

The Wedding of Alex Good and Corey Smart
Star Banquet Hall, 1234 Mill Rd, Centerville, August 3, 2020

Introduction:

Welcome to Star Banquet Hall and welcome to the wedding of Alex Good and Corey Smart. What a beautiful location for their ceremony.

A wedding is such a wonderful occasion filled with hopes, dreams and excitement. We are here today to celebrate the love that Alex and Corey have for each other, and to recognize and witness their decision to journey forward in their lives as marriage partners.

May your love create a safe haven for you both on the journey that lies ahead.

Listen to each other – to your dreams, and to your frustrations.

Be helpmates. Be playful in finding new ways to give your love anew to each other every day.

Let your love be an inspiration to others to reach for what is good within us all.

It is your love that has brought us together here today.

May your love be so abundant that you have plenty to share with the rest of us.

Reading: From “Union” by Robert Fulghum

You have known each other from the first glance of acquaintance to this point of commitment. At some point, you decided to marry. From that moment of *yes* to this moment of *yes, indeed*, you have been making promises and agreements in an informal way.

All those conversations that were held riding in a car or over a meal or during long walks

All those sentences that began with “When we're married,” and continued with “I will and you will and we will,”

All those late night talks that included “someday and somehow and maybe,”

And all those promises that are unspoken matters of the heart.

All these common things, and more, are the real process of a wedding.

The symbolic vows you are about to make are a way of saying to one another, “You know all those things we've promised and hoped and dreamed? Well, I meant it all, every word.”

Look at one another and remember this moment in time.

Before this moment you have been many things to one another – acquaintance, friend, companion, lover, dancing partner, and even teacher, for you have learned much from one another.

Now you will say a few words that will usher you across a threshold, and things will never quite be the same between you.

For after these vows, you shall say to the world, “This is my husband” or “This is my wife.”

Declaration

Alex:

Do you solemnly declare that you know of no legal impediment that prevents you from marrying Corey Smart?

Alex: “I do.”

Corey:

Do you solemnly declare that you know of no legal impediment that prevents you from marrying Alex Good?

Corey: “I do.”

I invite you now to declare your **Intentions:**

Alex:

Before family, friends, witnesses, and in my presence, do you, Alex Good, take Corey Smart to be your lawfully wedded husband?

Alex: “I do.”

Corey:

Before family, friends, witnesses, and in my presence, do you, Corey Smart, take Alex Good to be your lawfully wedded wife?

Corey: “I do.”

Ring Exchange:

Alex (Corey), please repeat after me:

Corey (Alex), I give you this ring as a symbol of my love and devotion. Wear it and know that I am yours, to have and to hold, for better or for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, from this day forward.

With this ring, I thee wed.

Pronouncement

Corey and Alex – you have consented in marriage, and have declared your solemn intentions before these witnesses and in my presence. Therefore:

I, James McDonald, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Humanist Association of Canada and the Marriage Act of the Province of Ontario, do hereby pronounce you, Alex Good and Corey Smart, to be lawfully married.

Please seal your marriage with a **Kiss**

Sign the Register

The Box Ceremony

Alex and Corey today are starting a new tradition in their lives. This box contains a bottle of wine and a love letter from each to the other. The letters describe the good qualities they find in each other, the reasons they fell in love, and the reasons for choosing to marry. The letters are sealed in individual envelopes, and they have not seen what the other has written.

Together we will seal this box, and on the happy occasion of each anniversary, they will open the box, read the letters, drink the wine, and add new love letters to the box each year.

As time passes, they will have a record of the yearly reflection on their relationship and a living document of the growth and depth of their ever evolving relationship.

Alex and Corey, should you ever find your marriage enduring hardships, please, as a couple, open the box, sit and drink the wine together, and then read the love letters you wrote to one another on your wedding day.

Will you seal the box now, please?

Conclusion

Couple joins hands

May your union grant you patience, tolerance, and understanding, as well as passion, excitement, and laughter.

May you want one another.

May you need one another.

May you support one another.

May you continually rediscover your love in one another.

May you live happily ever after!

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my pleasure to introduce to you husband and wife, Alex and Corey Smart!