



## Financial Responsibilities of Wedding:

A wedding can be an overwhelming event with many responsibilities and duties for everyone involved. The following is a list of the most common, specific duties of the bride and bride's family, the groom and groom's family, the maid of honor and bridesmaids and the best man and groomsmen.

### **The Bride and the Bride's Family**

- The engagement photographs.
- The party to announce the engagement
- Stationary, which includes invitations, announcements, thank you cards, "save the date open" cards, etc.
- The bridal gown and bridal accessories, such as shoes, veil, jewelry, etc.
- The photographer and videographer.
- Her wedding attendant's bouquets, as well as all floral arrangements for the ceremony and reception. (The groom/groom's family pays for the bride's bouquet, as well as corsages for female members of their immediate families, plus boutonnières.)
- Decorations used at the ceremony and reception.
- The music played at both the ceremony and reception.
- Any ceremony and reception expenses: catering, venue rentals, favors, alcohol
- The wedding guest book.
- The groom's wedding ring and wedding gift.
- Gifts given to the bridesmaids, maid/matron of honor and flower girl, traditionally presented at the rehearsal dinner. Although the maid of

- honor and bridesmaids gifts can include virtually anything, they are often pieces of jewelry to be worn at the wedding ceremony.
- Any necessary housing expenses for out-of-town bridal attendants (if able)
  - Transportation expenses for the bride and wedding party to and from the wedding ceremony and reception.
  - The bridesmaid's lunch and dinner.

## **The Groom and the Groom's Family**

- The bride's engagement and wedding ring.
- Wedding gift to the bride
- The marriage license
- His wedding apparel, purchased or rented
- The fee or donation to the presiding official
- The bride's bouquet.
- Boutonnieres for all men
- Corsages for close relatives of the wedding party (mothers, grandmothers, etc.--usually the relatives sitting in the reserved pews.
- The rehearsal dinner--traditionally hosted by the parents of the groom.
- All honeymoon expenses
- Gifts to his attendants: best man, groomsmen, ring bearer. Usually presented at the rehearsal dinner. Although appropriate gifts can be in a wide range of categories, it is often something that can be worn on the day of the wedding, such as tie pins, money clips, wallets, etc.

## **The Wedding Attendants**

### **The Maid/Matron of Honor and Bridesmaids**

- A wedding gift to the bride
- A wedding gift to the couple
- The bridal shower--traditionally organized by the maid/matron of honor; expenses are shared among the bridesmaids.

- Dresses, shoes and accessories worn for the ceremony. These are traditionally selected by the bride.

## **The Best Man and Groomsmen**

- The Bachelor Dinner or party--traditionally organized by the best man.
- Wedding gift to the groom.
- Wedding gift to the couple.
- Wedding apparel and accessories. These are traditionally selected by the groom.