





THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. BUSH

welcome you to

THE WHITE HOUSE

for entertainment in celebration of the

300TH ANNIVERSARY

OF

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN'S BIRTH



Thursday, March 23, 2006

RALPH ARCHBOLD

Ralph Archbold has been portraying Benjamin Franklin since 1973 in over 16,000 presentations throughout America and overseas. During the bicentennial of America's Constitution in 1987 and the 250th anniversary of Franklin's death in 1990, Mr. Archbold represented this great man as the "official Franklin." He was appointed by President Bush to the 15-member federal commission to oversee the Benjamin Franklin tercentenary.

By presenting a message that is tailored to each group, from the youngest children to the most senior of our citizens, Mr. Archbold has won praise in the education, government and corporate worlds as the leading Franklin portrayer. He has been awarded the prestigious Council of Peers Award of Excellence from the National Speaker's Association and is in the Speaker's Hall of Fame.

Mr. Archbold resides in Philadelphia and makes over 600 presentations each year. His mission is to share the ideas and ideals of Franklin with current generations and inspire them to develop their potential to the fullest. As a part of this effort, he has begun the Franklin Legacy project to interview successful individuals in all areas of life who have been influenced by Ben Franklin's autobiography, sayings and biographies. He hopes to help perpetuate and expand the impact of Benjamin Franklin as a founder of our country and an inspiration to greatness.

*Being the choicest Morsels of Wisdom,
By that well-known Savant,
Dr. Benjamin Franklin of Philadelphia.*

A presentation by
RALPH ARCHBOLD



*The Benjamin Franklin artifacts on display this evening
were graciously loaned to the White House by the
Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary*

THE ARTIFACTS

Constitution of the United States

[Philadelphia: Dunlap and Claypoole, 1787]
Printed with Benjamin Franklin's handwritten annotations
American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia
Owned by Benjamin Franklin

Louis Sicardy

Miniature portrait of Louis XVI, 1784

Watercolor on ivory with gold and glass
American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia

Elias Boudinot

Tankard (Philadelphia), 1733-1752

Silver

The Frankliniana Collection, The Franklin Institute, Inc., Philadelphia
Owned by Benjamin Franklin

Benjamin Franklin

***Poor Richard*, 1733**

Philadelphia: Printed and sold by B. Franklin, [1732]
Rosenbach Museum & Library, Philadelphia

Cicero, translated by James Logan

M.T. Cicero's Cato Major

Philadelphia: Benjamin Franklin, 1744
Library Company of Philadelphia

