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**Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum to unveil  
new, temporary exhibit**

***Tales from the Crypt: A History of the  
Lincoln Tomb***

*Exhibit highlights the history of Lincoln Tomb*

**Springfield, Ill.** On Saturday, Feb. 3, the Illinois Gallery of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum will reveal the new, temporary exhibit *Tales from the Crypt: A History of the Lincoln Tomb*. This exhibit will showcase the rich history of the Lincoln Tomb. Visitors will be invited to step back into time and relive the events and decisions surrounding the creation of the Lincoln Tomb. The exhibit details the stories, controversies and sometimes downright battles over the martyred remains of the 16th President, including the tomb raiders and the plots to steal Lincoln's body through the restoration of the site and reburial of Lincoln in 1901. In addition, the exhibit will look at the caretakers that have protected this historic site through the years.

"The history of the Lincoln Tomb is in a way as complex as the life of Mr. Lincoln himself," said ALPLM Executive Director Rick Beard. "Through historic photos and artifacts, this exhibit will show in great detail how this historic site has changed over the years."

Among the artifacts on display are:

- Funeral items, including the mourning sash worn by General Grant
- Burglary tools used during the 1876 attempt to steal Lincoln's body
- Historic photographs from all stages of the Tomb's history including the original building, 1900 remodel, 1930 remodel, and vandalism in the 1980's and 90's
- Photos of famous visitors over the years

*Tales from the Crypt: A History of the Lincoln Tomb*, runs Feb. 3 — March 25, 2007.

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