**BEST MAN SPEECH**

**FOR**

**DANIEL ROBLES**

Hello everyone! It’s great to be here at Casey and Joe’s wedding... and I have to say, the crowd here definitely look **MUCH** better than the people that surrounded us when Joe and I first met!!! It’s amazing what \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years and the love of a good woman can do when you think about the quality of people someone hangs out with... except **ME**, of course!! It’s an honor to stand up for Joe and I’m proud to be a part of this very handsome wedding party. Casey, I also want to say that you look absolutely beautiful tonight. Married life looks good on you!!

You know, I really am so proud of Joe and all he has accomplished, and now he’s a married man! I wanted to say something special on this occasion... I thought maybe a deep and meaningful poem might be a nice tribute, but I swear, I could **NOT** think of good rhyming words for “comic book convention,” “scary 1980 Crown Victoria,” or “bowling ball to the head...”. Go ahead... **YOU TRY** to come up with something that works!!! (**Wait for the laugh**). Seriously, though.... and for anyone passionate about the subject, you **KNOW** fifteen year olds are **VERY** serious about this, Joe and I met about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years ago in a comic book shop. We were around fifteen or sixteen at the time and we bonded over the details of (**Name the comic books the two of you really loved**) the rare and coveted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.... eh.... come to think of it..... the comics selection wasn’t so great that day but the meeting of the minds.... it was the beginning of a lifelong friendship.

Joe and I have had some great times over the years..... hmmmm.... let me see..... what can I talk about.... (**Wait for the laugh**). no really.... we were good kids. We played basketball. We played **A LOT** of basketball... **LOTS**... of course we continued our search for greatness at comic book conventions... at least I **THINK** that’s what we were doing.... all I remember is having some really bad headaches.... **hmmmmm**.... I wonder why??? Could it have had anything to do with the “evening activities” that took place the night before???? (**Wait for the laugh**). We were also “foodies” back then.... taste testers if you will... ahhhhh who am I kidding? There were several summers Joe and I spent driving around in that Crown Victoria of his..... eating junk food and watching really awful random movies.... or as someone once said, “The journey of a thousand pounds begins with one really greasy burger.... and a side of fries... and a shake... ah... make that **TWO** burgers...” (**Wait for the laugh**). Actually, we **HAD** to eat that much... we needed the heft and the weight to make sure that Crown Victoria looked as much like a low rider as possible.... Very cool.... (**Wait for the laugh**). and speaking of that car... you know ... picture it... a **HUGE** 1980 Ford... you know... the kind you see in really bad cop movies... **I TOLD YOU** we spent our summers watching really **AWFUL**  films! The **REALLY** funny thing is that once the police actually **DID** pull us over thinking we were up to no good, but once they saw me, they let us go.... I hear they’re **STILL** wondering about Joe... (**Wait for the laugh**).

Yes. Joe and I have had some really special times together... and believe me... it wasn’t all junk food and not so fast cars.... we tried to do some good in this world too...of course we didn’t **KNOW** what we were getting into... at least I didn’t... but we soon found out. I’ll never forget **THAT** sleepover. It was me, Joe, (**Name the other kids involved**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. We were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years old. Fun... **RIGHT**? What’s the best part of sleepovers when you’re a kid? Staying up all night and being goofy... Right? How about getting woken up at **6 am**.... **TO** **VOLUNTEER** at the Special Olympics? Well, **THAT** wasn’t quite in the game plan, **WAS IT**? I remember it like it was yesterday... our friend Brendan and I were assigned to bowling.... we didn’t expect to risk head trauma by getting those bowling balls thrown at us!! (**Wait for the laugh**). In all honesty though, it was thanks to the generosity and compassion of Joe’s mother, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who runs an organization (**Name**?) named \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, that we got to do that volunteering, and it was an important and valuable life lesson.

Yes Joe, we’ve been friends for many years and we’ve watched each other grow up.... we may still like an occasional game of basketball.... we can look at comic books and remember our youth.... but the crowd has grown up with us.... look around... they’re **MUCH** better dressed, no one is throwing bowling balls at each other, and the food is **5-STAR**!!! (**Wait for the laugh**).... oh... and you’re now a married man!!! **WOW**!! I want to congratulate your family (**Name Joe’s parents and any siblings)**. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.... look at our little boy **NOW**!! (**Wait for the laugh**). And Casey, welcome to the family! To kind of quote Jack Nicholson.... “You make Joe want to be a better man...” The two of you make a great couple and I know I speak for everyone when I say that I wish you two only the best of everything in the future. You know, many wise people have given advice about how to have a happy, long lasting marriage. For instance, the comedian Henny Youngman thought he had a winning formula. “My wife and I believe that in order to have a successful marriage, it’s important to go out at least two times a week... dinner, dancing, a nice bottle of wine... the works.... she goes on Tuesday and I go on Thursday.” (**Wait for the laugh**)..... **SORRY**!! It goes with the Crown Victoria!!! (**Wait for the laugh**).

I’d like to ask all of you to raise a glass as I propose a toast:

Casey and Joe... I know you have your **own** secret formula for a happy, healthy, loving and meaningful marriage. Here’s to a lifetime filled with love and well being, prosperity, respect, humor, partnership, family, and **friends**. Congratulations!! Thank you all!!