

## **Wedding Reception Order Of Event Information**

### *Common Wedding Reception Order Of Events:*

- 1) Cocktail Hour
- 2) Grand Entrance (Bridal Party or Bride & Groom Only)
- 3) Toast(s) - Best Man and/or Maid/Matron Of Honor (and Others)
- 4) Bride and Groom Welcome Everyone to Their Wedding *(Optional)*
- 5) Prayer *(Optional)*
- 6) Dinner Served
- 7) Cake Cutting
- 8) Bride and Groom Dance
- 9) Father/Daughter and/or Mother/Son Dance *(Optional)*
- 10) Bridal Party Dance *(Optional)*
- 11) Begin Dance Music (Approximately 45 minutes to One Hour)
- 12) Money Dance *(Optional)*
- 13) Bouquet/Garter Toss *(Optional)*
- 14) Dance and Party Until the End

### *Common Variations:*

- The Bride/Groom, Father/Daughter, etc. dances can be after the Grand Entrance because at that time you have everybody's undivided attention and it frees people to dance sooner after the meal because the bride and groom have already danced.
- The toast can be done at the time of the Cake.
- The Cake Cutting can be done later during the reception. Some believe that if the cake is served as a dessert right after the Meal, some of the guests think the reception is over and leave.

### *Grand Entrance Information:*

- The most common way to do the Grand Entrance of the Bridal Party is as follows:
  1. Bride's Parents *(Optional)*
  2. Groom's Parents *(Optional)*
  3. Flower Girl and Ring Bearer *(Optional)*
  4. Bridesmaids and Groomsmen *(Optional)*
  5. Best Man and Maid of Honor *(Optional)*
  6. Bride and Groom
- Parents are usually not included in the Grand Entrance but may be if you would like.
- Some couples prefer to announce the Bride and Groom only because it can take a lot of time to get the Bridal Party lined up. Sometimes members of the Bridal Party may get separated and it can take time for the entire Bridal Party to gather.