



Inaugural Luncheon

*In honor of
The President of the United States and Mrs. Bush
and
The Vice President of the United States and Mrs. Cheney*

*Statuary Hall
The Capitol of the United States of America
City of Washington
January twentieth
Two thousand one*

Hosts

Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies

Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, Chairman

Frank Lott of Mississippi

Christopher J. Dodd of Connecticut

J. Dennis Hastert of Illinois

Richard K. Armey of Texas

Richard A. Gephardt of Missouri



Luncheon Menu

Lobster Pie

Grenadin of Beef Supreme

Toffee Pudding

Vanilla Bean Ice Cream

Sonoma-Cutter, Les Pierres, Chardonnay 1996

Fetzer Vineyards Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley 1997

Korbel Natural "Special Inaugural Cuvée" Champagne N.V.

Program

Invocation

The Reverend Billy Graham

Presentation and Toast

Senator Mitch McConnell

Chairman

Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies

Presentation

Representative J. Dennis Hastert

The Speaker

Benediction

Pastor Kirbyjon H. Caldwell

United States Army Band Brass Quintet

A History

The Inaugural Luncheon tradition dates back to William McKinley's first inauguration in 1897. Today we continue this tradition and commemorate several historic milestones: the first presidential inauguration of the 21st century and the new millennium, the 200th anniversary of the first presidential inauguration in Washington, D.C. and the 100th anniversary of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.

Prior to the 20th century, the inaugural ceremonies were handled exclusively by the Senate. In 1901, the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies (JCCIC) was formed to plan and conduct the inaugural events. Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky serves as Chairman of the JCCIC for the 54th Presidential Inauguration.

In recognition of the 200th anniversary of the first presidential inauguration in Washington, D.C., the portrait *West Front, Steps of the Capitol* by American artist Colin Campbell Cooper is displayed above the head table. The portrait depicts the West Front Terrace, designed in 1874 by Frederick Law Olmsted, and the site of today's presidential inauguration. The portrait is on loan from MBNA America.

National Statuary Hall

Statuary Hall, which has been the setting for the Inaugural Luncheon since 1981, was recently renovated with special attention given to restoring the ceiling to its original 1902 paint scheme. Statuary Hall, formerly used as the Chamber for the House of Representatives from 1807 to 1857, now houses a unique collection of bronze and marble statues commemorating distinguished citizens of 38 states.

Presentations

On behalf of the Congress and the American people, the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies is presenting the President and Vice President of the United States with a custom-crafted crystal bowl created by Lenox China. Commemorating the inaugural, each bowl and solid crystal base weighs forty pounds. When viewed from the front, the crystal bowl depicts an image of the U.S. Capitol in the distance, flanked by cherry trees on either side. To the left of the Capitol there is a depiction of the White House. Rotating the bowl 360 degrees provides panoramic views of both American landmarks from different angles through the trees. The bowl was designed by Timothy Carder, Vice President of Design for Lenox China, and hand-cut by master glass cutter Peter O'Rourke. Brown Forman, which is based in Chairman Mitch McConnell's hometown of Louisville, Kentucky, is the parent company of Lenox China.

Each luncheon guest will receive a polished pewter box with an image of the U.S. Capitol as the building appeared on March 4, 1801, the date of the inauguration of Thomas Jefferson, the first presidential inaugural held in the new Capitol. The gift is made possible by the Made in Connecticut Guild, Ltd., Woodbury Pewter of Woodbury, Connecticut and Northeast Laser Engraving, Inc. of Monroe, Connecticut. The gift is hand crafted by Woodbury Pewter and engraved by Northeast Laser Engraving with "The Inaugural Luncheon—January 20, 2001."