**BEST MAN SPEECH**

**FOR**

**KYLE CALDWELL**

Hello everyone! For those of you that may not know, please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Kyle and (**are you and your brother identical twins? If so, you can say**) some of you may be thinking, “Hmmm. He looks familiar.... Yes... I’m Cameron’s brother... his **twin** brother.... which is possibly the next best thing any groom can do short of cloning himself on his special day... (**Wait for the laugh**), but I must warn all of you, unlike many of the best men you’ve probably encountered over the years – who were either old school buddies or childhood friends of the groom... and who may have seemed like professional, **smooth** best men - I apologize in advance for not being a public speaker...(**shrug your shoulders when you say this**) I know... hard to believe. If you see me looking down at this piece of paper again and again, it's not actually my notes...it's a picture of the massive drink I'm going to have as soon as this is over (**Wait for the laugh**).

When Cameron asked me to be his best man, he told me that he expected me to make a traditional speech to the bride and groom. “No problem!” I thought. But he forgot to mention the ninety-five million people who'd be present... that’s one hundred ninety million eyes staring... **NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY MILLION** fingers attached to hands possibly **NOT** clapping when I’m done... you get the picture... (**Wait for the laugh**) otherwise I wouldn't have agreed to do it.

I wanted to start my speech by writing a list of all the wild times from the last several years – Las Vegas, Chipotle Mexican Grill, and the list is going to continue to grow now that Cameron has married the woman of his dreams... but **first**... some background... i literally **CANNOT** imagine life without my brother Cameron... **REALLY**. And I’m pretty sure he can’t imagine life without me.... although there were times when we were growing up.... some of you may have heard the saying, “Womb to tomb?” With us, it’s **REAL**. We’re each other’s brother, best friend, sounding board, sparring partner... you get the picture... and for all the times and adventures we’ve shared, I have to say, I wouldn’t have had it any other way. Especially after our parents assessed our “close bond” and instituted “**Caldwell Def Con 2**” which was basically splitting us up on odd and even days.... I got to do special stuff... you know... pick the movie to see... sit in the front seat on trips... I got the odd days and Cameron got the even days. We relaxed a little on leap years... (**Wait for the laugh**). Cameron, I would like to point out that I respect and appreciate the way in which you’ve grown up... matured... become an honorable, responsible, professional man... which is why I agreed to let you and Lauren get married on an **ODD** day... (**Wait for the laugh**). All jokes aside, Cameron, I can’t believe how blessed I have been to have a brother who is also my best friend. I am so thankful for all of those years we got to share together... for the video games we played... for the lessons we learned... for the big, important moments in each other’s lives... for the questions we asked... and answered of each other... for the advice... the laughs... the memories... I wouldn’t ask for anything to change. (**Name your other brother and your sister**) ... and to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, thank you both for being there, sort of watching over us, and making sure we didn’t **ACTUALLY** harm one another... (**Wait for the laugh**). Here’s to the future!

About eight years ago, I noticed things **changed** with Cameron.... someone new and clearly special became a part of his life and little by little, slowly but surely, she became a part of our lives too. Lauren, it’s official... you’re my sister now!!! Of course, you’ve been my “sister in training” for quite some time, but now... welcome to the Caldwell Clan! Welcome to being even **MORE** inspired by my “attention to detail...”. You call it **OCD**... I call it **ONLY CALDWELL DARES**!!! (**Or think of another appropriate slogan with the letters OCD and wait for the laugh**)

To Lauren’s parents, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and of course (**Name Lauren’s sister**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I’m excited to be a part of our new extended family and **CANNOT WAIT** for all of the celebrations that Lauren and Cameron will **HOST** in their new home thanks to the love and support you, and our parents, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have given the bride and groom so that they can buy their first home... Lauren... you know what **THEY** say...? Payback’s a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ... rhymes with **WITCH**.... I was thinking of **KITCHen**!!!! (**Wait for the laugh**). Yes... one **BIG** happy family... that’s us now.

Ladies and gentlemen, I’d like to invite all of you to raise a glass as I propose a toast (**It might be funny if, since you mentioned in the beginning, for you to lift a HUMONGOUS glass of champagne or whatever as you toast**)

To Lauren and Cameron, Here’s to a life together filled with love and respect, friendship and laughter, health, prosperity, happiness, and more than you might ever wish for.... here’s to **FAMILY**! Congratulations... we love you both!! Thank you!!