Asked to be best man: what to do first

Say thank you, then ask what he actually wants from you. In the first week, get the date, budget boundaries, guest-list rules for the stag or bachelor party, and whether you are holding the rings and giving a speech. Write those answers down. Everything else can wait a fortnight.

Checklist

- [ ] Wedding date and ceremony location
- [ ] Whether there is a stag do / bachelor party, and any hard noes
- [ ] Who else is in the wedding party
- [ ] Suit hire vs buy, and who pays
- [ ] Speech expected? Approximate length?
- [ ] Rings — you or someone else?
- [ ] One note file or shared doc titled with the couple's names.
- [ ] One group chat for the stag or bachelor party attendees.
- [ ] One calendar with stag date, suit fitting, rehearsal, wedding.
- [ ] One money record for deposits.

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