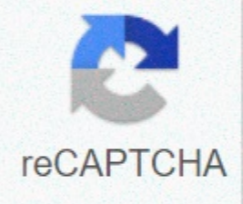




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## Filipino wedding traditions cord veil coins

Posted on May 19, 2017 Very recently we have a wedding where the bride and groom integrated their Filipino heritage with a veil, cord and coins symbolism ceremony. In order to honor her parents, the bride specifically requested that this symbolism ceremony be included in the wedding ceremony. This kind of symbolism ceremony is not intended for the average wedding, but it is a good example of how we can adapt each of our wedding ceremonies to the needs of our customers. Cord, Veil and Cord Filipino Ceremony Minister: Todd and Katie have decided to honor Katie's Filipino heritage by providing a traditional veil, cord and coin symbolic ceremony. (2 Caregivers put the veil over the bride and groom) Todd and Katie, this veil covers them today and reminds you and us that Christ covers us in His love. Your new home will be a place where God dwells because you have chosen to live under the cloak of His love. (2 caregivers lay the cord over the bride and groom) The cord that is dragged and crossed in the middle, a symbol of infinity, is wrapped around it to symbolize the Holy Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who are one and the same. This cord without beginning or end symbolizes the same union and the infinite nature of your marriage. In Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 Solomon speaks of two: two are better than one because they have a good return for their troubles. For when they fall, one will lift up one's fellow man; But woe to him who is alone when he falls, and does not have another to lift him up. Again, when two lie together, they are warm; But how can you be warm on your own? And even if a man may prevail against one who is alone, two will resist him. Let this cord be a symbol of your union, a sign of your attachment to one another, your inseparable unity, and that you will walk this earth as equals. In the old tradition, there was an understanding of man as bread winner and woman as housemaker. These coins were not given and received in a spirit of reciprocity, but in a give/take relationship. Nowadays, the coins are a reminder of a good stewardship for all couples; that you will support each other, your children and the world around you. May God bless these coins that symbolize mutual support and responsibility. (Officiant hands to maintain coins made of silk purse. While groom speaks, he gives the coins to the bride) Minister: Todd, please repeat after me: Katie, I give you these coins, as a pledge of my devotion to you, my willingness to take care of you, and our house. (When bride speaks, she gives the Minister: Katie, please repeat after me: I accept them and promise you in the same way my commitment, the care of our house and the well-being of our children. (Groom puts coins back in silk purse and holds them or gives them to Best Man) After the ceremony we ended with a prayer and the 2 attendants came back the altar and removed the cord and the veil. It was a beautiful ceremony and the mother of the bride was particularly happy that the couple integrated this symbolic ceremony. The veil that was used has been in the family for many years © questions about our custom ceremonies? Contact us here! Leah D. If you're like me, you're at the end of a busy wedding season – or maybe you're ready for your own wedding. Despite the trends that come and go every year, Asian traditions are still very common. For my wedding in 2016, I decided to subtly integrate a few Filipino traditions, some of which are listed below, because my husband and I realized that there would be no elements from his Japanese ethnicity that were integrated into the ceremony – we kept it quite contemporary. If you haven't been to a Filipino wedding, or if you've been curious about some of the traditions you've seen in the past at one, here are five meaningful elements you might experience at a Philippine wedding. Photo credit: George Ruiz 1. Men Barong Tagalog — The Barong is a thin, finely embroidered tunic worn under a simple shirt on formal occasions, including weddings. Long sleeves are most common. Lately, I've seen photos of women wearing unconventional barongs instead of the Filipino Mestiza dress, a traditional formal dress made of expensive fabric adorned with embroidery. After wearing a three-piece suit in the summer heat at his friend's wedding, my husband decided to hire Barongs for his groomsmen for our wedding. The embroidery is beautiful, and it was a great tribute to my heritage. Photo credit: Tomasz Wagner 2. Lighting of candles & unit candle — Sponsors or parents of the wedding couple will light these candles, as is typical of Catholic ceremonies. Some weddings will add a unity candle lit with the candles of the bride and groom to signify the unity of the families and the presence of God that will lead the couple into their new lives. 3. Coins — Also known Arras (pronounced ahrahs), Arrhae (pronounced ar-rah-heh) or unit coins, wedding coins symbolize prosperity. Traditionally in gold and silver, 13 portions of coins are blessed by the priest. Sponsors give the coins to the couple, or a coin carrier takes them to the altar. Similar to the exchange of rings, the coins are passed between the couple or only from the groom to the bride. 4. Cord — The wedding cord, or Yugal, is usually a knotted, infinitely shaped presented by a sponsor and draped over the pair to show their bond. It can be made from silk, pearls, flowers or coins. Since my parents' wedding cord was the only physical element they had kept from their wedding, I used it in a different way by placing it on our registration table during our ceremony. My wedding coordinator moved it to our chef's table, moved it, provided an even more significant surprise than I saw during the reception. While they are two separate elements, the cord ceremony usually takes place immediately after the veil ceremony, in which a veil is placed over the shoulders of the bride and groom. Credit: Jessica Hoang 5th Money Dance — During the wedding ceremony, male guests line up to attach dollar bills to the bride's veil or dress with her and dance with her, while female guests do the same on the groom's clothes to shower the couple's happiness. This can also mark the beginning of the dancing part of the wedding day. Even if you and your partner don't want an overly lavish Asian wedding, using only a few elements can make sense, especially when it comes to your parents or your relationship with them. Traditions can also reappear for your friends who have never seen or experienced them. Weddings are an opportunity to reflect on the traditions you are integrating into this new union in your life. We would be pleased to hear you honor or plan to honor traditional elements at your wedding. The wedding was warm, humorous and awakened. We liked the suggestions he had for us, and we received many compliments on how funny and personal our ceremony was from our guests. Thank you Great Officials!! Source: Mikii - YELP Prelude Processional Opening Officiant: We are gathered here today in the eyes of God to celebrate one of life's greatest moments - The Connection of Two Hearts. In this ceremony today we will witness the participation of GROOM/BRIDE and GROOM/BRIDE in marriage. If there is anyone who just why this couple shouldn't be united, let them speak now or keep their peace forever. Who gives marriage to this man/woman today? (Optional) Father of GROOM/BRIDE - I do. Officiant: Today we came together to testify to the connection between these two lives. For them, the extraordinary has happened from the routine of ordinary life. They got to know each other, fell in love and ended their wedding today. Romance is fun, but true love is much more of a thing and it is their desire to love each other for life, and that's what we're celebrating here today. A good marriage must be created. In marriage, the little things are the big things. It's never too old to hold hands. It remembers saying at least once a day I love you. It will never sleep furiously. She stands together and confronts the world. They are words of appreciation and demonstration of gratitude in a thoughtful way. It has the ability to forgive and forget. There is a in which everyone can grow. It is a common search for good and beautiful. It's not just the right person to get married -- it's the right partner. Rose Ceremony Officiant: The Love, the GROOM/BRIDE and The feeling for each other is a seed that their parents planted in their hearts years ago - and today it has blossomed. Today, as they embrace each other in their love, they also embrace the families who have come together for this happy occasion. As a sign of their love for their families, GROOM/BRIDE and GROOM/BRIDE want to offer these roses to their mothers as symbols of their eternal love. These roses are a promise that you are, you will not be forgotten and that you are always in their hearts. (Instructions: GROOM/BRIDE and GROOM/BRIDE present a flower first to the Grooms/BRIDES mother and then to the GROOMS/BRIDES mother.) Reading Officiant: I Corinthians 13:1-8 Love is patient; Love is kind; Love is not jealous or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not exist on its own path; it is not irritable or annoying; she does not rejoice in the wrong thing, but rejoices in the truth. She wears everything, believes in everything, hopes for everything, endures everything. Love never stops. Veil Ceremony Officiant: GROOM/BRIDE and GROOM/BRIDE, I ask SPONSOR and SPONSOR to join us and put a veil over you to dress you together. Let this be a symbol of the faithful love you have for each other. Over the years, let the veil remind you that you belong to each other and to no one else. (Instructions: SPONSOR will pin the veil on the right shoulder of GROOM/BRIDE, while SPONSOR will drape the veil over the head of GROOMS/BRIDES and attach it to the left side of its veil.) Cord Ceremony Officiant: GROOM/BRIDE and GROOM/BRIDE, I invite SPONSOR and SPONSOR to put a string over you. This cord symbolizes an infinite bond of love that you share, that keeps your relationship strong in the face of adversity, and that you are both no longer two, but one in marriage. May this cord remind you to live your life courageously and support each other in fulfilling your duties and duties as a couple. And may your love become stronger and bind you more closely over the years. (Instructions: SPONSOR puts the cord over the GROOM/BRIDE head and places it on his shoulders, while SPONSOR puts the cord over the head of GROOMS/BRIDES and rests on his shoulders.) Coin Ceremony Officiant: Now let's do an exchange of Arras, or coins. Instructions: SPONSOR will present the pillow with the coins to the Officiant. Originally there was an understanding of husband as breadwinner and woman as housemaker, so that the coins were not given and received in a give/take relationship, not in a spirit of reciprocity. Nowadays, the coins are a reminder of a good stewardship for all couples; that they their children and the world around them. May God bless these coins that symbolize mutual support and responsibility. Officiant/GROOM/BRIDE: Instructions: The Officiant leaves the coins in waiting hands. GROOM/BRIDE then drops the coins into the hands of GROOM/BRIDE. GROOM/BRIDE then puts his hand over THE of GROOM/BRIDE and then drops the coins back into his hands. Finally, GROOM/BRIDE hands the coins to Tuan (Best Man) for safekeeping. Officiant leads and GROOM/BRIDE repeats itself after him/her. GROOM/BRIDE, I give you this Arrhae as a pledge of my commitment to your well-being. GROOM/BRIDE: I accept them and promise you in the same way my commitment, the care of our house and the well-being of our children. Removal of veil and cord Officiant: I would like to ask the secondary sponsors to remove the cord and veil. Exchange of vows Officiant/GROOM/BRIDE: Instructions: GROOM/BRIDE and GROOM/BRIDE face each other and hold hands. Alan leads and GROOM/BRIDE follows: I, GROOM/BRIDE take groom/BRIDE to my husband/wife, my partner in life and my true love. I will trust you and honor you. I will love you faithfully Through the best and the worst, through the difficult and the light. Whatever comes, I will always be there. As I have given you my hand to hold you, I give you my life to keep Officiant/GROOM/BRIDE Instruction: Alan leads and GROOM/BRIDE follows: I, GROOM/BRIDE take groom/BRIDE to my husband/wife, my partner in life and my true love. I will appreciate our friendship and love you today, tomorrow and forever. I will trust you and honor you. I will love you faithfully Through the best and the worst, through the difficult and the light. Whatever comes, I will always be there. Since I have given you my hand to hold, I give you my life to hold I Do's Officiant: GROOM/BRIDE, do you take GROOM/BRIDE to be your husband/wife? GROOM/BRIDE: I do. Officiant: Do you promise to love, honor, appreciate and protect him, to leave everyone else and just hold on to him/her forever? GROOM/BRIDE: I do. Officiant: GROOM/BRIDE take GROOM/BRIDE as your husband/wife? GROOM/BRIDE: I do. Officiant: Do you promise to love, honor, appreciate and protect him, to leave everyone else and just hold on to him/her forever? GROOM/BRIDE: I do. Officiant: GROOM/BRIDE take GROOM/BRIDE as your husband/wife? GROOM/BRIDE: I do. Officiant: Do you promise to love, honor, appreciate and protect him, to leave everyone else and just hold on to him/her forever? GROOM/BRIDE: I do. Replacement of rings Officiant: Instruction: (Best Man) the rings are handed over to the Officiant. Lord, bless and weibrius this GROOM/BRIDE and GROOM/BRIDE in their love for each other. May these rings be a symbol of their true faith and always remind them of their love. I GROOM/BRIDE, take you, GROOM/BRIDE to be my Husband/Wife - To in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, in joy and sorrow, and I promise My love to you. Und mit diesem Ring nehme ich dich als meinen Mann/Frau, solange wir beide leben werden. Officiant/BRIDE/GROOM Instruction: Alan leads and GROOM/BRIDE follows: I GROOM/BRIDE, take thee thee to be my husband/wife. To have and to keep, in sickness and health, for richer or for poorer, in joy and sorrow, and I promise you My love. And with this ring I take you as my husband/wife as long as we both will live. Blessing of the Hand-Officiant: GROOM/BRIDE, please face GROOM/BRIDE, and hold up his/her hands palms. These are the hands of your best friend, young and strong and alive with love, that keeps you on your wedding day as he/she promises to love you all the days of his life. These are the hands that will work alongside you, as together you build your future as you laugh and wept as you share your innermost secrets and dreams. These are the hands that work long hours for you and your new family. These are the hands that love you passionately and will value you over the years for a life of happiness. These are the hands that will wipe tears from your eyes countless times: tears of sorrow and tears of joy. These are the hands that hold every child in tender love, calm ingenuity and hurt them through illness, support and encourage them along the way and know when it is time to let go. These are the hands that will hold you as you struggle through difficult times. These are the hands that will comfort you when you are sick, or comfort you when you mourn. God bless these hands that you see before you today. May they always be kept from each other. Give them the strength to persevere during the storms of stress and darkness of disillusionment. Keep them tender and gentle as they nurture each other in their wondrous love. Help these hands continue to build a relationship, rich in care and devoted to your perfection. May GROOM/BRIDE and GROOM/BRIDE see their four hands as healers, protectors, shelters, and leaders. Lighting of the unit Candle Officiant: Today you have decided to share the rest of your life with each other. This beautiful union is now symbolized by the lighting of the unit candle. The candle you are about to light is a candle of marriage. The individual candles represent everything you are and everything you have been until that moment. It is a candle of unity because both candles must come together to create the new light. His fire is miraculous because it represents the light of two people in love. This candle is also a candle of engagement because it needs two people working together to keep it on fire. Love is like a flame; it has the heat of passion, it is constantly changing, its radiance is there for everyone to see, and together you have to protect it from deletion. GROOM/BRIDE and please light the middle candle to symbolize the union of your life. Officiant: Today, as you lit this candle, may the brightness of the flame shine together all your life. May the twinkle in the eye of this one light be a testimony of your union. May this burn brightly as a symbol of your love and commitment to each other. The life that each of you has experienced now, individually, will be united after that, for the two will become one. Announcement Officiant: Bless their marriage, O God, as they begin their journey on the path of common life. We don't know what's going to happen to the road bends and bends. But help them make the most of everything they need. Help them continue to enjoy themselves as they did at their first meeting. Help them realize that nothing or no one is perfect, and to seek good in all things and all people, including themselves. Help them respect each other's preferences and dislikes, opinions and beliefs, hopes and dreams and fears, even if they may not always understand them. Help them learn from each other and help each other grow spiritually, emotionally, and spiritually. Help them realize that no matter what happens to them, they hold on to each other and know that things have a way to work for the good. Help them create a peaceful, stable home of love for their children as the foundation on which to build their lives. But above all, dear God, help them to light the torch of love that they now share, so that through their loving example they can pass on the light of love forever to their children and the children of their children. Close To make your relationship work, it will take love. This is the core of your marriage and why you are here today. It will take confidence to know that you really want the best for each other in your hearts. It takes devotion to remain open to one another - and to learn and grow together. It will take faith to move forward together without knowing exactly what the future holds. And it will take commitment to be faithful to the journey you both promised today. Through the power that has been given to me, I am now telling you ..... The kiss You can kiss your GROOM/BRIDE. I want to introduce the happy couple. Recessionary recessionary