BEST MAN’S SPEECH

FOR

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Hi everyone! I’m John and I’m very honored to be Mike’s best man! I want to extend congratulations to Mike’s and Christine’s families (**Name the both sets of parents and brothers and sisters if appropriate**), and might I add, I’m proud to be included in this terrific family! This is a great occasion and I feel happy and privileged to stand up for Mike…but there’s one thing I’d like to point out, and Jerry Seinfeld said it best when he reminded us of this point. He said, “I was the best man at a wedding. If I’m the best man, why is she marrying **HIM**? (**Say this with a little emphasis and wait for the laugh**). Welllll…in this case, it’s ½ true. I may be the best man tonight, but Mike really is the best man for Christine…uh..wait a minute-this might get a little confusing-although he’s the groom tonight, Mike is the **BEST** man for **HIS** new bride Christine, and I am the best man for Mike and **MY** wife is also named Christine ….ahhhhhhhhhhh…are you all following me?… let’s put it this way-long ago, I think Mike and I made a pact-we probably swore we would only marry someone if her name was Christine! And here we are! Mike knows me so well and his great planning put me in the right time and place to meet **MY** Christine, and here I am, standing up for him for **HIS** Christine!! Ah…LOVE! Of course, if the 2 Christine’s start comparing notes….. and I’m pretty sure they have….. uh oh…

But how about this wedding and how about our bride and groom? Mike and I have been great friends since we were kids. Some of my fondest memories from my youth include Mike-the best times were when we would just hang out… or **hang on**! I remember how much we both used to love to do so much stuff together. From just-like I said-hanging out in York, Maine and Cape Cod, or hanging onto our handlebars while we rode our dirt bikes, to going to some great concerts in Boston, Mike and I have always shared a great friendship. In fact the friendship was special enough, and Mike knows me well enough, that he managed to introduce me to his cousin-yes, my wife, Christine on that fateful weekend in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when we went to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ College-and there she was…. (**If you want to be funny, you can say**) … Dim the lights and cue the music!..... Cupid was working overtime **THAT** night!

And here we are, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years later. Our friendship has grown to bring the two of us together as family, and Mike and I, those 2 guys with dirt bikes, are now better friends, family, and husbands to 2 great Christines! What can be better than being related to your close friend (**If you feel it’s appropriate, say best friend**). We have a kinship and a brotherhood that will extend well into the future-in fact, Mike is our son Gavin’s godfather.

Mike and Christine, I am really so happy for the both of you. Christine, take it from me, you’re the best kind of influence for him! You’re smart, beautiful and calm-may you have many years of success in keeping Mike grounded and centered and in check-even during hockey season-Go Bruins! (**Turn to Mike and say**) Mike, I know your joy couldn’t be contained when the Bruins won the Stanley Cup, but the way I see it, I think you’re even happier tonight than on that victorious night back in June of 2011, and let’s face it, I think everyone here would agree that you got an even **BETTER** prize when you met Christine!

I’d like to invite everyone to raise a glass as I propose a toast to our bride and groom. Here’s to Mike and Christine, our new great team. May the two of you have a wonderful life together, filled with all of the dreams and **goals** you wish to attain as you create new family traditions that last longer than the **Stanley Cup** has been around, and may your path in life together be as smooth as a freshly **Zamboni’d** rink. Congratulations! We love you!