BEST MAN SPEECH

FOR

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Hello everyone! It’s always special to be a witness to a wedding and it’s even more special from the perspective of the best man. I have known Adam for many years, and those of you who, like me, have known Adam for a while, know the journey he has taken and the way his life has changed since meeting and falling in love with Dierdre. It’s so great to see Adam and Dierdre looking so happy and I am honored to stand up for Adam as his best man. Of course, some of you may have heard Jerry Seinfeld’s joke about this topic. 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 exaggeration and wait for the laugh**) . Well, those of us who know Adam and Dierdre, and I would imagine that would include **ALL OF US**, know why they’ve gotten married. They’re perfect for each other and apparently; she’s very educated where it counts! … More about that later!

The Adam I knew years ago was carefree, fun loving and generous. I really appreciated how he used to drive to Dayton to visit when I was stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. We had some good times at the local hot spots. I remember them well (**If you want to make a joke, you can say**) …and Adam? Let’s say back then he believed the way to go was to “live in the moment” and it wasn’t so much about the memories…Adam-**DO** you remember those good old days? Trust me-they were fun times! I also remember the time my brother drove to Pittsburgh to hang out at the Courthouse Tavern. Adam made sure to hook us up with the upstairs room. What’s better than watching the Penguins in a playoff game in private with good friends? Adam, you spoiled us with the good life! And to bring that Penguins moment into the present, this year we attended a Penguins game, and they must have known Adam was in the house!! They won with a score of 8-1 and Adam’s favorite player, Evgeni Malkin scored a hat trick!! Yes, being close friends with Adam is always exciting.

As I’ve said, I have known Adam for a long time and thanks to that phase of life called, “growing up,” although we were more like casual friends in the past, I am proud to say we are now good, close friends. Ah maturity! It’s apparent that having Dierdre in his life has inspired Adam, and apologies to Jerry McGuire; it has “completed him.” What was it that brought them together? Was it fate? Destiny? Serendipity? (Some of you ladies here tonight may remember the movie with John Cusack). Someone once said about serendipity, “Look for something, find something else, and realize that what you’ve found is more suited to your needs than what you thought you were looking for.” I know that before he found Dierdre, Adam seemed to be searching for a purpose and direction. There are no accidents in this world. Here we are today, witnessing the marriage of these two great people.

Dierdre, I want to extend special congratulations and acknowledgement to **you**. You’ve tamed him! Adam has morphed into a contented, happy, goal oriented father and husband! Way to go! You are a wonderful and patient woman and the proof and affirmation of your love and connection with Adam is your beautiful son Keagan. And by the way, your sports skills and knowledge are not too shabby either! Not that Adam or I are throwing down, but I bet your sports smarts can easily stand up to ours! Pretty impressive!

I want to wish special congratulations to Keagan and to Dierdre’s and Adam’s families (**Perhaps name both sets of parents if appropriate**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and I invite all of you to raise a glass as I propose a toast to our happy couple.

To Dierdre and Adam, May you grow old together on one pillow. May your children and your children’s children always have happy, healthy and rich parents, and may you always remember the secret to successful marriage-three little words…. **You’re right dear**.”

Congratulations!