What must the bridegroom do for this wedding?

You're the groom and you're nervous.

You don't know who gets what, when; who drives whom where.

In the middle of the service you're wondering where the ring is . . . in your head it's all chaoes.

All that nervousness may never go away but you can eliminate some of it by knowing what and how to plan ahead.

Start with money matters.

BEFORE YOU buy anything make sure you buy the marriage license. From there you can spend your eash on a million different things including rings, flowers and presents.

You buy the flowers. They're choosen by her, but you pay. That includes bridesmaids, mothers and ushers. For yourself, cut a sprig from your brides bouquet.

You also buy the rings. To avoid unwanted styles or incorrect sizes make ring buying a joint venture.

YOU ALSO buy gifts for your

ushers and most importantly a wedding gift for your bride.

If your ushers are from out-oftown you make their in-town arrangements. This includes lodging, transportation from the airport, to the church and reception.

Other travel arrangements to be made by you include transportation from the reception and the honeymoon (joint decision) but you arrange it.

WHEN YOU get to the reception your responsibilities aren't over. After the first toast, made by your best man, you make a toast to your wife.

You begin the dancing with your bride, then her mother, then your mother then the bridesmaids . . . then you may need a rest.

Probably very few weddings would receive an A-plus from Amy Vanderbilt, but you can relieve some of your own jitters by trying to plan things ahead.

You and your bride should decide together how things will work.



