

Lincoln Oratory Contest

Saturday, October 4, 2014

Registration at 8:30 a.m. – Contest begins at 9 a.m.

This contest is composed of three divisions:

Division 1 is for members of the Lincoln Presenters Association

Division 2 is open to all interested individuals

Division 3 is open to students 7th to 12th grades (from any school)

ORIGINAL ORATORY RULES

- A. This oration is composed and memorized by the contestant who delivers it.
- B. The theme of the speech shall fall within one of the following categories:
 - a) "I, too, am a Kentuckian.": Kentucky family, friends and associates who influenced Lincoln's personal development.
 - b) "His was the only line of salvation for our country." Lincoln's mentors: Kentucky's role in developing Lincoln's character politics, and ideals.
 - c) "I hope to have God on my side, but I must have Kentucky": Lincoln and the Civil War--the effect of Lincoln's policies on Kentucky before, during and after the Civil War.
 - d) "Now he belongs to the ages." The legacy of Lincoln's actions for today's world.
- C. The original oration will be no longer than three (3) minutes. Speeches will be timed.
- D. Since these orations have been written by the contestants delivering them, the judges will watch for thought, composition and delivery. However, since this is a contest in speech, emphasis will be placed on the speech phase. Thought and composition will be considered primarily in the way they are employed to make the speech effective.
- E. The orator will not be expected to solve any of the great problems of the day. Rather, he or she will be expected to discuss intelligently, with a degree of originality, in an interesting manner, and with some profit to the audience, the chosen topic.
- F. Delivery will be judged for mastery of the usual mechanics of speech --- poise, quality and use of voice, and bodily effectiveness --- and for the qualities of directness and sincerity which impress the oration on the mind of the audience.

**AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE FIRST-PLACE
WINNER IN EACH DIVISION**

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NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY/STATE/ZIP:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

ENTERING: DIVISION 1 _____ DIVISION 2 _____ DIVISION 3 _____

TITLE OF SPEECH: _____

THEME: (see B., a-d):

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