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WELCOME NOTE

Happily Ever After STARTS HERE

ongratulations! You're embarking on one of life's most exciting adventures – wedding planning!

Nervous? Most engaged couples can relate to feeling both elated and overwhelmed. Now that you've found us, you can relax a little. We're here with the essentials to guide you through the dizzying maze of to-dos that go along with realizing your day, your way.

The goal, of course, is to get you to your "I do's" with maximum enjoyment and minimal stress. Think of us as your personal planning assistant. Follow us online for a daily dose of everything bridal on our website, blog and social media sites. Have a question, need advice or a stroke of brilliance? Message us via Facebook. Have something of your own to share? Blog with us and inspire other couples along the way.

Tackle your checklist at our two bridal shows – the Wedding Essentials Idea Show each October and Bridal University each January. We'll introduce you to more than 100 talented local bridal professionals and vendors who can help you bring your dream day to life.

Now breathe.

And smile.

And remember: There are as many ways to get married as there are ways to express your love. So have fun and make the most of this exciting time in your life. Happy planning!

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ANNOUNCE YOUR MARRIAGE

MASTER TIMELINE

Congratulations! You've taken that all-important first step toward realizing the wedding of your dreams. Trust us, careful planning will enable you to truly enjoy every moment of your wedding day. Whether you're planning a large formal wedding or a smaller wedding, your day will require a solid plan and a handful of family members and friends who will endear themselves to you with their creativity and efficiency. And don't forget the real godsends: The bridal pros you have enlisted for your attire, decorations, cake, music, transportation, ceremony and reception. Now, let's get started!

SIX TO TWELVE MONTHS	FOUR TO SIX MONTHS	TWO TO FOUR MONTHS
Discuss expenses; determine your budget.	Create inspiration boards for your	Reserve rental items; candelabra, arches,
Decide on type of wedding.	ceremony and reception; search wedding	canopy, linens, etc.
(Formal) (Semi-Formal) (Informal)	websites for ideas.	Company
Choose date	Select music for reception.	Phone
Choose time of day	Contact	Arrange rehearsal dinner.
Choose ceremony site.	Phone	Location
Venue	Select florist.	Phone
Phone	Contact	Shop for apparel for prenuptial parties
Choose reception site.	Phone	and honeymoon.
Venue	Select men's attire.	Reserve transportation.
Phone	Shop	Company
Choose caterer.	Phone	Phone
Contact	Select musicians/vocalists and music.	Address wedding invitations; consider
Phone	Contact	professional calligrapher.
Choose wedding consultant.	Phone	Review and finalize florist's arrangements.
Contact	Decide on new living arrangements.	Buy gifts for fiancé, attendants, children in
Phone	(Buying) (Leasing) (Renting)	bridal party and parents.
Meet with officiant.	Consult designer about home décor.	Experiment with hairstyles and makeup.
Contact	Contact	Contact
Phone	Phone	Phone
Decide size of wedding party; choose	Register with up to 3 bridal registries.	Purchase bride's and attendants' shoes.
attendants.	Registry #1	
Select bridal gown.	Registry #2	Phone
Shop	Registry #3	
Phone	Order invitations, stationery, programs,	Contact
Select veil or headpiece.	napkins, etc	Phone
Shop	Contact	
Phone	Phone	
Select attendants' attire.	Delivery Date	ONE TO TWO MONTHS
Shop	Professionally prepare and print maps to	Mail invitations six weeks before wedding.
Phone	include with invitations.	Confirm arrangements with all vendors.
Plan reception details.	Reserve hotel rooms for guests.	Schedule final bridal gown fitting.
Select photographer.	Hotel	Date
Contact	Phone	Time
Phone	Have physical exams and update	Schedule final attendants fitting.
Schedule your engagement photo session.	immunizations.	Date
Date	Plan and schedule beauty appointments	Time
Time	(nails, diet, hair, skin care and makeup).	Confirm honeymoon trip reservations;
Location	Contact	begin packing.
Select videographer.	Phone	Finalize reception decorations.
Contact	Buy wedding rings; order engraving.	Select ceremony accessories: handbag,
Phone	Contact	garter, engraved goblets.
Compile preliminary guest list.	Phone	Arrange bridesmaids' brunch or lunch.
Discuss gown colors and styles with	Finalize invitation list and addresses.	Date
mothers of bride and groom.	Order save-the-date cards.	Time
Plan an engagement party with family	Mail save-the-date cards.	Location
and friends.	Devise a record-keeping system for gifts	Get marriage license; have blood tests.
Attend bridal shows for inspiration.	and thank-you notes.	Attend showers and parties in your honor.
Become a Wedding Essentials		Write shower thank-you notes.
bride blogger.		,

TWO WEEKS

- Schedule appointments for hair, makeup, facial, manicure, massage.
- __ Invite wedding party & guests to rehearsal dinner.
- __ Ask bridal party and family members to make toasts.
- __ Move your personal and mutual belongings to new home.
- __ Review reception seating & order place cards.
- __ Confirm out-of-town guests lodging with reserved hotels.
- Confirm wedding party transportation and arrival times.
- __ Record gifts as you receive them; write thank-you notes.
- __ Schedule caterer for gift-opening party.

Contact _____ Phone ____

Arrange for gown cleaning and bouquet preservation.

Contact _____

Phone _____

ONE TO TWO WEEKS

- Pick up wedding rings, check engravings and sizings.
- __ Schedule final consultations: florist, musicians, photographer, videographer.
- __ Give final guest count to reception facility and caterer.
- __ Remind men to pick up formal wear and shoes. Check for fit.
- __ Make a wedding day schedule and give everyone copies at rehearsal dinner.
- __ Submit wedding announcement to the newspaper.
- __ Relax the day before; keep personal appointments. Finish packing for your honeymoon.
- __ Let out a big sigh and trust that your day will be wonderful!

AFTER THE WEDDING

- Change your name and notify the proper establishments.
- __ Write and send thank-you notes.
- Order wedding photos and display them in your new home.
- __ Submit your wedding to Wedding Essentials Magazine for publication.

NOTES + IDEAS

VENDOR LIST

CEREMONY	FOOD + BEVERAGE
Location	Caterer
Time	Contact
Officiant	
Marriage license	
RECEPTION	FLOWERS + DECORATIONS
Location	
Time	
Contact	
Rental Equipment Vendor	
Contact	
	Contact
BRIDAL PARTY	
Maid of Honor	PHOTOGRAPHY + VIDEOGRAPHY
Best Man	
Bridesmaid	Contact
Bridesmaid	
Bridesmaid	Contact
Bridesmaid	
Bridesmaid	MUSIC
Bridesmaid	Musicians
Groomsman	
Groomsman	
Groomsman	Contact
Groomsman	DJ/Band
Groomsman	Contact
Groomsman	
Flower Girl(s)	HONEYMOON
Ring Bearer(s)	Location
	Travel Dates
GUESTS	Travel Agency/Agent
Number of Guests	
Invitations	Contact
Lodging for out-of-town guests	
	JEWELER
	Jeweler
ATTIRE	Contact
Bridal Gown Shop	
Accessories	
Groom's Suit	Makeup
Accessories	Contact
Bridesmaids' Dresses	Hair
Accessories	Contact
Groomsmens' Suits	
Accessories	Contact
TRANSPORTATION	OTHER
Limo Vendor	
Contact	





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THE GROOM'S LIST

Today's groom is taking an active role in overall wedding planning and decision-making. This checklist is designed especially for him.

TWELVE MONTHS PRIOR

- Select and purchase bride's rings.
- __ Discuss division of financial obligations.
- __ Determine budget, date and number of quests with fiancée.
- __ Choose and secure reception location.
- __ Choose and book officiant.

EIGHT TO TWELVE MONTHS

- __ Choose your best man & ushers (allow one usher for every 50 guests).
- Start planning your honeymoon.
- __ Finalize your guest list.
- __ Arrange to pay for bride's bouquet, boutonnieres & corsages.

SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS

- __ Check passports and visas, if needed.
- __ Find a place to start your home together.
- __ Make honeymoon reservations and buy tickets.
- ___ Arrange lodging for out-of-town guests and attendants.
- Reserve transportation for bridal party.
- __ Reserve transportation to ceremony and reception for out-of-town quests.

FOUR TO SIX MONTHS

- __ Select and order attire for yourself and the other men in the bridal party.
- __ Shop for new home furnishings.
- __ Book room for wedding night.
- __ Schedule a physical exam.
- __ Discuss rehearsal dinner arrangements with parents.

TWO TO FOUR MONTHS

- __ Make rehearsal dinner arrangements.
- Select gifts for your bride, groomsmen and parents.

ONE TO TWO MONTHS

- __ Obtain your marriage license with fiancée.
- __ Confirm reservations for rehearsal dinner.
- __ Pick up wedding rings; check engravings and sizings.
- __ Write thank-you notes.
- __ Shop for honeymoon clothes.

TWO WEEKS

- __ Confirm honeymoon details: tickets, reservations, passports and rentals.
- __ Begin moving belongings to your new home.
- __ Attend bachelor party or dinner in your honor.
- __ Schedule haircut/styling appointment.
- __ Arrange post-reception transportation.
- __ Send new address information to post office.
- __ Double check attire and confirm sizes for all groomsmen's attire.
- __ Ask bridal party & family members to make toasts (and set some ground rules).

ONE WEEK

- __ Confirm time/place of rehearsal, rehearsal dinner and wedding with bridal party.
- __ Pack for honeymoon; pack traveling clothes to be taken to reception site, if necessary.

THE DAY BEFORE

- __ Attend rehearsal and rehearsal dinner.
- __ Present gifts to attendants.
- __ Confirm pick up times with drivers.
- __ Review special seating arrangements for family and guests with head usher.
- __ Pick up attire.

THE BIG DAY

- __ Give best man the officiant's fee in a sealed envelope for delivery.
- __ Present gift to bride.
- __ Marry the love of your life.





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BUDGET WORKSHEET

A budget is your single most important wedding planning tool. It will help you avoid disappointments and disagreements and keep your finances in check. (Sorry, but no one should go into debt for a wedding!) Your reception most likely will be your single biggest expense.

To manage it, start with your guest list. Don't know somebody well enough to hug or address by first name? Scratch them off the list and keep that hors d'oeuvre you really want to serve.

Here, we include the percentage of your overall budget you might apply to each category.

BRIDE'S WEDDING ATTIRE (5%)	PHOTOS/VIDEO (10%)	Attendant/Flower Girl Bouquets
Bridal Gown	Engagement Photos	Corsages
Headpiece/Veil	Formal Portraits	Boutonnieres
Alterations	Wedding Albums + Photos	Helpers
Shoes	Extra Prints	Special Guests
Lingerie	Photographer's Fee	Host Couples
Jewelry	Videographer's Fee	Readers
Hair/Makeup	Ceremony (Video)	Musicians
TOTAL	Reception (Video)	Vocalists
	Extra Copies of Video	Cake Table
	TOTAL	Buffet Table
OTHER ATTIRE (5%)		Head Table
Mother of the Bride's Attire		Guest Tables
Mother of the Groom's Attire	STATIONERY (4%)	TOTAL
Bridesmaids' Apparel	Invitations	
Flower Girl's Apparel	Announcements	
Ring Bearer's Apparel	Response Cards	CEREMONY (1%)
Groomsmen's Apparel	Thank-You Notes	Ceremony Site
Groom's Attire	Ceremony Programs	Officiant + Tip
Father of Bride's Attire	Calligraphy	Organist + Tip
Father of Groom's Attire	Postage	Musicians + Tip
TOTAL	Printed Napkins	Marriage License
	Guest Book	Aisle Runner
	Save-the-Date Cards	Candles
RECEPTION (50%)	TOTAL	Tent/Huppah
Venue Rental		TOTAL
Caterer/Food		
Wedding Cake & Groom's Cake	MUSIC/ENTERTAINMENT (10%)	TRANSPORTATION (40)
Beverages	Ceremony	TRANSPORTATION (1%)
Favors	Reception	Vehicle + Tip
Decorations (other than flowers)	TOTAL	TOTAL
Rentals: Linens/Tables/Chairs		
Additional Services		DELIEADCAL DINNED (40/)
Taxes + Gratuities	FLOWERS (10%)	REHEARSAL DINNER (1%)
TOTAL	Ceremony	Site Rental
	Altar/Huppah	Food/Caterer + Tip
	Pew Markers	Invitations
	Bride's Bouquet	TOTAL



Bouquet Preservation

BUDGET WORKSHEET

GIFTS (1%) For Bride For Groom For Bridesmaids For Groomsmen For Flower Girl(s) For Ring Bearer(s) For Parents TOTAL	NOTES + IDEAS
HONEYMOON (1%) TransportationAccommodationsDaily SpendingTOTAL WEDDING CONSULTANT (1%)	
ADD ALL TOTALS Bride's Wedding Attire Other Attire Reception Photos/Video Stationery Music/Entertainment Flowers Ceremony Transportation Rehearsal Dinner Gifts	
Honeymoon Wedding Consultant GRAND TOTAL	

DEPOSIT RECORD

DATE	PAYMENT MADE TO	DEPOSIT AMOUNT	PAYMENT METHOD	BALANCE DUE	DATE DUE	PAID

DEPOSIT RECORD

DATE	PAYMENT MADE TO	DEPOSIT AMOUNT	PAYMENT METHOD	BALANCE DUE	DATE DUE	PAID

BE A BRIDE BLOGGER

We love hearing from Real Bridal Couples with connections to the greater Omaha metro area. This is your official invitation to share your wedding inspiration and planning experience with us and thousands of other couples who follow our blog each day. Join us as a Bride Blogger and help other couples create a day as special as yours.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

- Posts that are interesting and relevant to Omaha area brides.
- Pictures of inspiration; ideas are a must!
- Research about vendors, products, services, etc.
- D.I.Y. projects and how-to tutorials on how to execute them. Videos are a plus.
- Updates on your planning process.
- Lessons learned through your wedding planning experience.
- A vision of what you want your big day to be like.
- Themes, colors, cake, dress, gifts, showers. W.E. want to know the whole shebang!
- A minimum of one post per month.

REQUIREMENTS

- You must have less than a year to your wedding date – we need to know you'll be checking things off your to-do list each month.
- You must live in the greater Omaha metro or surrounding areas and be planning a wedding in the area or using a local vendor to plan a destination wedding.

TO APPLY

If you are willing share your journey from "Yes" to "I Do" send an email to Heidi (hthorson@owh.com) and tell us why you should be a bride blogger. A list of vendors you've hired is a plus!

See what other local brides are doing. weddingessentialsmagazine.com









GUEST LIST

Finalize guest list.	
	NOTES + IDEAS
Determine guest count:	NOTES TELLIO
Adults	
Children	
Send save-the-date announcements to	
out-of-town guests.	
Compile packet of hotel and city information	
for out-of-town guests.	
Design/select and order invitations.	
Design/select wedding announcement.	
Design maps to be inserted into invitations.	
Design agendas for out-of-town guests.	
Confirm reservations for out-of-town guests.	
Mail invitations.	
Contact guests who haven't responded for	
wedding and rehearsal dinner.	
Finalize seating chart.	
Design/select thank-you cards.	
HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS	







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CEREMONY

GENERAL INFORMATION	SERVICE DETAILS
Location	
Time	
Officiant	
Marriage License	
SITE DETAILS	
Address	Meet with officiant to plan ceremony
Do one None	
Room Name	
Bridal Party Dressing Room	
Phone	
Email	
Max Capacity	
Special Requirements	
	Create ceremony programs
	Finalize ceremony details.
RESTRICTIONS	Ceremony Rehearsal
Music	
Decorations	Rehearsal Dinner
	
FlowersPhotography	
Throwing rice/birdseed, etc	
	Send Rehearsal Dinner Invitations.
PROVIDED ACCESSORIES	FEES
PROVIDED ACCESSORIES	
	Building
	Parking
	TOTAL
NOT	TES + IDEAS





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RECEPTION

GENERAL INFORMATION			
Facility			
Address	Load-in for decorations		
Room Name	Additional Costs		
Event Coordinator			
Phone			
Email	Handicap Accessible (Yes) (No)		
Start Time			
End Time			
Estimated Guest Count			
	Valet Parking		
NEEDS + COST	Taxes + Gratuity		
Private Room	Receiving Line Area		
Room Capacity	Wedding Coordinator		
Hours Available			
Staff	Clean-up Charge		
Head Table	Refund Policy for Cancellation		
Guest Tables			
Table Size/Shape			
Chairs	Head Count Deadline		
Linens	Menu Selection Deadline		
China	Deposit Deadline		
Dance Floor Dimensions	Final Payment Deadline		
Stemware			
Glassware	RESTRICTIONS		
Flowers			
Cake			
Cake-Cutting Fee			
Stage			
Sound System (microphone, amplifiers, etc.)	Beverages		
	ADDITIONAL FEES		
	Parking		
Piano			
Guest Book Table			
Gift Table			
Cake Table	Caterer		
Catering Service	Beverage Supplier		
Bar	Equipment Rental		
Bartender	Parking Attendants		
Air Conditioning			
Coat Check	Music/DJ		
Cat up Time	Florist		

BRIDE'S ATTENDANTS

MAID OF HONOR	FLOWER GIRL		
Name			
Phone			
Email			
Address			
Sizes (Dress)	Sizes (Dress)		
(Shoes)	(Shoes)		
(Other)	(Other)		
BRIDESMAIDS			
Name	Name		
Phone			
Email	Email		
Address			
Sizes (Dress)	Sizes (Dress)		
(Shoes)	(Shoes)		
(Other)	(Other)		
Name	Name		
Phone	Phone		
Email			
Address	Address		
Sizes (Dress)	Sizes (Dress)		
(Shoes)	(Shoes)		
(Other)	(Other)		
Name	Name		
Phone	Phone		
Email			
Address			
Sizes (Dress)	Sizes (Dress)		
(Shoes)	(Shoes)		
(Other)	(Other)		
Name			
Phone			
Email			
Address	Address		
Sizes (Dress)	Sizes (Dress)		
(Shoes)	(Shoes)		
(Other)	(Other)		



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GROOM'S ATTENDANTS

BEST MAN		RING BEARER		
Name		Name		
Pnone		Pnone		
Ellidii				
Sizes (Shoes)	(Neck)	Sizes (Shoes)	(Neck)	
(Coat)	(Waist)	(Coat)	(Waist)	
(Sleeve)	(Inseam)	(Sleeve)	(Inseam)	
GROOMSMEN				
Name		Name		
Phone		Phone		
Email		Email		
Address				
Sizes (Shoes)	(Neck)	Sizes (Shoes)	(Neck)	
(Coat)	(Waist)	(Coat)	(Waist)	
(Sleeve)	(Inseam)	(Sleeve)	(Inseam)	
Name		Name		
Phone		Phone		
Address		Address		
Sizes (Shoes)	(Neck)	Sizes (Shoes)	(Neck)	
(Coat)	(Waist)	(Coat)	(Waist)	
(Sleeve)	(Inseam)	(Sleeve)	(Inseam)	
Name		Name		
Phone		Phone		
Sizes (Shoes)	(Neck)	Sizes (Shoes)	(Neck)	
	(Waist)	(Coat)	(Waist)	
(Sleeve)	(Inseam)	(Sleeve)	(Inseam)	
Email		Email		
Address		Address		
Sizes (Shoes)	(Neck)	Sizes (Shoes)	(Neck)	
(Coat)	(Waist)	(Coat)	(Waist)	
(Sleeve)	(Inseam)	(Sleeve)	(Inseam)	



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BRIDAL PARTY APPAREL

BRIDAL GOWN	GROOM'S ATTIRE		
Bridal Shop	Shop Contact		
Contact			
Phone	Phone		
Style #	Style		
Size	Size		
Price	Price		
Description	Description		
Date Ordered			
1st Fitting	Fittings: 1st 2nd		
2nd Fitting	Accessories to buy or rent:		
Pick-up Date	Shoes Cuff Links Pocket Square Socks		
Cleaning & Preservation	Date Ready		
	Return Date		
BRIDAL ACCESSORIES	GROOMSMEN'S ATTIRE		
Headpiece (Price)	Shop		
Undergarments (Price)	Contact		
Shoes (Price)	Phone		
Jewelry (Price)	Style		
Other (Price)	Price		
	Description		
BRIDESMAIDS' DRESSES			
Bridal Shop			
Contact	Fittings: 1st 2nd		
Phone			
Dress Description			
Style #	Return Date		
Price			
Shoe Description			
Style #			
Price	Contact		
Thee	Phone		
FLOWER GIRL'S DRESS	Style		
Flower Girl's Name	Price		
Dress Size	Description		
Shoe Size	Description		
Dress Description	Jacket Vest Dress Shirt Trousers		
Style #			
PriceShoe Description			
Style #			
D::	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		



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A GUIDE FOR THE

MAID OF HONOR



An invitation to be in a bridal party is an honor that carries certain responsibilities. The maid of honor is the bride's closest helper, personal advocate and biggest supporter. Her job is to relieve the bride of as many tasks as possible – especially on the day itself. Bridesmaids should also offer assistance, particularly as the wedding date draws near. This guide will help everyone better understand their roles in helping to make the wedding an exceptionally special day.

NOTES + IDEAS

THE MAID OR MATRON OF HONOR

- __ Pays for her own gown, accessories and shoes.
- __ If from out of town, pays for her own transportation to the wedding site.
- __ If not a family member, usually gives or arranges for a shower, luncheon or party for the bride or for the bride and groom.
- __ Usually consults with the bridesmaids about a joint gift for the bride, collects the money, purchases the gift and presents it to the bride at the chosen time. This gift is separate from an individual wedding present to be given to the couple on the day of the wedding.
- __ Attends rehearsal dinner; may be asked to make a toast.
- __ Follows bride's wishes on where and when to dress for the ceremony and shows up prepared and on time. Remembers to collect her own belongings afterward.
- __ Helps the bride get dressed.
- __ Calms the bride's nerves.
- __ Immediately precedes bride in processional.
- __ Normally stands next to bride at altar and holds bride's bouquet.
- __ Turns back veil if necessary.
- __ Adjusts train after processional.
- __ During the ceremony, is in charge of groom's ring and produces it at the proper time.
- __ At the conclusion of the ceremony, adjusts bride's train and veil for recessional.
- __ Serves as legal witness.
- __ Is available for photographs.
- __ Stands in receiving line next to the groom.
- __ If there is a bridal table, sits to the left of the groom.
- __ Helps bride change into her traveling clothes and takes charge of the wedding gown.

NOTE: If the bride chooses both a Maid of Honor and a Matron of Honor, the Maid of Honor usually has the more involved role. More commonly, however, the bride decides how the duties will be divided.

THE BRIDESMAID

- __ Pays for her own gown, accessories and shoes.
- __ If from out of town, pays for her own transportation to the wedding site.
- __ Helps the bride run errands the week of the wedding.
- __ Is on time for fittings, pre-wedding photographs, parties, showers, etc.
- __ Usually contributes to a joint gift for the bride from her attendants (in addition to her personal wedding gift to the couple).
- __ Attends the rehearsal for instructions on the processional, ceremony and recessional.
- __ Attends rehearsal dinner; may be asked to give a toast.
- __ Follows the bride's wishes on when and where to dress for the ceremony and remembers to collect her own belongings afterward.
- __ May be part of the receiving line or may be asked to mingle with the reception guests.



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A GUIDE FOR THE BEST MAN

An invitation to be in a wedding party is an honor. However, with this honor comes certain obligations and responsibilities. This guide spells them out.

THE BEST MAN

- __ Organizes the bachelor party.
- __ Usually consults with ushers about a joint gift for the groom, collects the money, buys the gift and presents it to the groom at a bachelor's party or rehearsal dinner. This gift often has the wedding date on it and sometimes the initials or names of the givers. This gift is separate from the individual wedding present given to the couple by each usher and the best man.
- __ Well in advance of the date, assists the bride's parents in arranging cars and limousines for wedding and reception. Enlists ushers and friends to help if needed.
- __ If from out of town, pays for his own transportation to the wedding site.
- __ Attends the rehearsal and the rehearsal dinner. Is the first attendant to give a toast.
- __ Sees that groom is properly dressed and on time for the wedding.
- __ Drives groom to wedding. Sees that marriage license is in groom's inside coat pocket.
- __ Carries bride's ring for groom in his own pocket and produces it at the proper time.
- __ Has officiant's fee from groom in an envelope in his own pocket. Sees that officiant is paid before the ceremony or right after the recessional. Delivers payment to others day of event.
- __ Follows instructions received at rehearsal for wedding.
- __ Serves as a legal witness.
- ___ Usually does not stand in the receiving line but helps the bride's family in any way he can.
- __ Sits at bride's right at the head table and makes the first toast to her.
- __ Dances with the bride immediately after the groom and the fathers.
- __ Drives the couple to the reception unless other arrangements have been made.
- __ Sees that the bridal couple leaves the reception on time. If no limousine, drives them himself.
- __ Takes charge of the couple's baggage when leaving the reception.
- ___ Returns groom's wedding apparel to rental retailer on time.

THE GROOMSMAN

- __ If from out of town, pays for his own transportation to the wedding site.
- __ Helps the groom run errands the week of the wedding.
- __ Is on time for fittings, pre-wedding photographs, parties, showers, etc.
- __ Usually contributes to a joint gift for the groom from his groomsmen (in addition to a personal wedding gift to the couple).
- __ Attends the rehearsal for instructions on the processional, ceremony and recessional.
- __ Attends rehearsal dinner; may be asked to give a toast.
- __ Follows the bride's wishes on when and where to dress for the ceremony.
- __ May be part of the receiving line or may be asked to mingle with the reception guests.

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A GUIDE FOR THE USHERS

Ushers play a key role in welcoming guests and setting the tone for your wedding.

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We're not saying all first impressions start here, but a good many do.

So pick carefully. Then put a copy of this page in the hands of the chosen few.

OBLIGATIONS

- Attends the bachelor party and contributes to a joint gift presented to the groom at the party. This gift is separate from the individual wedding presents given to the couple by each usher, best man and groomsman.
- __ Dresses according to instruction from the bride and groom. Attire must be fitted properly, picked up, paid for and returned on time.
- __ Attends the rehearsal for instructions and rehearses the processional, ceremony and recessional.
- __ Usher attends the rehearsal dinner and is sometimes asked to give a toast in honor of the bride and groom.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- __ Required to arrive one hour in advance unless previously notified.
- Seats all wedding guests. Seating arrangements should be discussed prior to the wedding. It is customary to seat friends of the bride on the left side behind the bride's parents and the groom's friends on the right. Politely ask guests if they are friends of the bride or groom if unaware of the association.
- Becomes familiar with names of relatives and special friends whom the bride and groom have reserved spaces for close to the altar. Selected ushers may be asked to take care of pew ribbons and carpets and to stand at the end of pews to indicate the order of departure following the ceremony.

ETIQUETTE

A couple: The usher extends his right arm to escort the woman down the aisle. Her male guest will either follow or the usher can say, "Please follow me."

- __ A group of women: Escort the older woman; the younger women will follow behind the usher.
- __ **Men:** The usher does not extend his arm, but walks beside them to their designated seat.
- __ Mother of the Groom: The head usher escorts the mother of the groom to the first row on the right, and her husband follows. This honor may be performed by the groom.
- __ Mother of the Bride: She is the last person to enter the sanctuary before the wedding party. She is escorted by the head usher to the first pew on the left side. This is usually a signal for the wedding processional to begin. This honor may be performed by the groom.
- __ Late-Comers: The usher does not seat anyone after the mother of the bride. He politely informs any late-comers to wait in the entry or directs them to the balcony or a rear side pew.

ORDER OF ENTRY

- __ Groom's grandparents (seated at right).
- __ Bride's grandparents (seated at left).
- Head usher (or groom) escorts the mother of the groom to the first pew on the right, followed by her husband.
- Head usher (or groom) escorts the mother of the bride to the first pew on the left side.

ORDER OF DEPARTURE

- __ Bride's mother (followed by her husband).
- __ Groom's mother (followed by her husband).
- __ Bride's grandmother (followed by her husband).
- __ Groom's grandmother (followed by her husband).







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Address	Contact
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Phone	Description
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Number of Guests	
Adults	
Children	Size (# of servings)
Style of Service	Shape (round, square, heart-shaped, tiers, etc)
Appetizers	
Entrees	Type
Sides	
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	lcing (color & style)
Vegetarian	
Allergies/Special Diets	Decorations
Other	
Services Included	Top Ornament
Cost Per Person \$	Total Cost + Gratuity \$
Required Deposit \$	
Deposit Due Date	Groom's Cake Description
# of Servers	·
# of Bartenders	
Staff Attire	
Total Cost + Gratuity \$	Size (# of servings and layers)
BEVERAGES	Shape (round, square, heart-shaped, tiers, etc)
Beverage Vendor	
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THE WEDDING Front View of Church Guests Arriving Bride/Father Arriving at Church Ushers Escorting Guests Soloist & Organist Groom, Bride's Parents Being Seated Bridesmaids Walking Down the Aisle Ring Bearer & Flower Girl Bride and Father Approaching Altar	Both Sets of Parents Dancing Guests Dancing Bride Tossing Bouquet Groom Removing Garter Guests Throwing Confetti Newlyweds Departure Post-Reception Party THE FINAL PHOTOS Proofs Included Date Proofs Available

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__ Bride's Father Giving Her Hand to Groom

__ Exchanging Vows





__ Date Available for Purchase _ __ Pick-up Date ___



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Phone	
Email	
Vehicle Type	
Color	
Time Booked	
Tip for Driver	
Alcohol Rules	3RD STOP
	Pick-up Time
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Pick-up Location	Passengers
Drop-off Location	
Passengers	





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REHEARSAL

LOCATION	TIME	NOTES + IDEAS
BRIDE'S FAMILY + GUESTS		

BRIDE'S PREP LIST

WEDDING DAY APPAREL EMERGENCY KIT __ Gown pick-up & pressing __ Shoes and vendors. ___ Bra __ Slip straight pins and scissors. __ Hosiery __ Jewelry borrowed and something blue. __ Gloves

WEDDING DAY ACCESSORIES

__ Guest book & pen __ Ring pillow

__ Headpiece/veil

- __ Cake knife & server
- __ Toasting flutes/goblets
- __ Favors

__ Handbag

__ Garter

- __ Ceremony programs
- __ Other

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

- __ Marriage license
- __ Groom's ring
- __ Groom's gift

- __ List of phone numbers of bridal party
- ___ Sewing kit: matching thread, safety pins,
- Something old, something new, something
- ___ Makeup, remover, skin cleanser, moisturizer, lotion, deodorant
- __ Toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash, mints, dental floss
- __ Antacid, Benadryl, Imodium, Afrin, OTC painkillers, eyedrops
- __ Nail polish: color to match nails, clear.
- __ Hairstyling items: hair dryer, curlers, comb, brush, hand mirror, hairspray, bobby pins.
- __ Hand wipes, tissues
- __ Portable iron or steamer
- __ Anti-cling spray
- __ Double-sided tape, scotch tape, floral wire, super glue
- BandAids
- __ Extra pair of black men's socks
- __ Extra nylons
- __ Extra cash, coins and bills
- __ Camera (with memory card, battery/charger)
- __ Crackers, grapes, cheese
- __ Q-Tips

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WEDDING DAY DUTIES

Bride's Wedding Gown	Marriage License
Phone	Phone
Cake	Music
Phone	Phone
Cake Cutting	Officiant
Phone	
Ceremony Decorations Phone	
Ceremony Programs Phone	
Ceremony Readings Phone	
Decorations on Car Phone	
FlowersPhone	
Food Phone	
Gifts Table Phone	
Groom's Attire Phone	
Guest Book Table Phone	
Hair and Makeup Phone	
Hotel Accommodations Phone	Other Phone

HONEYMOON

Reserve room for wedding night.	Confirm transportation reservation.
Hotel	Phone
Address	International Travel (yes) (no)
	
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NAME CHANGE

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KEEPING YOUR MAIDEN NAME

Brides who have established a professional career using their maiden name may choose to continue using that name. This is perfectly acceptable and legal in Nebraska and lowa.

USING BOTH NAMES

You may choose to use your maiden name at work and career-related functions, yet legally take your husband's surname. The other option is to use the husband's name for social and family purposes and legally keep your maiden name.

HYPHENATING YOUR NAME

This option requires a hyphen between your maiden name and your husband's surname. Example: Sandra Smith becomes Sandra Smith-Fisher.

CHANGING YOUR NAME

If you're changing your name both socially and legally, address this matter upon returning from the honeymoon. A request should be made for a separate credit history to be maintained under your maiden name. It is wise to keep one or two credit cards under your maiden name to maintain a credit rating in the event you are widowed or divorced.

NAME CHANGE CHECKLIST

- __ Alumni Associations
- __ Auto Registration/Title
- __ Bank Accounts
- __ Car Insurance
- __ Credit Cards
- __ Credit Reporting Agency
- __ Deeds
- __ Doctor/Dental Records
- __ Driver's License
- __ Employee Records
- __ Insurance Policies
 - __ Auto __ Health
 - __ Home __ Life
- __ Internal Revenue Service
- __ Magazine Subscriptions
- __ Memberships
- __ Mutual Funds/Stocks/Bonds
- __ Newspaper Subscriptions
- __ Passport
- __ Place of Worship
- __ Post Office
- __ Property Title
- __ Savings Accounts
- Social Security CardVoter Registration
- __ Last Will & Testament
- __ Advance Directive

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Dining Room Colors/Theme		
	Saucanan	Bedspread
Kitchen Colors/Theme		Blanket
	Wok	
Formal Pattern		
Casual Pattern		
Place Settings		
Pasta/Soup Bowls		
Serving Bowls		
Covered Casseroles		
Medium Platters		
Large Platters		
Butter Dish		
Vegetables		
Gravy Boat		Fingertip Towel
Salt/Pepper Shakers	CUTLERY	Shower Curtain & Liner
Platter		
Sugar		
Creamer		
creamer	Carving Knife	GUEST BEDROOM
STEMWARE	Cleaver	
Formal Pattern		
Casual Pattern		
Water Goblet		Dust Ruffle
Wine Glasses (Red & White)	TOOLS FOR THE KITCHEN	Bed Pillow
lced Beverage		
Champagne		
Martini Glasses		
Wartin Glasses	Dish Towels	
BARWARE	Hot Pads	
Highball Glasses		
Double Old-Fashioned Glasses		
Brandy Glasses		GUEST BATHROOM
Pilsner Glasses	TABLE LINENS	Bathroom Colors/Theme
Stout Glasses		
Shot Glasses		Bath Towel
51101 Glasses	Napkin Rings	
FLATWARE & SERVEWARE	Tablecloths	
Place Settings		Fingertip Towel
Butter Knife	HOME ACCESSORIES	Shower Curtain & Liner
Tablespoon		
Pierced Tablespoon		
Gravy Ladle Cold Meat Server		
Iced Beverage Spoons		Upright Suitcases
icea beverage spoons	MASTER BEDROOM	Garment Bags
COOKWARE	Bedroom Colors/Theme	
Omelet Pan		T 0
Skillet/Fry Pan		
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WEDDING PROFESSIONALS

Find these bridal vendors in our magazine and/or at our Wedding Essentials bridal shows. Be sure to mention that you discovered them through us!

Accommodations

Courtyard Marriott

courtyard.marriott.com

DoubleTree by Hilton

doubletreeomahadowntown.com

Embassy Suites | Inside front cover

embassysuitesomaha.com embassysuitesomahalavista.com

Hampton Inn, Council Bluffs

hamptoninn3.hilton.com

Hilton Garden Inn

hiltongardeninn.hilton.com

Hilton Omaha

omaha hilton com

Holiday Inn Downtown Omaha

holidayinn.com

Holiday Inn & Suites at Ameristar

holidayinn.com

Home 2 Suites by HIlton

home2.hilton.com/omaha

Hotel Deco

hoteldecoomaha.com

Lied Lodge

liedlodge.org

Omaha Marriott

marriott.com/omaha

Regency Lodge

regencylodge.com

Residence Inn

residenceinn.com

Attire

Blush Bridal Boutique

blushbridalne.com

David's Bridal

davidsbridal.com

Dillard's

dillards.com

Ellynne Bridal

ellynnebridal.com

Gentleman's Choice

omahatuxedos.com

Jos. A Bank

josbank.com

Men's Wearhouse

menswearhouse.com

Rhylan Lang | Back Cover

rhylanlang.com

Spotlight Formal Wear

spotlightformalwear.com

Tip Top Tux | Inside back cover

tttux.com

Younkers

younkers.com

Beauty & Health

Arbonne International

amylsmith.myarbonne.com

It Works

wrapupomaha.myitworks.com

Jamberry Nails

jamberry.com

Mary Kay

marykay.com

Rodan + Fields

rodanandfields.com

Salon For Women

sfwsalon.com

Victor Victoria Salon & Spa

victorvictoriasalon.com

Catering & Cakes

All Inclusive Catering

allinclusivecatering.net

Anthony's Steakhouse

anthonyssteakhouse.com

Attitude on Food

attitudeonfood.com

Catering Creations

cateringcreations.com

Coldstone Creamery

coldstonecreamery.com

Cornhusker Beverage & Bridal

cornhuskerbeverage.com

Gigi's Cupcakes

gigiscupcakesusa.com/omaha-nebraska

Hog Wild Pit BBQ

hogwildpitbbq.com

Hy-Vee | p. 5

hy-vee.com

Johnny's Italian Steakhouse

johnnysitaliansteakhouse.com

La Casa Pizzaria

lacasapizzaria.net

Mad Ox Bakery

madoxbakery.com

Main Event Catering

maineventcatering.com

Nothing Bundt Cakes

nothingbundtcakes.com

Pettit's Pastry

pettitspastry.com

Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory

rockymountainchocolatefactory.com

Sam & Louie's Catering

samandlouiespizza.com

Simply Elegant Cakes

simply-elegant-cakes.com

Stokes Bar & Grill

stokesomaha.com

Villamonte's Cuisine

v-cuisine.com

Event Design & Décor

AAA Rents & Events Services

aaarentsevents com

Blooms & Bouquets

bloomsandbouquets.com

Chair Cover Elegance

facebook.com/chaircoverelegance

David M. Mangelsen's

mangelsens.com

Events etcetera

floralsetcetera.com

Honeyman Rent-All

honeymanrentall.com

Memrical

memrical com

Nobbies

nobbiesparties.com

Occasion Designed

occasiondesigned.com

Step Group

stepgroupinc.com

United Rent-All

unitedrent-all-omaha.com

Wowfactore

wowfactore.com

Floral

A Flower Basket

aflowerbasket.org

Blooms & Bouquets

bloomsandbouquets.com

David M. Mangelsen's

mangelsens.com

Events etcetera

floralsetcetera.com

Hy-Vee

hv-vee.com

Wowfactore

wowfactore.com Invitations

Cornhusker Beverage & Bridal

cornhusker Beverage & cornhuskerbeverage.com

David M. Mangelsen's

mangelsens.com

DSY Invitations dsyinvitations.com

WEDDING PROFESSIONALS

Jewelry

Borsheims

borsheims.com

Music

Bircher and Bircher Music

bircherandbirchermusic.com

Complete

completeomaha.com

Dfunk

dfunk net

Photography & Videography

Action Photobooth

actionphotoboothomaha.com

Complete

completeomaha.com

Image Society

myimagesociety.com

Jeremy Johnson Photography

jeremyjohnsonphoto.com

Leah Marie Photography

leahmarie-photography.com

Lulla Photography

Iullaphotography.com

Mae Small Photography

maesmall.com

MAK Images

makimages.com

Multi-Images Photography

multi-images.com

Shondy Studios

shondystudios.com

T. Sterba Photography

sterbaphoto.com

Tin Box Weddings

tinboxweddings.com

TK Imaging

tkimaging.com

True Cotton Weddings

truecottonweddings.com

Planner

Occasion Designed

occasiondesigned.com

Step Group

stepgroupinc.com

Preservation

Memories Bi-Design

memoriesbidesign.biz

Omaha Lace Cleaners

omahalacecleaners.com

Real Estate

Celebrity Homes

celebrityhomesomaha.com

Registry & Gifts

Bed Bath & Beyond

bedbathandbeyond.com

Borsheims

borsheims.com

Celebrity China & Cookware

celebritychina.com

Dillard's

dillards.com

Younkers

younkers.com

Travel

Custom Cruises & Travel

ccruises.com

Enchanted Honeymoons

enchantedhoneymoonstravel.com

NOTES + IDEAS

PREFERRED VENUES

Your essential guide to ceremony and reception spaces in Greater Omaha.



A VIEW IN FONTENELLE HILLS

Capacity: 300 (inside), 300 (outside)

With soaring 80-foot floor-to-ceiling windows. this venue with a 1,800-square-foot deck overlooks the Fontenelle Hills Golf Course.

1102 Country Club Court | 402-291-2982 aviewvenues.com



Capacity: 325 (inside), 300 (outside)

This fresh, new venue in the Omaha area has three rooms to choose from, spacious bridal suites and a covered ceremony pavillion.

13467 State St. | 402-933-2929 aviewvenues.com



A VIEW WEST



Capacity: 450 (inside), 475 (outside)

A modern, contemporary space with a touch of elegance perfect for entertaining friends and family on your wedding day.

4141 N. 156th St. | 402-991-9872 aviewvenues.com



ANTHONY'S STEAKHOUSE |

Capacity: 350 (inside), 150 (outside) The 9,000-square-foot Grand Ballroom is perfect for dinner and dancing. The patio has a gazebo and waterfall.

7220 F St. | 402-331-7575 anthonyssteakhouse.com



ASHLAND GOLF CLUB

Capacity: 250 (inside)

Located between Omaha and Lincoln on pristinely manicured grounds that will create a gorgeous backdrop for your special day.

16119 Highway 6, Ashland NE | 402-944-3344 ashlandgolfclub.com



BELLA TERRE



Capacity: 400 (inside), 400 (outside)

Italy meets lowa in a reception hall and vineyard just south of Omaha, bringing your destination wedding closer to home.

23375 Barrus Rd., Glenwood | 402-657-5543 bellaterre.com



BELLEVUE EVENT CENTER

Capacity: 700 (inside)

Scheduled for completion in Spring 2016, the 25,000-square-foot multi-use facility will be joined by a 122-room Courtyard Marriott.

3730 Raynor Parkway | 319-626-5600 kinseth.com



CLUB AT INDIAN CREEK, THE

Capacity: 400 (inside), 360 (outside Indian Creek Golf Course surrounds this facility, and an outdoor ceremony lets you take in the view. Professional staff & comprehensive menu.

3825 N. 202 St. | 402-289-0900 theclubatindiancreek.com



DIAMOND ROOM, THE

Capacity: 600 (cocktail), 450 (seated) This industrial urban chic event space opened in 2015. Located downtown close to bars and hotels.

605 N. 13th St. | 402-915-0177 diamondroomomaha.com



DOUBLETREE BY HILTON OMAHA DOWNTOWN

Capacity: 650 (inside)

After the ceremony, get ready for a fun night of dining and dancing in the Grand Ballroom.

1616 Dodge St. | 402-636-7600 doubletreeomahadowntown.com



EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON A **DOWNTOWN OMAHA**

Capacity: 600 (inside)

A full-service, all-suite hotel located in the heart of Omaha's historic Old Market District.

555 S. 10th St. | 402-346-9000 omaha.embassysuites.com



EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON LA VISTA

Capacity: 2500 (inside)

Step into the breathtaking atrium of this venue and experience all-suite hospitality & planning.

12520 Westport Parkway | 402-331-7400 embassysuitesomahalavista.com



FIRST CENTRAL **CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

Capacity: 600 (inside), 100 (outside) Stained glass windows, pipe organ & artisan musicians. Welcoming, inclusive community.

421 S. 36th St. | 402-345-1533 firstcentral.org



FOUNDERS ONE | NINE |

Capacity: 400 (inside), 150 (outside)

Flexible space for any event. Features a mix of old and new with exposed brick, reclaimed wood and slate fireplace.

1915 Jackson St. | 402-558-3272 foundersomaha.com



& VINEYARD, THE

Capacity: 480 (inside)

Nestled in the Loess Hills. Offers planning, event design, floral, photography, DJ and more.

51496 230th St., Glenwood | 712-526-2426 thefountainsballroom.com



FOUNTAINS WEST, THE O

Capacity: 280 (inside)

Dream up a warm, romantic wedding in West Omaha. We offer event coordination, design, floral, photography, DJ and more.

4714 N. 120th St. | 402-496-3000 thefountainsballroom.com



HENRY DOORLY ZOO & AQUARIUM

Capacity: 325 (inside)

Dinner in the Durham Tree-Tops Restaurant or under the sea in the Scott Aguarium.

3701 S. 10th St. | 402-738-2088 omahazoo.com



HILLS EVENT CENTER, THE

Capacity: 575 (inside), 150 (outside)

Elegance, legacy and outside catering availability make The Hills Event Center the ultimate space for a complete celebration.

7040 N. 102nd Circle | 402-676-9226 thehillsomaha.net



HILTON OMAHA

Capacity: 800 (inside)

Expert culinary staff. Enclosed bridge access to the CenturyLink Center Omaha. Attached parking garage & valet service.

1001 Cass St. | 402-998-4215 omaha.hilton.com



HOLIDAY INN **DOWNTOWN OMAHA**

Capacity: 150 (Omaha)

A modern, convenient setting in the heart of downtown.

1420 Cuming St. | 402-341-0124 holidayinn.com



HOLLAND PERFORMING **ARTS CENTER**

Capacity: 330 (inside)

Expert event coordinators assist you in one-ofa-kind settings and in-house cuisine selections.

1200 Douglas St. | 402-345-0202 omahaperformingarts.org



JOHNNY'S ITALIAN STEAKHOUSE 🛑

Capacity: 65 (inside)

The perfect choice for your bridal shower, rehearsal dinner or wedding day events. Off-site catering also available.

305 N.170th St. | 402-289-9210 johnnysitaliansteakhouse.com



LAURITZEN GARDENS

Capacity: 280 (inside), 300 (outside) Exchange vows in the Omaha Botanical Center's exquisitely designed gardens or under the glass of the new conservatory.

100 Bancroft St. | 402-346-4002 lauritzengardens.org



LIED LODGE

Capacity: 280 (inside), 200 (outside) 2015 renovations make Lied Lodge and historic Morton Barns an even more memorable scene for your wedding in Nebraska City.

2700 Sylvan Rd. | 402-873-8733 liedlodge.org



MID-AMERICA CENTER •••

Capacity: 1,000 (inside)

Recently redecorated reception venue. Professional catering staff. Quick access to hotels and Interstates 29 and 80

One Arena Way, Council Bluffs | 712-323-0536 midamericacenter.com



NOAH'S EVENT VENUE

Capacity: 350 (inside), 180 (outside)

A brand new venue located in west Omaha with an open vendor policy, bride and groom's rooms and a huge list of amenities.

17121 Marcy St | 402-906-2074 noahseventvenue.com







OAK HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

Capacity: 248 (inside)

Spaces to suit all of your bridal needs and beautiful views including a fountain and lake. Event coordinator available.

12325 Golfing Green Dr. | 402-895-3636 oakhillscountryclub.org



OMAHA DESIGN CENTER • • •

Capacity: 1,000 (inside), 80 (outside)

A luxurious space with atmospheric lighting, sheer and velvet curtains, concrete floors, chandeliers & glamorous mid-century furniture.

1502 Cuming St. | 402-819-8792 omahadesigncenter.com



OMAHA MARRIOTT

Capacity: 600 (inside)

Two grand ballrooms. Elegant décor with state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment. Wedding planners on staff.

10220 Regency Cir. | 402-399-9000 marriott.com



OMAHA PRESS CLUB

Capacity: 225 (inside)

On the 22nd floor of the First National Center, the Press Club boasts Omaha's best view and features Villamonte's Cuisine.

1620 Dodge St. | 402-345-8008 omahapressclub.com



ORPHEUM THEATER

Capacity: 230 (inside)

A fairytale setting with dynamic flair. Perfect for a buffet line with open seating or formal, sitdown dinner. Exhibition Lobby also available.

409 S. 16th St. | 402-345-0202 omahaperformingarts.org



PLAYERS CLUB AT DEER CREEK | • •

Capacity: 325 (inside)

Golf course views surround the clubhouse. Professional planner and catering staff. Non-members are welcome at this private club.

12101 Deer Creek Dr. | 402-963-9950 playersclubomaha.com



PRAIRIE CROSSING VINEYARD **AND WINERY**

Capacity: 200 (inside), 200 (outside)

This newly designed event space is just minutes from the city. Beautiful landscapes surround.

31506 Pioneer Trail, Treynor, IA | 712-487-3812 prairiecrossingwine.com



RALSTON ARENA

Capacity: 350 (inside)

The Banquet Room boasts elegant color, an artistic metal ceiling and an impressive glass-enclosed space. Full-service catering.

7300 Q St. | 402-934-9966 ralstonarena.com



REGENCY LODGE

Capacity: 225 (inside)

A grand staircase for an unforgettable entrance! Professional event coordinator. Many items included in event rental, plus in-house catering.

909 S. 107th Ave. | 402-397-8971 regencylodge.com



Capacity: 500 (inside)

A modern facility with an on-site coordinator and culinary staff. A long list of included items for your event. Near UNO.

6450 Pine St. | 402-778-6313 scottcenter.com



SCOULAR BALLROOM

Capacity: 300 (inside)

This historic venue offers a grand ballroom, buffet room, atrium and two dressing suites. Custom uplighting, AV, tables & chairs included.

2027 Dodge St. | 402-449-1424 scoularballroom.com



STOKES BAR & GRILL

Capacity: 130 (inside)

Stokes offers party rooms for private dining at both its downtown and west Omaha locations.

13615 California St. | 402-498-0804 1122 Howard St. | 402-408-9000 stokesomaha.com



SULLIVAN'S STEAKHOUSE

Capacity: 100 (inside)

Warm hospitality. Custom menus under the guidance of an event planner. Dinner seating in the Wine Cellar.

222 S. 15th St. | 402-342-0077 sullivanssteakhouse.com



TIBURON GOLF CLUB

Capacity: 400 (inside), 300 (outside)

Stunning golf course views in the Great White Ballroom. A ceremony site, walk-out patio, dance floor and menu options for any budget.

10302 S. 168th St. | 402-896-1323 tiburongolf.com



EVENTS CENTER

Capacity: 325 (inside)

This midtown venue with modern architecture boasts neutral colors and beautiful atrium area.

619 S. 42nd St. | 402-559-5192 unmc.edu/eventscenter



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LOCATION	CONTACT	MAX INSIDE	MAX OUTSIDE	RENTALS	CEREMONY SITE	OUTSIDE CATERER
American Legion Post 32 230 W. Lincoln St., Papillion	402-339-3395 papillionlegion32.info	250	N/A	•		•
American Legion Omaha Post 1 7811 Davenport St.	402-391-6764 amleomahapost1.com	400	N/A	•		•
Anderson O'Brien Fine Art 1108 Jackson St.	402-884-0911 aobfineart.com	200 cocktail 150 seated	N/A		•	•
Arbor Hall 14040 Arbor St.	402-884-2269 arborhallomaha.com	300	250	•	•	
Archdiocesan Retreat & Conference Center 3300 N. 60th St., St. Joseph Hall	402-558-1442 archomaha.org	125	N/A	•	•	
Aspen Room 9809 M St.	402-502-1885 aspenroomomaha.com	250	150	•	•	
Bayliss Park Hall 530 First Ave., Council Bluffs, IA	712-325-8388 baylissparkhall.com	250	N/A	•	•	•
The Bel Air Banquet Room 12100 West Center Road	402-333-5505 belairbanquet.com	250	N/A	•	•	
Bellevue Berry & Pumpkin Ranch 11001 S. 48th St., Papillion	402-331-5500 bellevueberryfarm.com	350	N/A	•	•	
Bellevue Social Centre 1308 Fort Crook Road South	402-291-5717	110	N/A			•
Bellevue University 1000 S. Galvin Road, Bellevue	402-557-7357 bellevue.edu	250	50	•		•
The Belvedere Hall 201 E. First St., Papillion	402-592-5117 belvederehall.tripod.com	250	N/A	•	•	
Bodega Victoriana Winery 60397 Kidd Rd., Glenwood, IA	402-618-3640 bodegavictoriana.com	250	250	•	•	•
Castle Barrett 4330 Leavenworth St.	402-558-5520 barrettsomaha.com	425	N/A	•	•	•
Castle Unicorn 57034 Deacon Road, Pacific Junction, IA	712- 527-5930 castleunicorn.com	60	275	•	•	
Centurylink Center Omaha 455 N. 10th St.	402-341-1500 centurylinkcenteromaha.com	2,100	N/A	•		
Charlie's on the Lake 4150 S. 144th St.	402-894-9411 charliesonthelake.net	150	100	•	•	
College of St. Mary 7000 Mercy Road	402-399-2400 csm.edu	325	N/A	•	•	
Council Bluffs Country Club 4500 Piute St., Council Bluffs, IA	712-366-0525 cbcountryclub.com	250	200	•		
Creighton University Harper Center 602 N. 20th St.	402-280-1493 creighton.edu	350	N/A	•	•	
Creighton University Skutt Student Center 2500 California Plaza	402-280-1493 creighton.edu	350	N/A	•	•	
DC Centre 11830 Stonegate Circle	402-393-7431 dccentre.com	1,200	40	•	•	
The Durham Museum 801 S. 10th St.	402-444-5071 durhammuseum.org	500	N/A			•

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Eagle Hills Golf Course 501 Eagle Hills Drive, Papillion	402-592-7788 eaglehills.org	180	64		3112	- Transit
Eddie's Catering & Social Hall 5009 S. 24th St.	402-733-5444 eddiescatering.com	100	N/A	•	•	
Elk's Lodge 6410 S. 96th St.	402-339-3557 elks.org	300	N/A	•	•	•
Field Club of Omaha 3615 Woolworth Ave.	402-345-6343 fcomaha.com	300	75	•	•	
The Gallery & Loft 207 N. Spruce St., Valley	402-660-7040 wendydeaneartist.com	100	N/A	•	•	
General Crook House 5730 N. 30th St.	402-455-9990 omahahistory.org	180 cocktail 80 seated	Tents possible		•	•
The Georgetowne Club 2440 S. 141st Circle	402-334-5446 brandeiscatering.com	500	N/A	•	•	
German-American Society 3717 S. 120th St.	402-333-6615 germanamericansociety.org	500	75	•	•	
The Grey Plume Provisions 220 S. 31st Ave #3101	402-763-4447 thegreyplume.com	35	N/A	•	•	
Hilton Garden Inn - Omaha Downtown 1005 Dodge St.	402-341-4400 hiltongardeninn.com	80	N/A	•	•	
Hilton Garden Inn Omaha East/Council Bluffs 2702 Mid-America Drive	712-309-9000 hiltongardeninn.com	300	N/A		•	
Hilton Garden Inn Omaha West 17879 Chicago St.	402-289-9696 omahawest.stayhgi.com	128	N/A	•	•	
Historic General Dodge House 605 Third St., Council Bluffs, IA	712-322-2406 dodgehouse.org	50 seated 65 buffet	70		•	•
Holiday Inn Omaha Downtown 1420 Cuming St.	402-341-0124 holidayinndowntownomaha.com	150	N/A	•	•	
Holiday Inn & Suites at Ameristar 2202 River Road, Council Bluffs, IA	712-322-5050 holidayinn.com/councilbluffs	220	N/A			
Hotel Deco XV 1504 Harney St.	402-991-4981 hoteldecoomaha.com	110	N/A			
II Palazzo 5110 N. 132nd St.	402-493-8888 omahaitaly.com	600	N/A	•	•	
Joslyn Art Museum 2200 Dodge St.	402-661-3864 joslyn.org	400	N/A		•	
Joslyn Castle 3902 Davenport St.	402-595-3209 joslyncastle.com	200	200	•	•	•
Karen's Fireside 1214 N. Monroe St., Papillion	402-592-4413 karensfireside.com	350	N/A	•	•	•
Legacy Hall 6104 Irvington Road	402-573-8864 legacyhall.com	475	N/A	•	•	•
Liberty Social Hall 711 Olson Drive, Papillion	402-592-2622 libertysocialhall.com	400	N/A	•		
Livestock Exchange Building 4920 S. 30th St.	402-334-5446 brandeiscatering.com	350	N/A	•	•	

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The Living Room 1111 N. 13th St.	402-739-9154 livingroomomaha.com	225	N/A		•	•
Loess Hills Lodge 27792 Ski Hill Loop, Honey Creek, IA	712-328-5638 pottcoconservation.com	70	N/A	•	•	•
Lo Sole Mio Villa 3020 S. 10th St.	402-345-5656 losolemio.com	225	N/A	•	•	
Lucile's Old Market 510 S. 10th St.	402-341-3100 lucilesoldmarket.com	100	75	•	•	
Magnolia Hotel 1615 Howard St.	402-341-2500 magnoliahotelomaha.com	200	200	•	•	
Millard Social Hall 10508 S. 144th St.	402-895-1440 eddiescatering.com	400	50 cocktail 30 seated	•	•	
Old Mattress Factory 501 N. 13th St.	402-346-9116 themattomaha.com	200	N/A			
Omaha Wedding Chapel & Event Center 3622 Leavenworth St.	402-575-7006 omahaweddingchapel.com	100	N/A	•	•	•
Omaha Community Playhouse 6915 Cass St.	402-553-4890, ext. 147 omahaplayhouse.com	550	100	•	•	
One Thousand Dodge 1002 Dodge St.	402-415-8222 onethousanddodge.com	250	N/A	•	•	
Pacific Springs Golf Course 16810 Harney St.	402-330-4359 pacificsprings.com	100	50	•		
The Paxton Ballroom 1403 Farnam St.	402-342-1403 paxtonballroom.com	300 seated 370 cocktail	N/A	•	•	
The Pella at the Blackstone 303 S. 41st St.	402-415-8222 the pella at blackstone.com	250	N/A	•	•	
Platteview Country Club 4215 Platteview Road, Bellevue	402-291-5883 platteviewcc.com	180	40	•	•	•
Quarry Oaks 16600 Quarry Oaks Drive, Ashland	402-944-6004 quarryoaks.com	200	140	•	•	•
Ralston American Legion Post 373 7400 Q St., Ralston	402-592-2380	200	N/A	•		•
Ramada Plaza Hotel & Convention Center 3321 S. 72nd St.	402-517-3072 ramadaplazaomaha.com	1100	N/A	•	•	
Regency Lake & Tennis Club 606 Regency Parkway	402-391-8686 regencylakeandtennis.com	150	N/A			•
The Renaissance Mansion 401 S. 39th St.	402-346-2990 renaissance mansion.net	150	75		•	
The Ridge Banquet Facility 20033 Elkhorn Ridge Drive, Elkhorn	402-289-2859 elkhornridge.net	350	N/A	•	•	
RiverWest Park 233rd and West Maple Road, Along Elkhorn River	402-953-4731 riverwestpark.com	N/A	300	•	•	
The Rose Theater 2001 Farnam St.	402-345-4849 rosetheater.org	150	N/A			•
Scottish Rite Masonic Center 202 S. 20th St.	402-342-1300 scottishriteomaha.org	350	N/A	•		•

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Shark Club 2808 S. 72nd St.	402-397-4275 sharkclubomaha.com	200	N/A	•		•
Sheraton Omaha Hotel 655 N. 108th Ave.	402-496-0850 starwoodhotels.com	280	N/A			
Shoreline Golf Course 210 E. Locust St., Carter Lake	712-347-5173 golfshoreline.com	200	N/A	•	•	
Simply Ballroom 2679 Farnam St.	402-933-6678 simply-ballroom.com	300	N/A	•		•
Slowdown 729 N. 14th St.	402-345-7569 the slowdown.com	150				•
Sokol Auditorium 2234 S. 13th	402-346-9802 sokolomaha.com	550	N/A	•	•	•
Spring Hill Suites 3216 Plaza View Dr., Council Bluffs, IA	712-256-6500 marriott.com	50	N/A	•		•
Starlite Ballroom 2045 County Road K, Wahoo	402-443-3533 starliteballroom.net	1,000	N/A	•	•	•
Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum 28210 W. Park Highway, Ashland	402-944-3100 sasmuseum.com	2,000	N/A	•	•	•
Tangier Shrine Center 2823 S. 84th St.	402-392-0404 tangiershrine.com	300	N/A	•	•	•
Tara Hills Golf Course 1410 Western Hills Drive, Papillion	402-592-7550 eaglehills.org/-tara-hills	100	60			•
1316 Jones Street 13th and Jones Steets, Old Market	402-415-8222 1316jones.com	300	130	•	•	
The Thompson Center UNO campus, 67th and Dodge Streets	402-554-3368 unoalumni.org	240	500	•	•	
Tip Top Downtown Ballroom 1502 Cuming St.	402-334-5446 brandeiscatering.com	600	N/A	•	•	
Tregaron Golf Course 13909 Glengarry Circle, Bellevue	402-292-2745 tregarongolf.com	150	25	•		
VFW Post 2503 8904 Millitary Road	402-571-8397 vfwpost2503.org	281	N/A	•	•	•
VFW Post 8334 5083 S. 136th St.	402-895-5656 myvfw.org/NE/Post8334	108	N/A	•	•	•
Viking Ship 2582 Redick Ave.	402-457-6051	300 cocktail 200 seated	N/A	•	•	•
Westside Community Conference Center 3534 S. 108th St.	402-390-3380 access66catering.com	300	N/A	•	•	
Willow Creek Glass Chapel 4066 325th St., Shelby, IA	712-483-2435 willowcreekglasschapel.com	300	N/A	•	•	•

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