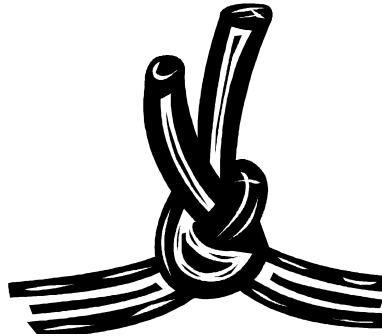


“LASSO” CEREMONY

(Usually placed after the vow exchange)



Who will present the LASSO at this time?

(Bride) & (Groom) have chosen to incorporate the Lasso ritual into their Wedding Ceremony today. The Lasso is a Wedding ritual in which the couple are bound together with a ceremonial rosary. Lassoing is a declaration of intent, where the Bride & Groom clearly state that they are marrying of their own free will.

(Bride) & (Groom) since your lives have crossed in this life, you have formed eternal and sacred bonds. As you enter this state of matrimony you should strive to make real the ideals that to you, give the meaning of this ceremony and to the institution of marriage.

With full awareness, know that within this Lasso you are not only declaring your intent to be bound together before your friends and family, but you speak that intent also to God.

The promises made today and the ties that are bound greatly strengthen your union and will cross the years and lives of each soul's growth.

(Bride) & (Groom), I ask as you hold each others hands, also look into each others eyes.

Will you honor and respect one another, and seek to never break that honor?

Will you share each other's pain and seek to ease it?

Will you share the burdens of each so that your spirits may grow in this union?

Will you share each other's laughter, and look for the brightness in life and the positive in each other?

Bride & Groom answer, we will.

This candle is also a candle of Commitment because it takes two people working together to keep it ablaze.

(Bride) & (Groom), as you are bound together now, so to your lives and spirits are joined in a union of everlasting love and trust. Above you are the stars and below you is the earth. Like the stars your love should be a constant source of light, and like the earth, a firm foundation from which to grow.

Lasso is removed
Lasso Prayer

Heavenly Father, You ordained marriage for your children, and You gave us love. We present You (BRIDE) and (GROOM), who come this day to be married. May the covenant of love they make be blessed with true devotion and spiritual commitment.

We thank you for giving them the strength and courage to keep the covenant they have made.

Thank you for helping them create for their children a peaceful, stable home of love as a foundation on which they can build their lives.

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When selfishness shows itself, grant generosity;

When mistrust is a temptation, give them moral strength;

When there is misunderstanding, give them patience and gentleness;

When suffering becomes a part of their lives, give them a strong faith and abiding love.

This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.



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