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Wedding Etiquette

Usually the bridal party are the first to arrive at the reception, following the ceremony, ready to greet their guests when they arrive.

The reception 'line-up' is usually as follows: Bride's Mother, Bride's Father, Bride, Groom, Groom's Mother, Groom's Father, Bridesmaids and the Best Man.

The bridal party receives their guests who are then offered a welcome drink. A presents table can be set aside for guests who bring gifts with them.

When all the guests have been received photographs may be taken of the bridal party, the guests and the bride and groom posing cutting the cake.

Once photography and the welcome drinks are complete guests will then be called to dine. The Bride and Groom are held back and their entrance formally announced when all the guests are seated.

Grace may be said prior to the meal.

Time to Relax

The Best Man invites the Bride and Groom to cut the cake just before coffee is about to be served.

The Bride takes the knife in her right hand and the Groom clasps the Bride's hand and the knife with both hands and together they make the initial cut into the bottom tier of the cake.

The cake will be taken away to be sliced in order that it may be served with the coffee. The staff will then retire from the room ready for the speeches to begin.

Begin the Speeches

The Best Man acting as Toastmaster invites the Bride's Father (or other nominated guest) to propose the toast - 'The Bride & Groom.'

The Best Man then invites the Groom to respond to the toast and he concludes by proposing the toast - 'To The Bridesmaids.'

The Best Man responds on behalf of the Bridesmaids and continues his speech by relaying any funny stories he may have about the Bride and Groom. He concludes by reading cards and greetings.

Of course this procedure is purely a guide as to the more traditional approach of organising a wedding reception. We are keen to stress our willingness to tailor your special day be it as conventional or unconventional as you decide. Emphasis is placed upon meeting with you to discuss your individual requirements rather than offering a standard wedding reception package. We will do our best to guide you through your day with minimum effort and maximum enjoyment.

Contact and Booking Details

Paul Parnell who heads up the team, or one of his assistants will be delighted to meet and discuss your requirements for your celebration.

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