The President elect Ronald Reagan was inaugurated as the Fortieth President of the United States.

The President addressed the crowd gathered for his inauguration including former President Jimmy Carter, Members elect of the Cabinet, Members of Congress, Members of the Diplomatic Corps, and invited guests. The President's remarks were broadcast live over nationwide radio and television.

Members of the press

12:25

The President went to the President's Room. He was escorted by Senator Mark O. Hatfield (R-Oregon).

The President participated in signing ceremonies for a memorandum for heads of executive departments and agencies implementing an immediate hiring freeze of civilian employees in the Executive Branch and for nominations of his Cabinet.

Members of the press

The President went to Statuary Hall.

2:15

The President and the First Lady attended a luncheon hosted by Senator and Mrs. Hatfield. Members of the press, in/out

2:15

The President addressed luncheon guests.

The President, escorted by Senator Hatfield, went to the holding room, H-206.

The President, escorted by Senator Hatfield, went to the steps of the East Front of the Capitol.


The President and the First Lady went to their motorcade.

2:58

The President and the First Lady motored from the U.S. Capitol to the North Portico of the White House.

3:49

The President and the First Lady went to the State Floor Residence.
3:50 3:51
The President and the First Lady walked from the North Portico to the Reviewing Stand, Northwest Gate.

3:51 5:04
The President and the First Lady viewed the inauguration parade in their honor. They were accompanied by:
George H. Bush, Vice President
Mrs. George H. (Barbara) Bush
Members of the Reagan family
Members of the Bush family
Other invited guests

5:05
The President and the First Lady returned to State Floor Residence.

5:08
The President went to the Oval Office.

The President participated in a photo opportunity with members of the press.

5:35
The President went to the second floor Residence. He was accompanied by his Special Assistant, David Fischer.

5:35 5:40
The President met with Mr. Fischer.

7:00
The President had dinner with Ted Graber, decorator, William Haines Company, Beverly Hills, California.

8:03
The President and the First Lady returned to the State Floor Residence. They were accompanied by:
Mr. Graber
Nancy C. Reynolds, Vice President for National Affairs, Bendix Corporation, Southfield, Michigan

The President and the First Lady participated in a family photo session with:
Michael E. Reagan, son
Mrs. Michael E. Reagan
Maureen E. Reagan, daughter
Patricia Reagan, daughter
Ronald P. Reagan, son
Mrs. Ronald P. Reagan
Neil Reagan, the President's brother
Mrs. Neil Reagan, sister in law of the President
Other family members

8:26
The President and the First Lady went to the South Grounds.
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The President and the First Lady went to the Opera House box tier.

The President and the First Lady were greeted by:
  Ms. Patricia Reagan (Davis)
  Ed Loznick, Inaugural Committee
  Mrs. Ed Loznick

The President was introduced by Mr. Wick.

The President addressed the guests attending the inaugural ball.
  Members of the press

The President and the First Lady went to the dance floor.

The President and the First Lady danced.

The President and the First Lady returned to their motorcade.

The President and the First Lady motored from the John F. Kennedy Center to the Pension Building.

The President and the First Lady went to an offstage announcement area.

The President and the First Lady were greeted by:
  Ms. Maureen Reagan
  Dennis Revelle, Inaugural Committee
  Joseph Coors, Inaugural Host
  Mrs. Joseph (Holly) Coors

The President was introduced by Mr. Gray.

The President addressed the guests attending the inaugural ball.
  Members of the press

The President and the First Lady went to the dance floor.

The President and the First Lady danced.

The President and the First Lady returned to their motorcade.

The President and the First Lady motored from the Pension Building to the Air and Space Museum.
The President and the First Lady went to the holding room.

The President and the First Lady went to the offstage announcement area.

The President and the First Lady were greeted by:
- Marvin P. Bush, son of the Vice President
- Margaret Molster, Inaugural Committee
- John Allison, Inaugural Committee
- Mrs. John Allison, Inaugural Committee

The President was introduced by Mr. Wick.

The President addressed the guests attending the inaugural ball.
- Members of the press

The President and the First Lady returned to their motorcade.

The President and the First Lady motored from the Air and Space Museum to the Natural History Museum.

The President and the First Lady went to an offstage announcement area.

The President was introduced by Mr. Gray.

The President addressed the guests attending the inaugural ball.
- Members of the press

The President and the First Lady returned to their motorcade.

The President and the First Lady motored from the Natural History Museum to the American History Museum.

For a record of the President's activities after midnight, see the daily diary for January 21, 1981.