

The 56th inaugural event for President Obama in 2009 had the largest attendance of any event in the history of Washington, DC. The incoming resident was a Democrat, the outgoing President Bush was a Republican. The nation was at war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

President Lyndon Johnson (Democrat) was the first president to ride in a bullet-proof limo to his inauguration in 1965. The nation was at war in Vietnam.

When President Coolidge (Republican) took the oath in 1925, he was sworn in by former President William Howard Taft, who was then the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

In 2001, President George W. Bush hoped to use the same Bible that George Washington used. Due to inclement weather, a family Bible was substituted. Bush was a Republican replacing Democrat Bill Clinton.

The first poet to participate in inaugural ceremonies was Robert Frost (aged 87) for John F. Kennedy's inauguration in 1961. Kennedy was a Democrat replacing term-limited Republican Dwight Eisenhower.

When William McKinley was inaugurated in 1897, it was recorded by a motion picture camera...a first. McKinley was a Republican replacing Democrat Grover Cleveland.

The first inaugural event to be streamed on the internet was President Clinton's (Democrat) in 1997.

The first inauguration to be televised was when Harry Truman (Democrat) was sworn in for a second term in 1949. The nation was at war in Korea.

Upon taking the oath again in 1893, Grover Cleveland (Democrat) was the only President to serve two, non-consecutive terms. He had previously served from 1885-1889. President Benjamin Harrison (Republican) served from 1889-1893.

President Reagan's (Republican) second inauguration in 1985 was the coldest inauguration on record at 7 degrees. The ceremony was moved indoors.

In 1937, FDR (Democrat) was the first president to be inaugurated on January 20th, a change made by the 20th amendment to the Constitution. The nation is mired in the Great Depression.

In 1881, President Garfield (Republican) was the first president to review the inaugural parade from a stand built in front of the White House.

In 1977, President Carter was the first to walk from the Capitol to the White House in the parade following the swearing in. Carter was a Democrat replacing Republican Gerald R. Ford.

President Hoover (Republican) was the first president to have his swearing in recorded by talking newsreel in 1929.

Outgoing President Andrew Johnson (Democrat) did not accompany President-elect Ulysses S. Grant (Republican) to his inauguration in 1869. He was signing last-minute legislation.

President-elect Abraham Lincoln (Republican) rode to his inauguration in 1861 under armed guard for fear an assassin would try to kill him as the nation was on the brink of civil war.

When Martin Van Buren (Democrat) took the oath of office in 1837, he was the first to NOT be born a British subject.

The first inauguration to take place in Washington, DC was in 1801 for President Thomas Jefferson. This was the first inauguration to mark the peaceful transition of parties. From outgoing President John Adams (Federalist) to Jefferson (Democratic-Republican).

The eighteenth inaugural ceremonies of James Buchanan (Democrat) in 1859 was the first to be photographed.

In 1829, President-elect Andrew Jackson (Democrat) was the first to be inaugurated on the steps of the Capitol. He had defeated President John Q. Adams (Democratic-Republican).

President John Adams (Federalist) was the first President to receive the oath of office from a Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Franklin Pierce (Democrat) was the first president to affirm rather than swear his oath of office in 1853.

President John Q. Adams (Democratic-Republican) became the first son of a president to assume the same office in 1825. His father, President John Adams, served from 1797-1801.

George Washington (Independent) gave the shortest inaugural address at 135 words when he was sworn in for a second term in 1793.

President James K. Polk's (Democrat) inauguration in 1845 was the first to be covered by telegraph. Polk was replacing former Whig-turned-Independent President Zachary Taylor.

President James Monroe (Democratic-Republican) was the first to take the oath of office and deliver the inaugural address outdoors in 1817.

The first inauguration took place in New York City in 1789. President George Washington (Independent) was sworn in on the balcony of Federal Hall.

In 1841, William H. Harrison's (Whig) inaugural address was 10,000 words, the longest. He did not wear a hat or gloves despite a storm. Following the swearing-in, Harrison contracted pneumonia and died a month later.

The first Inaugural Ball was held the evening of March 4, 1809 in honor of President James Madison (Democratic-Republican). It was held at Long's Hotel and tickets cost \$4 each.



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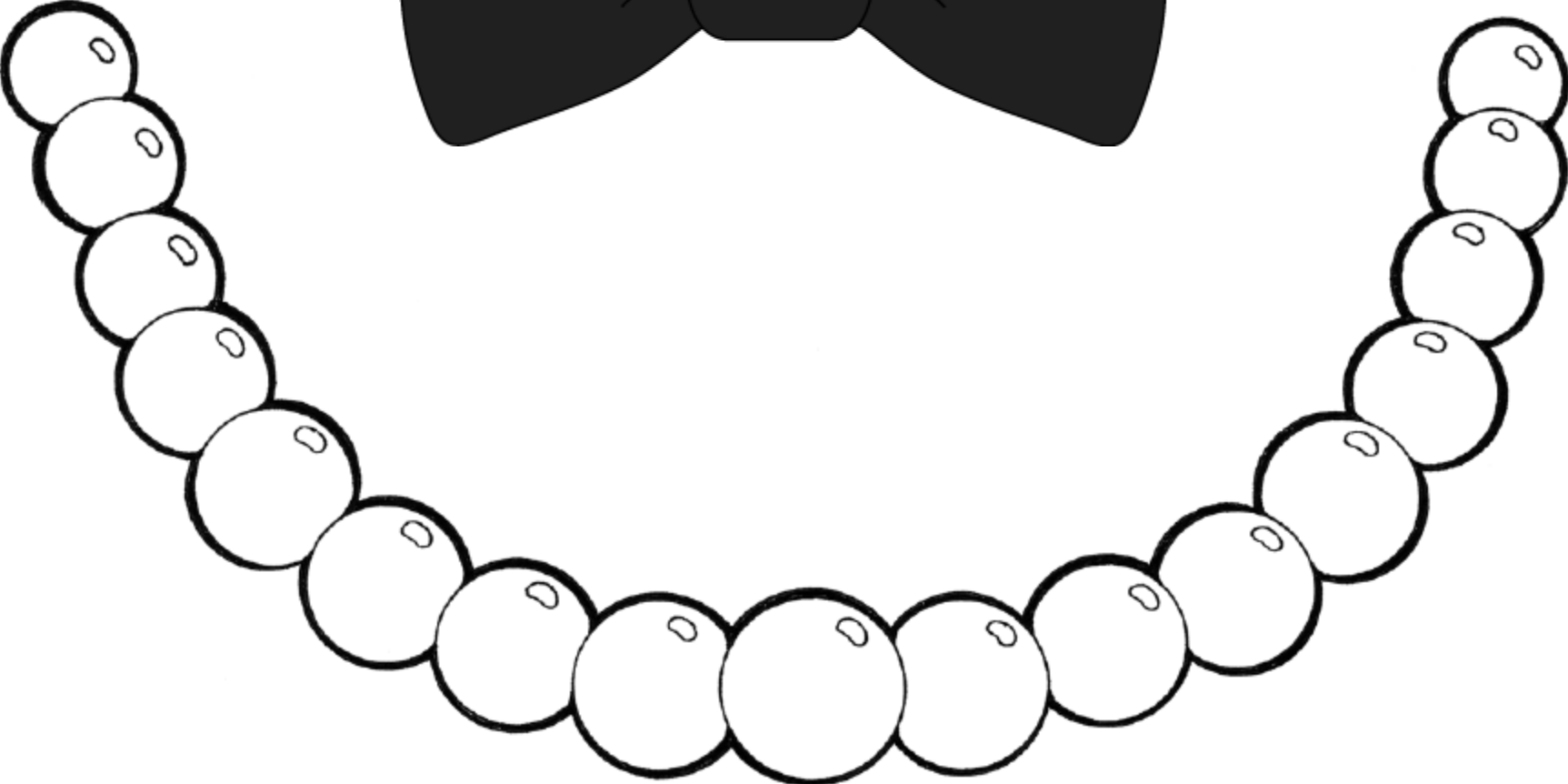
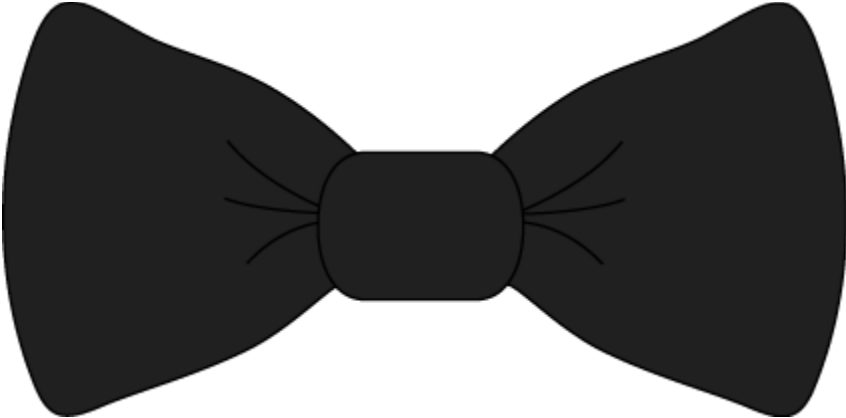


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