

## Filipino Coin and Veil Ceremony

### **Veil Ceremony**

Officiant: GROOM/BRIDE and GROOM/BRIDE, I ask SPONSOR and SPONSOR to join us and to lay a veil over you to clothe you together. Let this be a symbol of the faithful love you have for each other. Through the passing of the years, let the veil remind you that you belong to each other and to no one else. (Instruction: SPONSOR will pin the veil on GROOM's/BRIDE's right shoulder, while SPONSOR will drape the veil over GROOMS/BRIDES head and pin it on the left side of her veil.)

### **Coin Ceremony**

Officiant: Now let us do an exchange of the Arras, or coins. Instruction: SPONSOR will present the pillow with the coins to the Officiant. Originally, there was an understanding of husband as "bread winner" and wife as "home maker" so the coins were given and received not in a spirit of reciprocity but in a give/take relationship. Nowadays the coins are a reminder of good stewardship for all couples; that they will mutually support each other, their children and the world around them. May God bless these coins that symbolize mutual support and responsibility.

Officiant/GROOM/BRIDE: Instruction: The officiant drops the coins into GROOM's/BRIDE's waiting hands. GROOM/BRIDE then drops the coins into GROOM/BRIDE hands. GROOM/BRIDE then puts his/her hand above GROOM's/BRIDE's then drops the coins back into his/her hands. Finally, GROOM/BRIDE gives the coins to Tuan (Best Man) for safe-keeping. Officiant leads and GROOM/BRIDE repeats after him/her.

"GROOM/BRIDE, I give you this as a pledge of my dedication to your welfare."

GROOM/BRIDE: I accept them and in the same way pledge my dedication to you, the care of our home, and the welfare of our children.