

# Groom's Checklist

## The Groom

- Chooses his best man and ushers.
- Buys the bride's engagement and wedding rings.
- Arranges transportation from church to reception for himself and his bride (unless it is more convenient for the bride and her father to order her transportation.)
- Arranges and pays for the honeymoon (though many couples prefer to share the cost.)

## The Groom's Parents

- May contribute to the cost of the reception if in agreement with the bride's parents. Because of the great expense of a big reception, it is more common for the cost to be shared by both sets of parents, or by the parents and the bridal couple.
- Pay for rehearsal dinner.

## The Best Man

- Organizes the bachelor's party.
- Is in charge of the ushers, sees that they know what to do and that they have a seating plan for the family pews.
- Pays the church fees on behalf of the groom before the ceremony.
- Checks that the groom's going-away clothes are packed and that all the luggage, including the bride's, is in the going-away car.
- Is responsible for getting the groom dressed and to the church on time.
- Flower girls and ring bearers can become bored during a long service. The best man make sure they have a place to sit during the marriage ceremony so they'll be less likely to fidget.
- Waits with the groom in the vestry or wits with him in the front right-hand pew.
- On the arrival of the bride, stands on the groom's right-hand at the chancel steps.
- Presents the ring to the groom at the appropriate moment in the service and sees the bride and groom into their car after the service.
- Assembles the guests, the wedding photographer, and, if there is no toastmaster, organizes the cutting of the cake and wedding speeches.
- Sees that the bride and groom leave the reception in good time to change before going away and ensures that the car is ready.
- Looks after the groom's clothes (returning them if they have been rented.)

## The Ushers

- Should be relations or close friends of the groom.
- Show the guests to their seats.
- Should be at the church at least 40 minutes before the ceremony and hand out programs to the guests as they arrive.
- Escort the guests from the church after the ceremony, tidy the church, and collect any unused or left-behind programs; check that everyone reaches the reception venue.

## The Groom's Family Pays For:

- Church fees (except flowers.)
- Bride's bouquet; attendant's flowers; mother's and mother-in-law's corsages; boutonnieres for himself, best man and ushers.
- Engagement and wedding gifts.
- Attendants' and best man's gifts.
- Rehearsal dinner.

