library.

11:45am - Lunch for Ladies at Senior Resource Center.

1:30-2pm - Group Photos on grounds of SC Historical Society

2-4pm - Tours of SC Historical Society

4-5pm - 6 volunteers participate in "Readin' with Lincoln" event at Freeport Public Library

6:30pm - Gather at Freeport Club for Keynote Address. (Transportation on own)

8:30pm-ish, after Dr. Cornelius' Keynote Address - Presentations/Pitches for 2020 Conference Locations

Saturday, 21 April

8:30-9:50am - ALP Member Meeting at Freeport Public Library

10am - Lectures begin at Freeport Public Library. Lecture1 - *Ira Ford*, by Alice Schmidt

11am - Lecture2 - *Frederick Douglass in Freeport*, by Steve Cole

12noon - Lunch break

1pm - Lecture3 - *Civil War at Sea*, by Ed Finch

2pm - Lecture4 - *Songs during the Civil War*, by John & Elaine Masciale

3pm - Lecture5 - *Freeport and the German Connection*, by Kevin Wood

6:30pm - Gather at Freeport Club for Gala and Dinner (Transportation on own)

Sunday, 22 April

8:00am- Carpool/caravan leaves Freeport for Galena, IL

8:30am-9am - Arrive at Blackhawk War Monument

10:30am - Galena Methodist Church Service

12noon - Potluck lunch provided by Galena Methodist Church

2-3pm - Special Reception & Meet & Greet at DeSoto House Hotel

3pm-5pm - Tour of Galena Historical Society

Evening - cookout at Robert & Laura's house, Freeport, IL

