

The Reception

- A predetermined guest usually clergy stands and says the blessing for the dinner.
- The serving of the head table, parents table, and special guests is done first.
- The toasts are made and telegrams are read. Establish the order of speakers. This occurs during dessert and coffee.
- Stipulate to the reception entertainment when you would like your music to begin. Make sure that your special requests for the first dance and the dance with your mother or father (if planned) are clear to your entertainer.
- Set out the order that the wedding party will dance.
- Determine the time of the formal cake cutting.
- Decide when the bouquet will be thrown.
- Decide when the garter will be removed and thrown.
- Pick out the time that you will leave to change.
- As previously arranged, your last dance or departure song is played.
- Decide the time when you will leave the reception.
- Decide how you will say good-bye (distributing pieces of the wedding favors).
- The traditional arch is formed by the guests.
- Decide on what time the reception will end. Some halls are very particular about this. Inform your entertainment.
- Decide on what to do with your left-over food and beverages.