THE GROOM'S *checklist*

Today's grooms are much more involved in the overall wedding planning than grooms of past. By assuming more responsibility most grooms see the reward in a calmer, happier bride-to-be. Here is a checklist to help you assist your lovely bride.

SIX TO TWELVE MONTHS

- ☐ Select and purchase bride's rings (if not yet selected).
- ☐ Discuss division of financial obligations with fiancée and parents.
- ☐ Determine budget, date and number of guests with fiancée.
- ☐ Choose and secure reception location.
- ☐ Choose and book officiant
- ☐ Choose your best man & ushers (one per every 50 guests).
- ☐ Start planning your honeymoon.
- ☐ Start compiling your guest list.
- ☐ Arrange to pay for bride's bouquet, boutonnieres and corsages.
- ☐ Check passports & visas.
- ☐ Make reservations for honeymoon: buy tickets.
- ☐ Consult with fiancée and arrange lodging for out-of-town guests and attendants.
- ☐ Reserve limousine or special transportation for bridal party.
- ☐ Reserve special transportation to ceremony and reception for out-of-town guests.

FOUR TO SIX MONTHS AHEAD

- ☐ Select and order formalwear for yourself and men in wedding party.
- ☐ Book room for wedding night.
- ☐ Find a new place to live.
- ☐ Start planning rehearsal dinner with parents.

TWO TO FOUR MONTHS AHEAD

- ☐ Confirm rehearsal dinner arrangements.
- ☐ Select your gift for the bride and gifts for your groomsmen.
- ☐ Review checklist items above to confirm completion of each detail.

ONE TO TWO MONTHS AHEAD

- ☐ Confirm reservations for rehearsal dinner.
- ☐ Pick up wedding rings and check engraving.
- ☐ Help fiancée with thank-you notes.
- ☐ Set a date with your fiancée to get the marriage license; have lunch afterwards. (Licenses are valid for 90 days.)

TWO WEEKS AHEAD

- ☐ Confirm honeymoon details; tickets, reservations, passports and rentals.
- ☐ Arrange to begin moving belongings to new home.
- ☐ Give or attend bachelor party or dinner.
- ☐ Schedule hair cut/styling appointment.
- ☐ Arrange with best man for transportation from reception to airport or hotel.
- ☐ Send change of address information to post office (if applicable).
- ☐ Double check attire and confirm size reservations have been made for all groomsmen.

ONE WEEK AHEAD

- ☐ Confirm time/place of rehearsal, rehearsal dinner and wedding with attendants.
- ☐ Pack for honeymoon.
- ☐ Get your going away clothes ready so you can change right after the reception.

DAY BEFORE WEDDING

- ☐ Rehearsal and rehearsal dinner.
- ☐ Present gifts to attendants.
- ☐ Confirm pick up times with limousine and/or other transportation.
- ☐ Explain special seating arrangements for family and guests to your head usher.
- ☐ Pick up formalwear.

DAY OF WEDDING

- ☐ Give best man the officiant's fee, as well as other fees to be paid, i.e., DJ, limousine, etc., in sealed envelopes for delivery.

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES: