

Wedding Ceremonies

(Modified for COVID-19)



(Pinckney Whiteley and bride Carrie, June 12, 1911)

Ponce de Leon Inlet Lighthouse

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Wedding Ceremonies at the Lighthouse

The Ponce Inlet Lighthouse is pleased to offer a designated area of its beautiful historic grounds for smaller, intimate wedding ceremonies consisting of **25** guests or less. Choosing such a unique site for your ceremony will provide a dramatic and lasting memory for you and your guests to cherish forever.

The Ponce de Leon Light Station is one of the last, complete, and authentic lighthouse facilities remaining in the nation, and is one of only ten light stations in the country to have earned the prestigious designation of National Historic Landmark. Standing at a soaring 175-ft., the Ponce de Leon Lighthouse is the State's tallest beacon and the perfect backdrop for a small intimate wedding ceremony.

Since its founding in 1972, the Ponce de Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association has been committed to the preservation and dissemination of the social and maritime history associated with the Light Station, and to educate the public about its important role in national, state, and local events since its completion in 1887. Open to the public year round, the site is now home to numerous lighthouse, maritime, and regional history exhibits including one of the largest collections of rare Fresnel lenses in the world.

Educational programming is one of our most important missions. Thousands of students participate in guided tours of the Light Station annually. The Association also offers numerous educational workshops and outreach programs that have been developed by certified teachers and educational specialists. All educational programs and tours are provided to local school groups free of charge by the Preservation Association.

Much of the work that we have completed over the past thirty-six-years would not be possible without the support of local residents and patrons like you. Choosing to have a wedding ceremony at the Light Station will provide a \$750 donation to its continued preservation, and create a lasting memory of your wedding ceremony for you and your guests.

Thank you for considering a wedding ceremony at the Ponce de Leon Inlet Lighthouse Station!

~ Wedding Ceremony ~

Having the honor and distinction of being designated a National Historic Landmark, the Ponce de Leon Inlet Light Station is truly a unique and memorable place to hold a wedding ceremony.

Location:

Ceremonies of one-hour duration may be performed in a designated area in view of the Lighthouse during regular hours of operation. This location has been selected to provide the wedding party and their guests with the maximum amount of semi-privacy and seclusion possible. Without exception, the Lighthouse, exhibits and historic buildings will be open to the general public at the time of the ceremony. After the ceremony, photographs may be taken throughout the grounds with the understanding that the public may not be prevented from the use of any museum location, or asked to step aside in order for photographs to be taken. **Note: Event seating will be arranged to allow for social distancing due to COVID-19.**

Event Cost:

The cost to have a 1-hour wedding ceremony at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse includes a non-refundable \$750 donation plus a mandatory \$250 refundable security deposit. This event cost includes admission for up to 25 guests (including wedding party) and event seating. Payment is due in full at the time of registration. Security deposits are returned following the conclusion of the event or upon cancellation of reservation. Security deposits are forfeit in situations where the event exceeds the allocated one-hour time limit. Payment may be made online at www.lighthouselocker.org, in person within the museum gift shop, by mail in check, or by calling the lighthouse at (386) 761-1821, ext. 10. Please make checks payable to the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse.

Time Overage Fees:

The allotted time for a lighthouse wedding is one hour (excluding one hour of onsite preparation time). A penalty fee of \$250 per half hour block will be applied to the cost of events exceeding the allotted time frame. Total time is calculated in accordance with each event's schedule start time. Please adhere to scheduled arrival and departure times as outlined in your event reservation to avoid these additional fees. A mandatory \$250 refundable deposit is required for registration.

Lighthouse Keeper Officiate:

Ordained lighthouse keepers are not currently available to serve as wedding ceremony officiates due to safety concerns regarding COVID-19. Wedding parties are therefore responsible for securing these services at this time.

Normal Hours of Operation:

Day after Labor Day to Day Prior to Memorial Day: Open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (last admission at 5 p.m.)

Memorial Day through Labor Day: Open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. (last admission at 8 p.m.)

Guests:

The maximum number of wedding guests may not exceed 25 (including wedding party and officiate) at this time due to safety concerns regarding COVID-19.

Rules and Regulations:

Because of its Landmark Designation, it is asked of all wedding parties to please respect the pristine condition and integrity of the Lighthouse grounds, and to adhere to certain terms and conditions as follows:

1. No structures, decorations, backpacks, water bottles, beverages or food permitted. No smoking or alcohol on the grounds. No confetti, bird seed, rice, or other materials can be thrown on the grounds.
2. Photographers may not set up equipment or lighting of any kind.
3. Staff reserves the right to inspect any packages, equipment or bags brought into the Lighthouse Gift Shop.
4. The applicant will be liable for any cost incurred as a result of damage to the Historic Site by event participants.
5. Guests, excluding the wedding party, will be required to wear wrist bands.
6. **Please follow all museum COVID-19 safety measures. Face masks are required at all times while on light station grounds. Social distancing should be practiced whenever possible for the safety of all lighthouse visitors and staff.**

Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association, Inc.

Wedding Ceremony Application

Date of Event: _____ Time: _____

Number of Guests: _____ Number in Wedding Party (including bride and groom) _____

Applicant Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Applicant Signatures: _____ Date: _____

_____ Date: _____

Lighthouse Wedding Fees and Services

Wedding Event Donation Fee (*Mandatory*): \$ 750.00

Mandatory Deposit (*Refundable*): \$ 250.00

Total Due at Time of Event Registration: \$1,000.00

Anticipated Number of Attendees: _____ Adults + _____ Children (Attendance Total): _____

For Office Use Only:

Applicant Names: _____

Date of Deposit: _____

Total Due: _____

Date Balance Paid: _____