



# *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*

*Trent Lott of Mississippi*

*Christopher J. Dodd of Connecticut*

*J. Dennis Hastert of Illinois*

*Richard K. Armev of Texas*

*Richard A. Gephardt of Missouri*



## Luncheon Menu

*Lobster Pie*

*Grenadin of Beef Supreme*

*Toffee Pudding*

*Vanilla Bean Ice Cream*

Sonoma-Cutrer, Les Pierres, Chardonnay 1998

Fetzer Vineyards Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley 1997

Korbel Natural "Special Inaugural Cuvee" 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 21<sup>st</sup> century and the new millennium, the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first presidential inauguration in Washington, D.C. and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.

Prior to the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 54<sup>th</sup> Presidential Inauguration.

In recognition of the 200<sup>th</sup> 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."