



Inaugural Luncheon

*In honor of
The President of the United States
and Mrs. Trump
and
The Vice President of the
United States
and Mrs. Pence*

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



Hosts

*Joint Congressional Committee on
Inaugural Ceremonies*

Roy Blunt of Missouri, Chairman

Mitch McConnell of Kentucky

Charles E. Schumer of New York

Paul D. Ryan of Wisconsin

Kevin McCarthy of California

Nancy Pelosi of California

Luncheon Menu

Maine Lobster and Gulf Shrimp

Saffron Sauce

Peanut Crumble

Grilled Seven Hills Angus Beef

Dark Chocolate and Juniper Jus

Potato Gratin

Chocolate Soufflé

Cherry Vanilla Ice Cream

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CALIFORNIA CHAMPAGNE

National Statuary Hall

National Statuary Hall, which has been the setting for the inaugural luncheon since 1981, served as the chamber for the House of Representatives from 1819 until 1857, when the House moved into its current chamber. Since 1870, it has housed a unique collection of bronze and marble statues commemorating distinguished citizens selected by the states.



Featured Artwork

George Caleb Bingham (1811-1879) rose to national prominence in the 1840s with his depictions of the western riverboatmen who moved goods along the Missouri River. One of the most acclaimed achievements of this Missouri painter, however, is *The Election Series*, a group of three paintings that presents the democratic process, from public debate, to voting, to the announcement of elections, as it occurred in the small towns he knew well. *Verdict of the People, 1854-55*, is the final painting of this series. Though grounded in the local, Bingham explained that he wanted the series to speak nationally in its portrayal of "liberty" as it appears in "the manners of a free people and free institutions." This painting is on loan from the Saint Louis Art Museum.



Smithsonian Chamber Players

The Smithsonian Chamber Players specialize in performing historical masterworks of the seventeenth through early twentieth centuries. The selection performed today is a mixture of American repertoire pieces written for presidents, as well as some of the European compositions found in the extensive music library of Thomas Jefferson, who was a capable violinist.

Program

Invocation

Dr. Barry C. Black
CHAPLAIN
UNITED STATES SENATE

Presentations and Toasts

Roy Blunt
CHAIRMAN
JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON
INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

Kevin McCarthy
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Nancy Pelosi
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Charles E. Schumer
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Paul D. Ryan
SPEAKER
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mitch McConnell
UNITED STATES SENATE

Benediction

Rev. Patrick J. Conroy, S.J.
CHAPLAIN
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A History

The tradition of the inaugural luncheon at the Capitol dates as far back as 1897, when the Senate Committee on Arrangements gave a luncheon for President McKinley and several other guests in the Naval Affairs Committee room. In its modern form, the luncheon has been hosted by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies since 1953, when President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Vice President Richard Nixon, Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies members, and fifty invited guests dined on creamed chicken, baked ham, and potato puffs in the now-restored Old Senate Chamber. Since then the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies has hosted seventeen inaugural luncheons. Today's luncheon is the tenth held in National Statuary Hall.



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 hand-cut, etched crystal bowls created by Lenox exclusively for the 2017 Presidential Inaugural Luncheon. The inspiration for the bowls comes directly from the work of Pierre L'Enfant and Andrew Ellicott, who laid out the plans for the city of Washington, and defined the borders of the District of Columbia. The bowl crafted for the President features an illustration of the White House on one side and the Jefferson Memorial on the other. The Vice President's bowl features an illustration of the Capitol on one side and the Lincoln Memorial on the other. Each bowl has a compass rose cut into the base that aligns with the cardinal directions of the illustrations. Both bowls rest on black cherry wood bases that bear inscriptions of the date and occasion engraved onto silver plaques. The bowls were designed by Timothy Carder, Vice President of Design for Lenox, and hand cut by master glass cutter Peter O'Rourke.

