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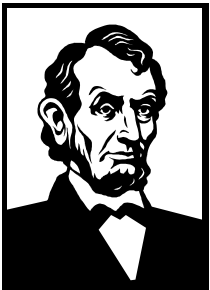
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## February Luncheon

Since President's Day was February 16th, it was appropriate that on February 3<sup>rd</sup> our topic was Abraham



Lincoln.

Chuck Southworth, an avid Lincoln buff, was our guest speaker. Chuck has been interested in Lincoln since childhood. He has studied and collected Lincoln memorabilia for most of his life. He has a whole room in his home dedicated to his collection. He brought along a few pieces from his collection to share with us, including presidential campaign buttons, coins, and even a Lincoln death mask that was copied from the original.

Chuck explained that death masks were a common thing to do prior to the popularity of photographs. Chuck touched on various aspects of Lincoln's life, but focused on his leadership ability. Chuck said that Lincoln lived by the creed "*responsibility precedes privilege*".

Lincoln faced many obstacles in his life, including his height (he was 6' 4", which given average height increases, would equate to 7' today), problems with Union generals during the Civil War, and his uneasiness around women. Some speculate that Lincoln's size was due to Marfan syndrome, which can cause a person to have extra long limbs, fingers, and toes.

Chuck also touched on the eerie similarities between the life and deaths of President Lincoln and President Kennedy. At the end of the talk, there was a lively round of questions and answers.



Chuck Southworth and brother Justice Mitchell, holding the Lincoln death mask

**Tidbits...**

- Brother Edward Hill, Florida Theta, is our newest member. By contributing more than the \$30 dues, Brother Hill is a member of the Sword & Shield Society.



On January 31, 2004, Florida Alpha brother Sonny Voorhis and his wife celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. On hand to help celebrate were brothers Dabney Davis and Alan Jones. Pictured (L to R) brothers Davis, Voorhis, Jones, and friend Charlie Townsend.

**Upcoming Events**

<b>When</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>What</b>
Tuesday, March 2, 2004	Lunch @ Lee's Lakeside at noon	Frank Billingsly, Executive Director for the Downtown Development Board, will be on hand to tell us what is going on in Downtown Orlando.
Friday, March 26, 2004	Founder's Day Dinner @ "The Tap Room" located just adjacent to Historic Dubsdread Golf Course	Founder's Day Celebration with guest speaker Pat Clarke, sports director with WESH TV channel 2 in Orlando.
Tuesday, April 6, 2004	Lunch @ Lee's Lakeside at noon	John Fareed, "Building Your Personal Brand"

**Yes, I goofed. In the last newsletter I said that our Founders Day Dinner was on Friday, March 24th. For those of you that can read a calendar (since obviously I can't) that should have read Friday, March 26th. Please send your reservations in now!**

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