

**WEDDING CEREMONY
OF
JUDGE WILLIAM J. CORBETT**



On this the most important day of their lives, **Anja** and **Gregor** have asked that their gratitude be expressed to all those who are here today, their families and friends, for being with them and sharing their happiness. They have asked you to be here to witness this celebration because each of you have given of yourselves into their lives. Your friendship, guidance, support, encouragement and love will forever be appreciated and will continue to be an important part of their lives as they leave here as a married couple. They have asked me to welcome you here and thank you for sharing this important time with them.

So dearly beloved and friends, we are gathered here in the presence of this company to join this woman, **Anja**, and this man, **Gregor**, in the bonds of matrimony, which is an honorable estate and is not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, and discreetly.

This union then is most serious, because it will join you together for life in a relationship so close and so intimate, that it will profoundly influence your whole future, with its hopes and dreams for the years to come. And so, not knowing what lies before you, you take each other for better or for worse, for richer, or for poorer, in sickness and in health, for the rest of your lives.

Marriage and family are the basis of our society. A strong marriage is based on faith, hope, trust and love.

Love and Marriage gives understanding to all that you do because you are able to share your ideas, explain your goals, express your frustrations and always have someone who is supportive of you.

Love and Marriage is understanding each other, listening to each other, supporting each other and having fun together.

Love and Marriage is finding dreams to share, working towards common goals and sharing the responsibilities of family life equally.

The love that you are feeling on this very happy occasion, if it is to last forever is not a feeling to be taken lightly but a feeling to be cherished, nurtured and cared for every day of your lives.

On this wonderful occasion we are reminded of the meaning and importance of love.

To Love is to share life together
to build special plans just for two.
To work side by side
and then smile with pride
As one by one, your dreams all come true.

To Love is to help and encourage
with smiles and sincere words of praise.
To take time to share
To listen and to care
In tender, affectionate ways.

To Love is to have someone special
One on whom you can always depend.
To be there through the years
Sharing laughter and tears
As a partner, a lover, a friend.

To Love is to make special memories
Of moments you love to recall,
Of all the good things
That sharing life brings
Love is the greatest of all.

(MAID OR MATRON OF HONOR TAKES BRIDE'S FLOWERS. BRIDE AND GROOM FACE EACH OTHER, HOLD HANDS AND LOOK INTO EACH OTHERS EYES.)

Gregor will you have **Anja** as your wedded wife, to live together in the ordinances and estate of matrimony? (GROOM I will or I do)

Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her in sickness and in health, forsaking all others, being faithful to her, for the rest of your life? (GROOM I will OR I do.)

Anja will you have **Gregor** as your wedded husband, to live together in the ordinances and estate of matrimony? (BRIDE I will OR I do.) Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him in sickness and in health, forsaking all others, being faithful to him, for the rest of your life? (BRIDE I will or I do.)

The wedding rings which you are about to exchange are unbroken circles which symbolize unending and everlasting love and are visible symbols which represent the inner commitment you have just made to each other in your hearts. As you wear these rings may your life together be filled with love, prosperity and happiness in all things.

JUDGE ASKS **Gregor** what do you now offer as a symbol of your love and these vows? (GROOM SAYS "This ring." (BEST MAN HANDS BRIDE'S RING TO THE GROOM)

As you place this ring on **Anja's** finger please repeat after me: With this ring I thee wed,/ and pledge my everlasting love.

JUDGE ASKS **Anja** what do you now offer as a symbol of your love and these vows? BRIDE SAYS "This ring." (BEST MAN HANDS BRIDE THE GROOM'S RING)

As you place this ring on **Gregor's** finger please repeat after me: With this ring, I thee wed,/ and pledge my everlasting love.

Anja and **Gregor** will now share a glass of wine symbolizing the sharing of their lives now and the sharing they will experience together for the rest of their lives.

And now in as much as **Anja** and **Gregor** have consented together in wedlock and have witnessed the same before this company of family and friends

And thereto have pledged their eternal love and devotion to each to the other and have declared the same by the exchanging of vows, the joining of hands and the exchange of rings;

I William J. Corbett, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State of New York pronounce that you are husband and wife.

Those who have been joined together in marriage let no one put asunder.

Congratulations.

You may now kiss the lovely bride.