

A TOAST TO THE HAPPY COUPLE

Toasts are an important part of the cherished memories from the rehearsal dinner to the reception. A good toast is usually funny and sentimental all in one. Typically, toasts are made by the best man, maid of honor, both sets of parents, and the couple themselves, but like everything else, anything goes.

BEST MAN AND MAID OF HONOR

The best man and maid of honor's toasts are similar. They both rehash childhood memories or college days together, making it both humorous and sentimental. They may throw in a story about when the couple met and how things changed...for the better. They tell how wonderful each person is and the love and happiness they have for the new couple, followed by best wishes.

THE PARENTS If the bride's family paid for the wedding, traditionally the father makes the toast. If it was a joint effort to pay, both sets of parents usually stand together to toast. If the couple solely paid, then the parents can still give the same speech, but omit toasting. The toast usually welcomes all guests and thanks them for coming. They can announce how happy they are to gain another family member.

THE HAPPY COUPLE

Together they may thank everyone for coming. Thank their parents and wedding party for everything they've done. One spouse may thank the guests, his/her parents and his/her spouse's parents. Be sure to let your in-laws know how happy you are to be part of their family. Finish by turning to your spouse and letting them know how lucky and happy you are. Seal it with a kiss!