

## **Jumping the Broom**

We will now ask the sisters of the bride, Lisa & Sandee to place the broom which was made with help from Jessica and Melissa before Michael and Carol Sue. This broom symbolizes the cutting of ties with the old life before you both were together and represents the old remnants being swept away. It signifies your entrance into a new life and the creation of a new family by symbolically sweeping away your former single lives, former problems and concerns.

The straw end represents family. The handle represents the almighty and the ribbon represents the tie that binds the couple together. The leap that you will take over the broom is also symbolic. It signifies entering upon a new adventure as husband and wife. Lastly the significance of the broom is the coming together of both families, the commitment to each other, and the strength, love, togetherness loyalty and respect which is essential for a successful marriage.

Starting a new life with another person does require a "leap of faith". But by taking the leap, it is a gesture of dedication toward working together through the tough times ahead and the willingness to care for and defend one another. Some say that whoever jumps the highest will be the boss of the house!