

# The Bridal Extravaganza

## *Attendant's responsibilities*

You have been invited to participate in the wedding as an attendant. With this invitation come responsibilities of which some are listed below:

## *Main/Matron of Honor, Best Man, Bridesmaids and Ushers*

- Responsible for your own expenses (i.e. clothing and travel)
- Help the bride and groom as necessary or directed before, during and after the wedding
- Attend rehearsal and rehearsal dinner
- Be on time for all fittings, parties and other group gatherings necessary for the wedding
- Be available for photographs
- Help with guests at the reception

## *Specific Maid/Matron of Honor Duties*

- Help the bride in the wedding planning process
- Arrange (if not a family member) a shower luncheon or party for the bride or for the bride and bridegroom
- Attend the rehearsal dinner
- Help the bride dress if she deems necessary
- Calm the bride's nerves!
- Immediately precedes bride in the processional.
- Stand next to bride at altar and holds the bride's bouquet
- During ceremony and reception, attend to bustle and veil
- In charge of bridegroom's ring if a double ring ceremony
- Stand in receiving line next to the bridegroom.
- If there is a bridal table, sit to the left of the bridegroom.
- Be the liaison between the bride and bridesmaids

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## *The Best Man*

- Drive couple to the reception, unless other arrangements have been made
- Usually does not stand in receiving line but helps bride's family in any way he can
- If there is a bridal table, sit at bride's right and makes the first toast to her
- Dance with bride immediately after the bridegroom and the fathers
- Make sure that women in the bridal party are not left unattended
- You are the liaison between the groom and the ushers
- Well in advance of the date, assists the bride's parents in arranging cars and limousines for wedding and reception.
- You are the first attendant to give a toast
- Carry bride's ring for bridegroom in his own pocket and produces it at the proper time.
- Has officiant's fee from bridegroom in an envelope in his own pocket. Sees that officiant gets it before the ceremony or right after the recessional.
- Pays anyone else who should receive payment from the bridegroom on that day.

## *Specific Ushers Duties*

- The Ushers seat all wedding guests. Guest of the bride usually sit behind the bride's parents on the left side and the bridegroom's friends on the right side.

## *Wedding Day Assignments*

Double-check the Wedding Checklist on page 19 to stay up to date this week. Use the assignment sheets on these two pages to outline duties others will help supervise on your wedding day. These duties include such activities as: supervising decoration of reception site, caterer, making sure reception entertainment can set up properly, working with photographer/videographer, decorating the limousines and distributing checks as needed. Also see the "After the Wedding" list on page 23.

You can also use the form on page 60 to delegated special projects to other individuals who are helping you with your wedding.

Although most of these duties are fun, and you probably won't have any trouble finding volunteers to help, it will ease your mind to know that everything is being taken care of. In addition, it will help eliminate a great deal of confusion among those who care about you and want your wedding day to go smoothly.

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## Check List for Best Man

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*Please make as many copies of these checklists as you need for your wedding.*