



# The Illinois Inaugural Gala

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Monday, January 19, 2009



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# The Illinois State Society



and the

National Conference of State Societies  
request the honor of your presence at their



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on the occasion of the Inauguration of

The Honorable Barack Hussein Obama, Jr.  
44th President of the United States of America  
and

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
47th Vice President of the United States of America

Monday, January 19, 2009

5:30 pm—Gala Reception and Dinner

8:30 pm—Illinois State Society Inaugural Gala Ball

Renaissance Washington, DC Hotel  
999 9th Street, NW  
Washington, District of Columbia



Black Tie

Complimentary Food and Beverages

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Come celebrate Illinois! January 19, 2009 is the night to celebrate all that is Illinois including the Inauguration of the 44th President of the United States, The Honorable Barack Obama, as well as the 200th birthday anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln.

Do it all! Meet your friends under the Marshall Fields' clock in the *City of Chicago* ballroom where you can dance to the big-band music of the Bob Hardwick Sound. Enjoy the Strolling Strings in the *Illinois Hall of Heroes*, sip a milkshake in the *Heartland Diner*, or have coffee and tea at the *Round House Café*. Imagine the rolling muddy Mississippi while you sit in the *Riverboat Lounge* listening to honky-tonk piano player Daryl Ott. Kick up your heels with Southern Winds in the *Country Saloon* or rock the night away in the *University* ballroom as Second Nature and Doctors Orders provide continuous dance music throughout the night. Take time to relax in *Steppenwolf Theatre* on *Theatre Row* and watch famous Illinoisans who made it big on screen and stage. Have your caricature drawn in the *Drawing Room* or send a greeting to our troops in *Armed Forces Hall*. Have a beer in the *Irish Pub*, dance in the *DiscoTech*, dine in the *Chicago Pizzeria*, or cheer for your favorite Illinois sports team in the *Sports Bar*. Don't miss *Hyde Park*, *State Street*, *Route 66*, *Interstate 80*, *Route 51*, and the *Magnificent Mile*. And, every trip to Illinois must include a visit to the State Capitol in Springfield to visit *Governors' Hall* and to attend the *State Fair*.

Everywhere you go, you will experience the sights, sounds, and foods of Illinois. Enjoy "Heartland" hospitality as the Renaissance Washington, DC Hotel magically transforms into the cities, towns, riverfronts, and historical sites in Illinois. Throughout the evening, twelve musical groups will provide entertainment, and food and beverages are complimentary.

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