

The Reading of the Declaration

Suggestions for the Person Welcoming those Assembled

The annual reading of the Declaration of Independence is sponsored by four organizations:

- The Jaffrey Center Village Improvement Society,
- The Jaffrey Historical Society,
- The Selectmen's Meetinghouse Committee, and
- The Jaffrey Historic District Commission.

Each year one person welcomes those in attendance to the Annual Reading of the Declaration. He/she is the first person to come onto the stage.

Welcoming those in attendance alternates annually between a representative of the Jaffrey Center Village Improvement Society and the Jaffrey Historical Society.

The Welcomer proceeds onto the stage, approaches the lectern, and does a short introduction to the event as the first speaker. He or she introduces him/herself, identifies his/her affiliation (e.g. President of The Historical Society, or similar), notes that this is the 16th Annual Reading of The Declaration of Independence, and in one or two minutes:

- welcomes those in the hall,
- mentions that the event is sponsored by the four organizations,
- thanks the Readers and others for participating,
- and notes that after the Reading ice cream will be served at the Horsesheds behind the Meetinghouse.

Once this is done, the Welcomer exits the stage to his/her right and once he/she has exited the stage the first Reader comes onto the stage, proceeds to the lectern, and starts the Reading.

THIS IS A SERIOUS AND SOLUMN OCCASION. NO PERSONAL REFERENCES, NO THANKS TO INDIVIDUALS, NO JOKES, NO FRIVOLITY, NO HAMMING IT UP!