BEST MAN SPEECH

FOR

MARTIN McGINLEY

Hello everyone!!! It’s so great to see all of you here today to celebrate my brother **Darren’s** wedding to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Of course you realize why I have gotten up to speak **this late** in the festivities… we had to make sure all of the McGinley’s were present and accounted for! Actually, I heard that for a moment (**name the bride**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was going to print up a dummy set of invitations just for us-with the date changed to a week earlier just so we would eventually show up on time!! (**Wait for the laugh**) But the truth is, I am really so happy for my brother that I wouldn’t have missed any part of this for the world! I would like to welcome (**name of bride**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the McGinley family (**If you want to make a joke you can say**) and the best advice I can give you is this…

* 1…There are **four FABULOUS** McGinley brothers.
* 2… Football means the **WORLD** to the McGinley’s.
* 3… The family that plays together stays together, but right now we only have enough family for less than half a team.
* 4. … It takes **11 players** at the very least to comprise a team
* 5… Do you understand where I’m going with this??? Let’s put it this way… even if If you suit up and help out, we still need 6 more!!! (**Wait for the laugh**)

For those of you that know any or all of the McGinley’s, you know how close we are and you know how much we really care about each other…. (**Make believe you are whispering and say**)…. but don’t spread it around too much… sometimes some of us love acting aloof!!! And speaking of being a little reserved, **Darren**, we know that out of all of us, you can be the most (**ahem**) well behaved… UNlessssssss… you have a couple of beers and are aiming for a fight. But today is **YOUR WEDDING** and I doubt there will be any room or reason for any battles or arguments; (**If you want to make a joke you can say**) you can save that for after the honeymoon!! So I want to invite all of you to play a little drinking game… (**Hand Darren a beer and pick one up as well**). Ladies and gentlemen, feel free to join in…my little talk won’t be too long, but I promise you that if you play along, I’ll sound a lot better and funnier and maybe even **Darren** will be laughing!! (**Wait for the laugh**). Every time I say “**Darren**,” raise your glass and have a sip for the happy couple… and watch them get even happier!! And in the spirit of the event, I’ll make it retroactive… I’ve already said it **FOUR** times!! I’ll wait… you can catch up!!

**Darren**, you’re 25 percent of the fantastic Brothers McGinley and our affection for and connection to each other is legendary-at least to me it is… you’re talented, athletic and caring to a fault… (**Make believe you’re putting on your sunglasses when you point to the football trophy and say this**), your trophies shine so bright I gotta wear shades!!! … Some of my greatest memories of all of us (**Name your other two brothers**) - and of course that includes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, have football at its heart. I will never forget how we all worked together in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on (**Name the team**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and with Dad as our manager; we showed everyone what a championship team looks like-McGinley style!!! That was a great year for all of us, but most importantly, it was the way Dad showed us his strong will, resilience, spirit and determination. Although he was diagnosed with cancer that same year-he beat it and we are all so proud of him! I am proud to have (**name your father**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s DNA and I’m even more proud to share it with my brothers, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and **Darren**.

We may tend to argue, we may tend to be late, and sometimes we may really fight, but we are brothers **through and through**. I once heard a touching story about some Irish brothers, and I want to share it with all of you. **Darren**, this is for **YOU**. A man goes into a pub and orders three beers **(If you want**, **you can name your brother’s favorite beer**) and proceeds to drink them all, one right after the other. When it was time for the second round, he ordered three more and the bartender asked if he would prefer to have them served individually so they would stay cold. The man explained that he had two brothers; one had moved to Australia and the other to the US and they made a pact that every Saturday night each one would go to the local pub and do the same thing-they would each drink a beer for each brother. This happened for 3 weeks in a row and on the fourth week, the man came in and ordered only two beers. The bartender didn’t want to be maudlin but felt he had to say something. As he expressed his condolences for his loss, the man very politely thanked him for his concern and said, “Oh don’t worry-they’re fine!!! I just gave up drinking!! (**Wait for the laugh**)

Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to invite all of you to raise a glass… beer is fine!! as I propose a toast to our bride and groom:

Here’s to **Darren** and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. May your glasses never be empty, may you never know thirst, and may you have more success in your life together than (**Name Darren’s favorite football team**) the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!!!

For those of you that are counting how many times I said “**Darren**,” I said it nine times!!! Drink up!!! Congratulations!! We love you **Darren** and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_... woops!! Make that TEN TIMES!! Thank you!!