

## **LONE WALK – GOVERNOR DEVAL L. PATRICK**

*Wednesday, January 7, 2015*

### *Background Information on the Lone Walk:*

The Lone Walk dates back to Governor Benjamin Butler's departure after finishing his term in 1884. Since that time, the traditions have evolved. However, typically the Governor first meets with the Governor-elect in the Governor's office for a private meeting. Both then participate in an exchange of four traditional symbols:

- *The Pewter Key*: The ceremonial original pewter key to the Governor's office door.
- *The Butler Bible*: Left by Governor Benjamin Butler to his successors in 1884, since he found no Bible in the office previously.
- *The Governor's Gavel*: Made from the white oak frame of the original U.S.S. Constitution and accepted as the "permanent official gavel" of the Governor's Council in 1906.
- *Massachusetts General Statutes*: Two volumes, which date back to 1860. The outgoing Governor traditionally inscribes a message to his or her successor in this text.

Following the exchange of symbols, the Governor leaves the Statehouse using the central doors which are only opened on three occasions: (1) when the Governor leaves and assumes office; (2) a visit by the sitting President or a Head of State; and (3) when military units return from battle or war.

Governor Patrick, Governor-elect Baker and their spouses will meet for the exchange of symbols at 4:45 p.m. in the Governor's Office, after which Governor Patrick will begin his Lone Walk at 5:02 p.m.

### *Along the Route:*

There will be a number of stakeholder groups and constituencies lining the Lone Walk route along the red carpet. A few particular groups of note are as follows:

- Student group from Orchard Gardens School in Roxbury, located on the staircase in Nurses Hall;
- Current and former members of Project 351, located on the staircase in Nurses Hall
- Members of the Massachusetts National Guard and military installations in Massachusetts in Memorial Hall;
- Massachusetts State Police Superintendent and Colonel Timothy Alben and Massachusetts National Guard Adjutant General Major General L. Scott Rice, located on the State House balcony outside of Doric Hall; and
- UMass Amherst Minuteman Marching Band located on the State House lawn.

*Detailed Schedule:*

Tuesday, January 6, 2014

2:00 p.m. Press pool has access to State House, except for Governor's Office, to begin cabling in.

Governor's Office set-up TBD

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10:00 a.m. Press located outside have access to media riser on Beacon Street, in front of the Shaw memorial, to begin set-up.

2:00 p.m. Press pool inside have access to their stations to begin set-up.

4:15 p.m. Governor and Mrs. Patrick have a private meeting with Governor-elect & Mrs. Baker in the Governor's Office.

4:45 p.m. Governor Patrick and Governor-Elect Baker exchange symbolic gifts in the Governor's Office.

5:02 p.m. Governor Patrick shakes Governor-elect Baker's hand at the threshold of Suite 360 and begins the Lone Walk by exiting the Governor's Office and Suite 360.

5:02-5:04 p.m. Governor Patrick walks past Members of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company in the 3rd floor hallway.

5:04-5:11 p.m. Governor Patrick walks past and greets Elected Officials, community leaders and members of the clergy in the 3rd floor hallway.

5:11-5:17 p.m. Governor Patrick walks down the Grand Staircase and greets guests in the Education, Innovation and Infrastructure sectors.

5:17-5:21 p.m. Governor Patrick walks through Memorial Hall and greets Gold Star Families and veterans, as well as military officials from the National Guard and military installations in MA.

5:21-5:25 p.m. Governor Patrick walks through Nurses' Hall and greets guests from Orchard Gardens School, Project 351 and guests from the the Labor, Health and Human Services, Public Safety and Administration and Finance sectors.

5:25-5:32 p.m. Governor Patrick walks through Doric Hall and greets current and former members of his staff.

- 5:32 p.m. Governor Patrick exits the State House's Center Doors, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.
- 5:32-5:33 p.m. On the first landing outside, Governor Patrick shakes hands with Major General Rice and Colonel Timothy Alben.
- 5:33-5:34 p.m. Governor Patrick holds on the 2nd landing for the Color Guard Formation and National Anthem.
- 5:34-5:37 p.m. Governor Patrick holds on the 2nd landing for the 19 Gun Salute.
- 5:37 p.m. Governor Patrick proceeds down the remainder of the staircase to Beacon Street.
- 5:38-5:48 p.m. Governor Patrick greets guests in front of the State House on Beacon Street.
- 5:48 p.m. Governor Patrick enters his vehicle on Beacon Street and departs.