

Original Draft of Resolutions adopted by the League of  
Clarified upon the death of Abraham Lincoln April 1868  
Alfred W. Com. Member of Com. on  
Resolutions

Resolved, That while we recognize the in-  
efficiency of mere words to express  
the deep grief, that we, in common  
with the nation, feel at the great  
calamity which has fallen upon  
us in the death of Abraham Lincoln  
President, we can not forbear  
to express as well as words may, our  
heartfelt sorrow for the great na-  
tional bereavement, our just  
indignation and wrath toward  
all who participated in the horrid  
crime and our willingness  
to humbly learn whatever lesson,  
God may be seeking to teach  
us in this awful hour.

Resolved, That we regard the mis-  
erable wretch who has committed  
this crime as but an instru-  
ment in the hands of the  
same, wicked men who plunged  
Our Country into civil war, who  
for four years have deluged  
the land with blood and have  
placed a vacant chair by every  
hearthstone; and that while we  
are determined that the miscreant  
murderer shall suffer, as for as



human laws can inflict, the full penalty of his crime, we shall still hold the leading spirits of the rebellion, accountable for this murder and demand that summary and condign punishment shall be visited upon them,

Resolved, That in this great national crisis, while we shall strive to uphold and strengthen the hands of Andrew Johnson in all laudable endeavors, it is the imperative duty of every Union League to see that the Republic receive no harm and to be ready if occasion demand to sacrifice our all for the good of Our Country,

Resolved, That in determining the great questions now before the people for settlement we shall sadly miss the great wisdom, the long experience and God-endorsed foresight of Mr Lincoln; but our grief is mitigated and assuaged by the thought that over the bias



of the illustrious dead gleams  
the star of immortal great-  
ness,

Resolved, That to the afflicted  
family of Mr Lincoln we  
tender, as does a weeping  
nation our ~~tender~~ <sup>sincere and</sup> heart-  
felt sympathy in this, to them,  
double bereavement of a father  
and president.

Resolved That as an outward mark  
of our deep inward grief, this  
Chamber be <sup>90 days</sup> ~~for the year~~ draped  
in the garments of mourning.

That the members of this Council do  
wear the usual Badge of Mourning for  
thirty days, as that this Hall be draped  
in mourning for the space of 3 mo.