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Rehearsal Dinner Guide

The Rehearsal Dinner event creates the perfect opportunity to have families come together in a relaxed setting so that they may better get to know each other, hang out together, share stories, memories and laughs. There are no hard and fast rules about what makes a great rehearsal dinner/party, so don't let preconceptions stifle your creativity. Let your imagination run free when you consider your options and decide to run with the wind.

Sometimes the more formal the wedding, the less formal the rehearsal dinner should be. The formal wedding will be nicer and more fun because the key players are already comfortable with each other. And a casual rehearsal dinner at Max Lager's Wood Fired Grill & Brewery is the perfect venue for friends and family from out of town to have a blast and relax before the big day.

Suggestions for a great party!

Step 1 Save the date!

Send a Save the Date Card.

Step 2 Menu selections

Determine the menu being served for the wedding reception before selecting anything for the Rehearsal Dinner. Color schemes, flowers and themes should also vary from the wedding.

Step 3 Menu refinement

Do not choose anything that is considered more of a delicacy than what is being offered at the reception. If the reception will include Roasted Chicken, do not serve Lobster at the Rehearsal Dinner. If Filet Mignon is the chosen entrée, consider a Down East Maine Lobster Bake. That would be great fun.



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Step 4 Invitations

No matter how large or small the group may be, invitations should be sent to all who are expected to attend. They can be either formally engraved or handwritten on cards, depending on the occasion's formality. You'll also want people to RSVP so that an accurate head count may be given to the restaurant. If there are quite a few guests from afar and you are staying at the same hotel, you might consider adding 10% to your guest count. Last minute invitations are the rule rather than the exception.

Step 5 Guest count and party flow

If the guest count for the wedding is rather large, the Host may consider inviting additional wedding attendees for a Dessert and Drinks Reception following the dinner. Perhaps a Groom's Cake, typically a chocolate and/or Liqueur-Flavored Cake and music could be provided e.g. Karaoke, a DJ, or a Classical Guitarist. We can always find the perfect musical accompanist for the occasion.

Step 6 Relax!

Be prepared to have an evening of fun and relaxation for everyone, there's enough stress the following day!

Step 7 Toasts and more party flow

Prepare and plan to have toasts to honor the bride and groom. They may be made at any time during the festivities. Toasts will serve to break the ice and are such fun especially when the Hosts, or a particular friend designated by the Hosts, organize individuals or groups of individuals e.g. the bridesmaids or the groomsmen, to unleash their creativity upon the unsuspecting couple. Parents, the Best Man, the Maid of Honor, Aunt Harriet and others will also toast and when they do, the person who is toasted should rise in thanks, and should they wish, return the toast.



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Step 8 Thank yous

Over dinner, the couple typically takes a moment to thank the guests for their time and effort. And often, they follow up with more tangible tokens of thanks for members of the wedding party. Around this time, the bride and groom's parents will typically offer a toast to the couple.

Step 9 Plan it, then relax!

These key elements serve as a guideline for planning your rehearsal dinner. The items are usually considered and employed in planning and executing your rehearsal dinner. The use of these guidelines gives you the simple steps to organize and/or delegate to one of your attendants, and take the worry out of these evening before the big day. Leave the formality for your wedding day.

Enhancements

- 1. A special Max Lager's Brew served in personalized glasses - etched with bride and groom's name and date of marriage to be given to all guests.*
- 2. Presentation of slides or videos depicting the lives of the Bride and Groom. Check out www.smilingsnaps.com. This DVD would make a wonderful gift.*
- 3. Poems or music especially composed for the evening. Be sure to provide a copy for all guests.*
- 4. Karaoke Sing-a-long with the couple's favorite songs.*
- 5. Mexican Fiesta - Host will supply Sombreros and musical selections with Maxaritas.*
- 6. Hawaiian Luau - Complete with Pig Roast, grass skirts, Leis, and Max Lahaina Lager.*
- 7. AT THE HOP - Alma Mater theme e.g. couple graduated from the same college. All guests invited to wear college attire.*



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8. *Down East Maine Lobster Bake ***(Market Price) complete with Chowder, Corn, Steamers .*
- 9 . *Bahamas Barbecue Bash - Featuring Pulled Jamaican Pork as a regional Entrée'.*
10. *RajMaTaj a la Monsoon Wedding - Colorful linens, flowers and foods worthy of a night on the Ganges.*
11. *Photo Booth - www.wowphotobooth.com*
12. *Casino night complete with Blackjack, and Craps tables & Roulette Wheel, card dealers and pit boss. Gifts for the winners.*
13. *Preserve the memories - consider disposable cameras on each table. Or have a photographer on hand to document the night's festivities.*
14. *Consider décor such as flowers, candles, colored tablecloths and chair coverings.*

All thematic accoutrements may be purchased for the Host by Max Lager's Staff. A 5% Service Charge will be applied. Once the decisions have been made, your Max Lager's event planner will provide a written estimate of the party based upon the menu selections, guest count, and enhancements.

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