

Toasting Tips

Most people are very nervous with the idea of presenting a toast. For many best men, it's indeed an honor to be chosen to lead the festivities with a toast. If you've been chosen to give a wedding toast, you may want to consult a Wedding Toast Hotline before raising your glass to the happy couple. One such hotline is the Korbel Champagne hotline, 1-800-7-KORBEL, offers a variety of toasting advice as well as other information the entire wedding party will find useful.

It helps to remember that weddings are very emotional. Letting that emotion show and being able to speak from the heart are part of what makes a wedding toast memorable. Humor is good, just be sure to keep the anecdote short and sweet.

Here are some Toasting dos and don'ts to review:

DO: Choose subjects everyone can easily relate to.

DON'T: Be repetitive in your choice of words. Use inside jokes or references that are too personal. Rush through the speech. Gesture wildly with your hands or use any other distracting motions.

DO: Speak loudly enough, so even people in the back of the room can hear you. Stand up straight and look at the audience when you are speaking (not at your notes).

DON'T: Shy away from using a microphone should one be provided. Do hold the microphone up close to your mouth so that no feed back occurs.

At the wedding reception the following toasts may be given:

- The best man offers the first toast to the newlyweds.
- Members of the bridal party toast the newlyweds.
- The parents of the bridal couple offer a toast to welcome them into the family.
- The groom toasts the bride.
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A few etiquette tips to remember while toasting:

- Stand and hold the glass straight from your shoulders.
- Make sure that your glass as well as all other glasses are filled before you propose a toast.
- Champagne should first be served to the bride, then the groom, then the maid of honor, then the parents, and last the best man.
- Clink the glasses after the toast has been proposed, but before drinking.

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