WEDDING SPEECH

FOR

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Hello everyone. It’s a great honor for me to be present at Cindy and Dean’s wedding. I am thrilled to be here to celebrate this great couple and although I may not be the groom’s **BEST** Man… He got someone **MUCH** better than me for **THAT** job… namely his brother Darryl, (**Do you say** “**the honorable?”)** Chief of the MIstawasis Reserve, I am happy to be the **Best “WHITE**” man at this wedding if I must say so myself… uh… I may also be the **ONLY** white man at this wedding…. (**Wait for the laugh**)… which makes it that much more special for me to be here. But honestly, I can see why Dean chose his brother as best man… First of all, it **IS** his brother; secondly, he comes with that incredible headdress (**Is that the right term? Will he be wearing it at the wedding?)** I mean let’s face it… Darryl gets to dress up in beautiful native ceremonial gear… and **MY** culture sticks me in a trucker hat (**or baseball cap- whatever type of hat you usually wear**) … **YOU** do the math (**Do some hand gestures like you were weighing things in your hands and wait for the laugh**) Let’s put it this way… it’s clear that I’m an honorary member of the Mistawasis so on behalf of all of my Indian brothers, rest assured that all of us natives will make sure you have a great time!! I may not know all of the secrets and acronyms of the MIstawasis Nation, but I **DO** know this…. Dean is **SLG**…Some lucky guy; Cindy is **NMtD**… **Now Married to Dean**, and all I can say in summation… **LGTPS**… or **LET’S GET THIS PARTY STARTED!!**

Dean and I have been friends for a long time…. **about thirty years-** which is really something… if you **KNOW** Dean… actually, if the truth be told, I have spent more time hanging out with his kids… you know… the **COOL** Watsons… and there’s **alotta** Watson’s to hang out with!! Clearly determined to achieve **UWWD**… Ultimate Watson World Domination, all **EIGHT** Watson kids are great and I would like to congratulate Melissa, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as you welcome Cindy to the family. Oh and that goes for all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ significant others and all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **COUNTEM**!!! grandchildren…. look out Mistawasis nation… here comes **MISTAWATSONS** nation!! (**Wait for the laugh**). I may see Dean mostly on a professional level lately, but let me tell you… I see many of his calling cards… I mean cheques… so I know he’s busy doing **SOMETHING**! (**Wait for the laugh**). Honestly speaking though, Dean is a great guy and he’s always there when a good friend and listener is needed… even if it might be about one of his own kids… Sorry \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!!! (**Name the kid that is known to give the most headaches and wait for the laugh).** But I have to say, the apple doesn’t fall far from the tree and we all know Dean to be a real character…. right Cindy? (**Turn to Cindy, make a face and wait for the laugh**)… There have been times… how can I say this..,,, when the Chinchilla Room got used a little more than expected… but you know what we say out here… “What happens in the Chinchilla Room **STAYS** in the Chinchilla Room… mainly because Dean was usually a little too tipsy to remember how he got there anyway…. (**Wait for the laugh**).

And then there was Cindy…. ahhhh Cindy…. you brought love and meaning and a whole new dimension to Dean’s life. I knew you were a keeper when I realized intuitively that I better get your name right… It took me two months, but I am so happy to say that I am so thrilled for you **SANDY** I mean Cindy…let’s just say I’m not too great with names… and leave it at that… but I **DO** have to say that the family that you and Dean have formed with your two furry babies… whose names, Midnight and **TUBBZ**….. speak volumes to your commitment to carry on the traditions of the Mistawasis Nation… ahhhh Tubbz…. (**Wait for the laugh**). Cindy, I know how you and Dean enjoy gambling and I am happy to see that this wager has paid off for the both of you… so I would like to share a little poem I heard…

“Here’s to the lady the white shoes

She’ll drink all your money and spend all your booze”

… oh wait… maybe that’s the other way around?? (**Wait for the laugh**)

**Candy**… I mean CINDY… Before I get boo’d off this podium and the mike gets taken away, I’ll make this brief… and I’ll tell you the tale of the ring at another time… I bet you’re curious now…

I just want the two of you to know how genuinely happy we all are to be able to celebrate the both of you at your wedding.

In the words of the Cree proverb, **“sákihitók mina wicíhitók."** I am told that means, “Love one another and help one another.” That will form a good solid foundation for the two of you and of course for Midnight and Tubbz too… May you all have a lifetime of health, happiness, prosperity and all you wish for. Congratulations!!