

GADSBY'S TAVERN MUSEUM is a registered National Historic Landmark so designated for its prominent role in the social, economic, political, and educational history of the United States. The site comprises two architecturally significant buildings—a Georgian-style tavern built in 1785 and a larger Federal-style hotel built in 1792—collectively named after John Gadsby who operated the tavern and hotel from 1796 to 1808. Gadsby's hosted many important statesmen in the 18th and 19th centuries including founding fathers George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and James Monroe. George Washington frequented the Tavern and attended two Birthnight Balls held there in his honor, a tradition that continues to this day. In 1801, Thomas Jefferson's first inaugural banquet was held at Gadsby's. The staff of Gadsby's Tavern Museum continues the preservation and interpretation of this significant site through many educational and social events.

GADSBY'S TAVERN MUSEUM SOCIETY [GTMS], founded in 1992, is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization of civic-spirited citizens who are dedicated to the preservation, enhancement, and interpretation of the Museum as well as the promotion of its many educational and cultural programs. Efforts have included a major renovation of the Tavern's historic ice well, purchase of period furnishings, and preservation of textiles that made Gadsby's a fashionable destination for national leaders.

"BEST BIB & TUCKER" means one's best clothes. The term's first printed use was in 1747 in the translation of the Marquis d'Argens' ambitiously titled work, *New Memoirs Establishing a True Knowledge of Mankind*: "The Country-woman minds nothing on Sundays so much as her best Bib and Tucker." Both bibs and tuckers were women's clothing items in use from the 17th to the 19th centuries. Tuckers were lace, modesty pieces fitted into the bodice of a dress. Early bibs were used by women much like tuckers but were frilled. Men wore a shirt with a frilled front.

GADSBY'S TAVERN
MUSEUM *Society*

P R E S E N T S



The Best Bib & Tucker Ball 2018



Sponsorship Opportunities

Marquis de Lafayette Sponsor

Complimentary admission for two guests..... \$350

- Listing in the event program and other media
- One year "Sponsor Recognition" on GTMS website and in social media
- New or renewed Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society membership at the Merchant/Friend level, 10% museum shop discount, annual meeting invitation and Museum lapel pin, free tours of Gadsby's Tavern Museum and affiliated historic sites in Alexandria

Thomas Jefferson Sponsor

Complimentary admission for four guests..... \$750

Benefits applicable to Marquis de Lafayette Sponsor

John Adams Sponsor

Complimentary admission for six guests..... \$1,500

Benefits applicable to Thomas Jefferson Sponsor plus

- Half page recognition in the Ball program
- Recognition by GTMS President during event
- Reserved table in premier and visible location

George Washington Sponsor

Complimentary admission for eight guests..... \$2,000

Benefits applicable to John Adams Sponsor

- Prominent advertising & signage at event and GTMS website & social media outreach
- Reserved table in premier and visible location
- Full page recognition in Ball program
- Two tickets to the George Washington Birthnight Ball in February 2019
- Naming rights

Reservations

To make reservations *online* please visit www.gadsbystavernmuseum.us

To make reservations *by mail* please follow the instructions on the enclosed reply card

~ New to the Society attendees receive a free one-year membership ~

The Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society
Requests the pleasure of your company at



Dining, Entertainment & Dancing

Doc Scantlin's Palmettos and the Dazzling Chou Chou

Oyster bar, champagne, sumptuous repast & libations

Fabulous Silent Auction

Catalog online April 9 at www.gadsbystavernmuseum.us

Saturday, April 14, 2018

7 – 10:30 PM

\$150 per person
Formal Attire Requested



Gadsby's Tavern Museum

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Proceeds from this event benefit Gadsby's Tavern Museum

Questions? Please call Ball Co-Chairs Kay Zerwick at 703-548-0717,
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