



*INAUGURATION
CEREMONIES
PROGRAM*

JANUARY TWENTIETH

NINETEEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE



Inauguration
of the
President and Vice President
of the
United States of America
at the National Capitol
January Twentieth
Nineteen Hundred Eighty-One

MARK O. HATFIELD. *Chairman*, U.S. Senate, Oregon.
HOWARD H. BAKER, JR. U.S. Senate, Tennessee.
ROBERT C. BYRD. U.S. Senate, West Virginia.
CLAIBORNE PELL. U.S. Senate, Rhode Island.
JOHN J. RHODES. U.S. House of Representatives, Arizona.
ROBERT H. MICHEL. U.S. House of Representatives, Illinois.
THOMAS P. O'NEILL, JR. Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, Massachusetts.
JIM WRIGHT. U.S. House of Representatives, Texas.

*Joint Congressional
Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.*

Program

Program introductions will be by the Honorable Mark O. Hatfield, Chairman, Joint Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.

Selection by the United States Marine Band, Lieutenant Colonel John Bourgeois, Director.

Invocation by the Reverend Donn Moomaw.

Oath of Office administered to the Vice President by the Honorable Potter Stewart, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the United States.

Oath of Office administered to the President by the Honorable Warren Burger, Chief Justice of the United States.

Ruffles and Flourishes, "Hail to the Chief", and twenty-one gun salute.

Inaugural Address by the President of the United States.

The National Anthem, sung by Juanita Booker, accompanied by the United States Marine Band.

Benediction by the Reverend Donn Moomaw.

Inaugural History

The United States Capitol has been the traditional site for most inaugural ceremonies. This year, however, President-elect Ronald Reagan will take the oath of office on the West Front of the Capitol for the first time in history.

Thomas Jefferson was the first President to take the oath at the Capitol in Washington. In 1829, Andrew Jackson moved the swearing-in ceremonies outside to the East Front, establishing a precedent which guided inaugurals for over 100 years.

Under special circumstances, other Presidents have taken the oath in various parts of Washington, D.C., and the Nation. John Tyler and Andrew Johnson were inaugurated in Washington hotels, and Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman were each inaugurated once in the White House. George Washington was sworn in on Wall Street in New York City, Calvin Coolidge in Plymouth, Vermont, and Lyndon B. Johnson aboard Air Force One.

Beginning with Washington's second term in 1793, Presidents were traditionally inaugurated on March 4. Adoption of the Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution changed that date to January 20.

Prior to this change, there was only one aspect of the inauguration written into the Constitution—the Presidential Oath contained in Article II, Section 1:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of the President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

Places of Assembly

and

Order of Procession

Every four years, the House of Representatives and the Senate pass separate resolutions declaring that they will convene at 10:30 on the morning of January 20 to participate in the Inaugural Ceremonies. While in session, both Chambers move to the Inaugural Platform and then recess upon completion of the ceremony.

Members of the House of Representatives will proceed as a body from their Chamber and be seated on the House side of the President's Platform.

The Senate will proceed as a body from its Chamber and be seated on the Senate side of the President's Platform.

The Governors of the States will assemble in the Old Senate Chamber before being escorted to the Platform. They will be seated in boxes to the left of the President.

The Ambassadors and Ministers of Foreign Countries will assemble in the Rayburn Room, H-207 in the Capitol, prior to being escorted to the Platform. They will be seated in boxes to the right of the President.

The Chief Justice of the United States and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court will assemble in the Old Supreme Court Chamber in the Capitol. Members of the



Cabinet of the President-elect will assemble in Room H-227 in the Capitol. Both groups will be escorted to their seats on the Platform.

When these groups and other distinguished guests are seated in their designated places on the Platform, the wife of the President, of the Vice President, of the President-elect, and of the Vice President-elect will be escorted to the President's Platform.

The Joint Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies will escort the President and Vice President to the President's Platform. The Committee also will escort the President-elect and Vice President-elect.

Entrances to the Senate and House Wings

Cards or tickets of admission to the Senate and House Wings will be good only at the doors beneath the arches under the East Steps of the Senate and House Wings. These doors will be opened at 9:30 a.m. to ticket holders. Persons presenting themselves at any other entrances will be refused admission.

Tickets

Tickets to those sections of the Inaugural site designated as A, A-1, A-2, B, B-1, C-1, C-2, D, D-1, E, F, and all standing room tickets *will not admit visitors to the Capitol Building.*

Tickets allowing access to the Senate side of the Capitol and the Inaugural Platform must be presented at the door beneath the arch under the East Steps of the Senate Wing. These tickets must also be presented at checkpoints in the Capitol.

Tickets allowing access to the House Wing of the Capitol and the Inaugural Platform must be presented at the door beneath the arch under the East Steps of the House Wing. These tickets must also be presented at checkpoints in the Capitol.

Tickets to Sections A, A-1, and A-2 should be presented only at Gate 1, New Jersey and Independence Avenues, S.E., or Gate 8, Delaware and Constitution Avenues, N.E.

Tickets to Sections B and B-1 should be presented only at Gate 7, New Jersey and Constitution Avenues, N.W.

Tickets to Section C-1 should be presented only at Gate 5, First Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., or Gate 6, First Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W.

Tickets to Section C-2 should be presented only at Gate 3, First Street and Independence Avenue, S.W., or at Gate 4, First Street and Maryland Avenue, S.W.

Tickets to Section D should be presented only at Gate 2, South Capitol Street and Independence Avenue.

Tickets to Section E should be presented only at Gate 6, First Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W.

Tickets to Section F should be presented only at Gate 3, First Street and Independence Avenue, S.W.

A map giving the Gate and Section locations is included in the invitation packet.

Regulations for the Capitol Building

The Capitol Building and Subways will be closed after 5 p.m. on Monday, January 19, and will be kept closed until 9 a.m., Wednesday, January 21.

The Senate and House sides of the Capitol, including the Rotunda and Crypt, will remain closed to the public until 9 a.m., Wednesday, January 21.

No persons will be admitted to the Capitol without an admission card or ticket signed by the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.

All doors to the Rotunda and Crypt will be closed and passageways leading thereto will be kept clear. National Statuary Hall will be closed.

No one will be permitted to pass from the House or Senate Wings through the Rotunda or Crypt except Members of Congress, its officers, and escorted guests. Members, officers, and escorted guests will be provided special, non-transferable cards of admission.

All vehicles will be excluded from the Capitol grounds until after the conclusion of the ceremonies.

The Sergeant at Arms of the Senate, the Sergeant at Arms of the House, and the Executive Director of the Joint Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies are charged with execution of these arrangements.

