

David and Lee  
December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Jackson, NH  
4:00 pm

*Kim asks everyone to please rise.  
David and Lee walk down the stairs together  
Kim asks everyone to please be seated.*

### **Welcome:**

On behalf of David and Lee, I would like to welcome you all here and thank you for joining us on this magnificent winter day in the White Mountains. For many of you, it was not easy to get here – we realize New Hampshire is quite a trek for many of you – and the grooms want to thank their family for making the journey. Your presence here, to be witnesses on this day, shows this couple how much you care about them, and it means a lot to them.

Marriage symbolizes the intimate sharing of two lives. This sharing does not diminish the individuality of each partner; it enhances it. A marriage that lasts is one which is continually developing and in which each person continues to grow as an individual.

Through this union of marriage, David and Lee are affirming their choice to share a life together...with all the joys, successes, responsibilities and challenges it brings.

David and Lee, you share something rare and beautiful. Remember that you are each other's best friend. Cherish and support each other always.

From hearing your story, I understand that a lot of stars had to align to make it possible for you both to meet, let alone fall in love. In keeping with that, there is a quote by author Dean Koontz which has become a favorite of yours, and with good reason. It reads: 'Life offers infinite possible roads. Sometimes your head chooses the route and sometimes your heart. And sometimes, for better or for worse, neither head nor heart can resist the stubborn pull of fate' "

### **Vows:**

At this time, David and Lee would like to share the vows they have written for each other. We'll begin with you, Lee.

*David and Lee share their self-written vows.*

### **Rings:**

Do you have the rings you have chosen for one another?

Lee, take your ring and place it on the finger of your beloved, and repeat after me:

David, the words I say to you, now  
Are the ones I have waited a lifetime to speak  
Ones I say in love and in confidence  
I see you as my best friend, my partner  
The other half of my heart  
The person with whom I wish to share my life  
I offer you all the days before me  
No matter what may come our way  
I freely take you as my husband  
Please accept this ring

as a permanent symbol of my commitment.

David, take your ring and place it on the finger of your beloved, and repeat after me:

Lee, the words I say to you, now  
Are the ones I have waited a lifetime to speak  
Ones I say in love and in confidence  
I see you as my best friend, my partner  
The other half of my heart  
The person with whom I wish to share my life  
I offer you all the days before me  
No matter what may come our way  
I freely take you as my husband  
Please accept this ring  
as a permanent symbol of my commitment.”

**Intentions:**

Lee, do you take David as your lawfully wedded husband.  
Do you promise to respect him, support him and adore him  
unconditionally? To be kind, forgiving and loving from this day forward?

*Lee: I will*

David, do you take Lee as your lawfully wedded husband.  
Do you promise to respect him, support him and adore him  
unconditionally? To be kind, forgiving and loving from this day forward?

*David: I will*

### **Breaking of the glass:**

At this time, David will complete our ceremony with the breaking of the glass. This custom has many meanings. The most important to our grooms is the symbolizing of the destruction of the past and the embracing of the future.

As David breaks the glass, we ask that you participate by saying “Mazel Tov!” As most of you know, Mazel Tov is a term which Jewish people use in times of celebration as a way of expressing congratulations and good luck.

However, the term comes from astrology. The literal translation means “good stars.” So, David and Lee, we are invoking good stars on your behalf. Not only today but for all of your tomorrows.

*David breaks glass*

### **Pronouncement:**

And now, it gives me great pleasure to state the following: By the power vested in me by the state of New Hampshire, I make this pronouncement that you David and you Lee are now and henceforth legally married. Please seal your commitment with a kiss.

Ladies and gentleman...it gives me great pleasure to present to you for the very first time, David and Lee Davis.

At this time, David and Lee will share their first dance as a married couple (start the CD player)