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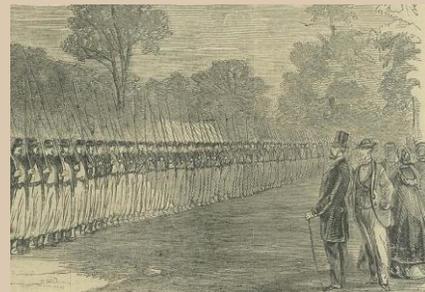
Welcome to the January 2011 edition of the Lincoln at the Crossroads Alliance (known as LATCRA or "The Alliance") Newsletter, ***The Grand Review of 2011***.

This brief newsletter includes some upcoming events and our latest accomplishments as we work towards the November 2011 re-enactment of Lincoln's Grand Review of 1861 at Bailey's Crossroads.

If you missed our 2010 newsletters, you can read them by going to [this page of our website](#) and selecting the newsletter you wish to read.

We encourage you to visit our website, www.latcra.org for additional information.

Maria Elena Schacknies
President



Military Review - 1861

Support the Cause

The Lincoln at the Crossroads Alliance is totally dependent on your support. Please be as generous as you can, and accept our heartfelt thanks for helping us do our small part to preserve our history for future generations.

Donations are being collected to erect Ron Tunison's sculpture of a life-size Lincoln viewing a double bas-relief of the Grand Review. This will be a permanent piece of public art placed prominently along the review route.

The Lincoln At The Crossroads Alliance is certified as a Virginia tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization.

LATCRA has been approved again this year to participate in the Combined Federal Campaign, and Federal employees can use CFC number 46239 and be assured that 100% of your donation supports the Cause.

By contributing securities with unrealized long-term capital gains directly to the Charitable Gift Fund, instead of selling the assets and then donating the proceeds, you can give more to LATCRA and enjoy significant tax savings.

You can link to Charitable Gift Fund and become a contributor. The link is <http://www.charitablegift.org/charity-giving-programs/daf/tax-benefits.shtml>.

We are able to accept payments through PayPal.

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The Peace Conference at 150: A Call to Compromise

In our last newsletter (October 2010) we were excited to tell you about the planned commemoration of the Washington Peace Conference of February 1861 that LATCRA is presenting on February 11, 2011, in partnership with the Willard InterContinental Hotel in Washington, DC, with sponsorship from the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Foundation and the endorsement of The Lincoln Forum.

The conference will take place from 9:30am to 3pm at the Willard InterContinental Hotel at 1401 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington - the very same site where the Peace Commissioners met 150 years ago.

This sesquicentennial symposium, "The Peace Conference at 150: A Call to Compromise," examines the issues, intrigues and the opportunities lost in a first ever effort to re-examine and reinterpret the conference that almost saved the Union.

As a reminder, the Peace Conference of 1861 was the final effort by American politicians to avoid the impending crisis of a Civil War. More than 100 politicians attended from both the North and the South. Fourteen northern states and seven southern states were represented. The group met for three weeks and held meetings that consisted of much shouting and posturing, and finally produced an impractical document that was passed by a narrow vote. When this proposal, which would have enshrined and expanded slavery, was presented to the entire U.S. Senate, it was rejected, and no workable political compromise remained available to avoid the Civil War.

Appearing at the event will be a group of distinguished historians:

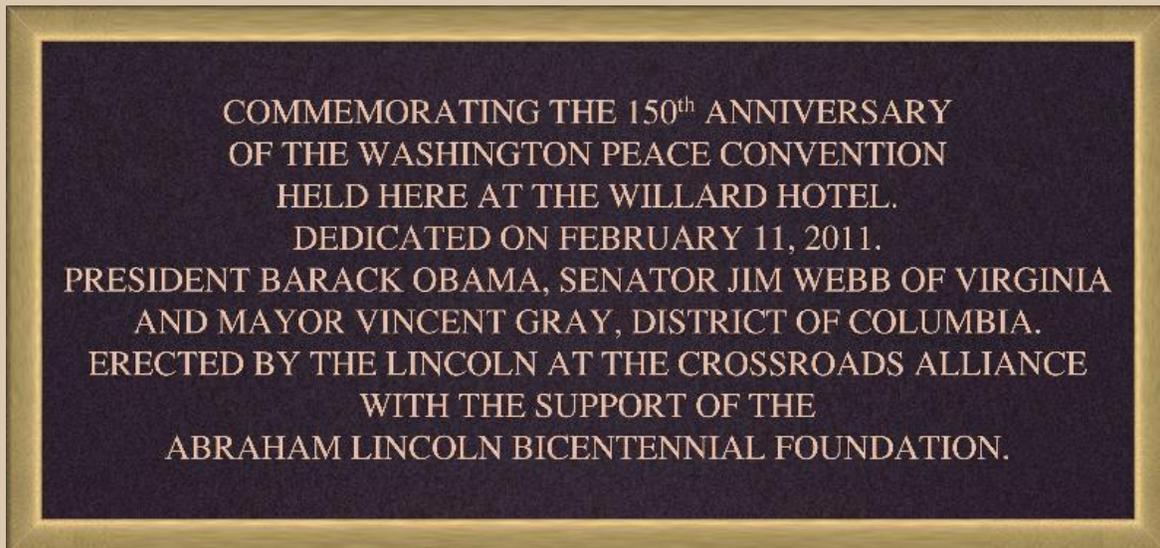
- Professor James I. (Bud) Robertson, Jr., a leading expert in Civil War history and Executive Director for Civil War Studies at Virginia Tech, will speak on "Washington in 1861"
- Jefferson Davis biographer. William C. (Jack) Davis. also a professor at Virginia Tech. will

present "The Southern Delegation"

- Rhode Island Chief Justice emeritus and leading Lincoln scholar, Frank J. Williams, will focus on the "Northern Delegation"
- Howard University Professor Edna Greene Medford will discuss "African Americans in DC in 1861"
- Harold Holzer, award-winning author of "Lincoln: President-Elect" will address the topic of "President-Elect Lincoln and the Peace Commissioners"

Stephen Lang will deliver Lincoln's First Inaugural Address at the luncheon. Mr. Lang, currently co-artistic director of the renowned Actor's Studio in New York City, is an actor and playwright. Additional information about Mr. Lang can be found in Wikipedia [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stephen_Lang_\(actor\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stephen_Lang_(actor)) and other references.

After lunch, at 2:30pm, conference participants will meet outside for the dedication of a 150th anniversary commemorative plaque which will be placed on the facade of The Willard Hotel beneath the plaque erected by the Civil War Centennial Commission of 1961. The plaque is an elongated bronze bar (38" x 18") denoting the re-commemoration of the large 1961 plaque. The names of the President of the United States, the Mayor of the District of Columbia and the senior Senator of Virginia are included on the 2011 plaque. An image of the plaque is shown below.



The pictures below were provided to LATCRA by The Willard InterContinental Hotel. Note that The White House is in the far left of the picture of the 19th century Willard Hotel.



The Willard Hotel in the 19th Century



**The Modern Willard
InterContinental Hotel**

Abraham Lincoln's Life in Music

A free concert will inaugurate our year of Civil War sesquicentennial events on February 5, 2011, at 4pm, at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church's Meletis Charubas Community Center, 3149 Glen Carlyn Rd., Falls Church, Virginia. Renowned pianist and author Elizabeth Smith Brownstein and violinist Sergeant Major Laura Knudson of the U.S. Army Band will present a program of well-known songs of the Civil War period.

Ms. Brownstein is the author of "Lincoln's Other White House: The Untold Story of the Man and his Presidency," and she will play music that Lincoln loved and talk about the significance of these songs in his life and his presidency.

According to one scholar, the Civil War was a "musical war," and as a lover of all kinds of music, Abraham Lincoln heard and sang much of the music of his time. Although he had little formal education, his musical tastes were broad, ranging from sentimental ballads and nonsense songs to opera.

Join us at this unique program offering insights into rarely considered aspects of Lincoln's temperament and leadership.

No tickets are required to attend this concert. Come and join us on February 5 for a lovely late afternoon concert that you will long remember. Free parking is available on the grounds of St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church.

Mason Matters Interview by Supervisor Penny Gross

Fairfax County Mason District Supervisor Penelope A. "Penny" Gross interviewed LATCRA Directors Maria Elena Schacknies and Kim B. Holien for the program *Mason Matters* which aired on the Fairfax County government cable station, Channel 16, in November.

Bailey's Crossroads is within the boundaries of the county's Mason District, and Maria Elena and Kim talked with Supervisor Gross about its history and significance and referred to Lincoln's review of the Northern troops in 1861 which took place in the area. They also spoke enthusiastically about LATCRA's plans and activities for 2011 with the culminating activity of the November re-enactment of the Grand Review of 1861.

Our Video!

LATCRA directors, advisors and volunteers are excited about the educational and promotional video that is being prepared covering LATCRA's history and plans and its association with the Bailey's

Crossroads area. This video is being funded by the Bailey's Crossroads Revitalization Corporation (BCRC), a community organization that is organized as a non-profit corporation to advocate for a comprehensive revitalization program in the Bailey's Crossroads and Seven Corners areas within Fairfax County, Virginia. (www.baileyscrossroads.org)

The seven minute video is being prepared by film and video production company, Kramer Communications (www.kramercommunications.tv), an Emmy winner for its first independent documentary, *The Price for Paradise*. Jeffrey T. Kramer, Director of Video Production, conducted the interviews in early December.

As you can see from the list of people who will appear on the video, their backgrounds and occupations are varied, but they all have a keen interest in telling people about the history of and planning for the future of Bailey's Crossroads with its relationship to President Lincoln and the Civil War.

Penelope A. "Penny" Gross, Mason District Supervisor, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
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Jim Getty, Portrayer of President Lincoln, LATCRA supporter,
Ron Tunison, Sculptor of historical monuments
June Baker, newsletter editor

At this time in early January we cannot give you the names and vicinities of the TV stations or the times when the video will be aired. We expect to have that information available in our next newsletter.

Transportation Committee Formed

LATCRA held a meeting with representatives from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) on November 29, 2010. At this meeting, VDOT agreed to work with LATCRA to address our request for road closures on November 12, 2011, for the Grand Review re-enactment. VDOT asked that we form a transportation committee to handle the coordination that will be necessary to effect the closures.

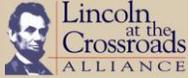
We explained that the staging would take place at the Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) Alexandria Campus and the end of the parade would reach almost to Columbia Pike along Leesburg Pike (Virginia Rte. 7). Thus, the committee is tasked with ensuring that the police and EMS departments of Fairfax County, Alexandria and Arlington are all working together on that day.

Last December 14, the newly formed LATCRA Transportation Committee met at the Mason District government offices in Annandale to determine individual roles and responsibilities to address our request for road closures and other logistics for November 12.

Members of the Transportation Committee include John Thillmann, Frank Sellers, Kim Holien, Matthew Flis, Christopher Cotone and Maria Elena Schacknies. Clara Pizana will represent Supervisor Gross' office as an observer and will interface with the Fairfax County Police Department.

A follow up meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for January 11, 2011, and we will report on results and issues in our next newsletter.

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I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him."
—Abraham Lincoln**

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