**MAID OF HONOR SPEECH**

**FOR**

**LAVIN KOPFMANN**

Hello everyone!! Today is a very special day for our family, and especially for our bride, Lacey.... How do I know??? Well, there are obvious reasons... all brides are beautiful and look at that glow!!! It almost as if I’m looking at myself!! (**Wait for the laugh**).... For those of you that may not have figured it out... **yet**... Lacey is my twin sister and I am **THRILLED** to stand by her side as her Maid of Honor... the truth is, though, that we’ve had practice.... we’ve been by each other’s side for our **entire lives**.... welllll.... not counting those first **TEN MINUTES**.... when she was born first and beat me to the fresh air!! (**Wait for the laugh**). Ever since then, once I “caught up,” she’s been my sister, my best friend, my sounding board, and yes, of course, my **mirror**...

We’ve pretty much been inseparable for most of our lives... people almost never see one of us without the other. (**If you want to make a joke, you can say**)... don’t worry Jeremy... ... I’ve got my own family and kids so there **IS** and **WILL BE**...some “**break time**!!” (**And wait for the laugh**) I wish everyone could experience what it’s like to have a twin. We can have an entire conversation without uttering a word. We have learned lessons, faced challenges, overcome fears, and shared in new adventures, but most importantly we have always been so blessed to enjoy life together. Lacey is the most genuine, kind and loving person I know... and I’m not just saying that... she **REALLY** is!!! Lacey always puts everyone’s needs above her own. She has been that **one** person I could confide in... my voice of reason... my sounding board, and my greatest guide, more times than I can count. Lacey, I don’t tell you enough how thankful and grateful I am to have you as a sister... sure, we have that connection, and, as we know, that “silent understanding,” but it’s also important to hear. **(If you want to make a little joke, you can say**) I have to say that, of course we’ve both heard all of the legends and jokes and sayings that come with being a twin, but probably my favorite is, “A twin sister is like a good sports bra... supportive, comfortable, always there to lift you up, and always close to your heart...” (**and wait for the laugh**). Yes... that’s Lacey for me... (**Do you want to add**) I guess you can say, we’re “**tight**...”

Did our parents get confused trying to figure us out as we were growing up? Maybe... but we turned out just fine...and we’ve had our little bits of fun along the way... who will ever forget... the times we “**worked it**...” from how we switched classes in 4th grade to Lacey taking my clicker to classes in college to record my attendance... to this year on April Fools Day, switching jobs. Lacey went to work at the bank and I headed up to the federal building to work at FSA. Ah yes... **TWINNING AND WINNING**!!!

We are always asked what is it like being a twin... and throughout our lives, people have wondered how they can tell us apart. They often wonder if we can read each other’s mind or feel each other’s pain. Well, all I can tell you is that one day in high school, Lacey and I were sitting in class across the room from each other. I overheard a conversation Lacey was having with one of our classmates. He said, “So, if I slap you, Lavin will feel it?” Lacey replied, “Yes” as we made eye contact. He said he didn’t believe her and she suggested he try it. So he slugged her in the shoulder and I yelled “Ouch.” The look on his face and the other students’ reactions is something I will never forget!!! ... And don’t worry... Lacey’s arm didn’t hurt for too long!!! (**Wait for the laugh**). Lacey, I think it’s safe to say that today, I’m not the only one that can feel what you feel... your joy and happiness is **obvious**!!

As far as Jeremy goes – **ohhh Jeremy**. For those of you who haven’t yet had the chance to get to know Jeremy well, chances are you will by the end of the night. Jeremy is hands down one of the nicest, most outgoing people I know. He has a voice that carries, so you always know when he is around. Jeremy has been a fantastic addition to our family. He has brought so much joy and happiness to Lacey. Jeremy is also great with children, and believe me, I know. My kids absolutely adore him.... it’s safe to say that Jeremy is “kid tested and approved!!” Jeremy, I want to welcome you to the family....and now that you’re **OFFICIALLY** one of “us,” we just may have to come up with a secret “spouses of twins” handshake or something... because like magic... and as we know, the twin bond **IS** magic, you may now be granted “**priority access**” to “**the codes**”...(**Wait for the laugh**)

Jeremy and Lacey, you already have a beautiful little daughter, Hudsyn, who is the light of your lives... and ours. She has the best personality and always has a big cheesy smile on her face. How could she **NOT**??? I wouldn’t expect anything less from **THESE TWO!!**

Lacey, Jeremy, I know I speak for everyone here when I say that we could not be happier to witness the love and commitment the two of you share. I know you have a wonderful future ahead and with God’s blessing, may it be long, healthy, and happy.

Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to invite you to raise a glass as I propose a toast...

To Lacey and Jeremy... here’s to a lifetime filled with limitless adventures... fun and family... lots of love and more than your dreams might ever wish for... Congratulations!! We love you!! Thank you!!