

To: Joseph Muenche
From: EZ Speechwriters
Pete Critelli Speechwriter
RE: Best Man / Wedding Reception

Thank you for the opportunity to earn your business

Joseph

I enjoyed our phone conversation.

This will be a memorable and exciting event for everyone, and more so of course to Samantha and Jack.

When it comes time for you to speak to the group, you may be at the head table or a podium. After you stand or are introduced, just wait a few moments for folks to look in your direction. They will eventually quiet down. Do not tap your microphone or clink a spoon on a glass. If the room does not quiet down then simply and quietly say into your microphone: "Good Evening Everyone, Welcome".

If you don't have a microphone, then just raise your arm a bit, people will then give you their attention.

Bring the microphone to you, do not bend over into it. Bring your notes to you, don't bend over into them. Of course, you can always raise your phone and look at Aunt Lisa, that will certainly get her attention!

Speak slowly but with enthusiasm. Speak as if you were out to dinner with four or five friends and having a conversation, because you are, except a larger group.

Make eye contact as you speak, especially to Jack and Samantha.

As we discussed, practice your speech three times. Practice it twice, a day or two before the reception, and then the day of the reception. Try and do all three by yourself. Listeners mean well, but they can be distracting. As you practice be aware of your voice inflections and emphasis, especially when you transition from humorous to serious.

You will do just fine, this is a celebration and your audience wants you to have fun along with them.

Email or text me with any corrections, additions, or changes.

Thank you,

Pete

Begin:

Hello Everyone,..... Good Evening.

Myself, our bride & groom, and their families are very happy that you were able to join us for this very auspicious occasion: the Wedding Reception of Samantha and Jack.

For those whom I have not had the pleasure of meeting, I am Joseph Muench, the groom's best man, the groom's cousin, and hopefully still a member of the family, after

this speech. (laughter).

I want to acknowledge our hosts for tonight, The New York Yacht Club. This is a historical venue in New York City, going back to the 1800s. Their legendary reputation for hospitality, service, food, and accommodations, are well deserved, and we thank them for this evening.

I can see just a few droplets of perspiration on Jack's forehead, as in his mind he's replaying some of our adventures and escapades. I can assure you, Jack, that anything I relate this evening will be suitable for all audiences.,..... PAUSE

.....But you're sure entitled to a touch of anxiety,.....because Corbyn and Kevin..... have been rehearsing non-stop, and they'll be joining us shortly, way before you can establish any credible, plausible deniability.

Laughter

First and foremost to Samantha, (Raise your glass and look at Samantha).

"Here is to a lady who sets standards of integrity, accomplishment, graciousness, and genuine courtesy to all. You look stunning this evening Samantha, our very best wishes to you, CHEERS!"

Jack and I go back a long way both as family and friends, and through the years I can say I am proud of Jack, as both family, and through friendship. Jack is a loyal and trustworthy man. Dedicated to his family, his mother my aunt Lisa, to his father John's memory, and to upholding everything he was taught, and instilled into him, by both Lisa and John.

If ever there was a pathway to becoming an honorable person, that moral compass was given to Jack by his parents, John and Lisa. His father John, a role model and living example, of how to become a good man, a good husband, and should they so decide, a good father. And Lisa, instilling the compassion we see in Jack every day, as well as his spirit of adventure, and sense of achievement. Jack, I know your mom is very proud of you this evening, and the joy she shares in your marriage to Samantha. And I am equally confident that your dad John, also knows the type of man you have become, and will continue to be for a lifetime.

Samantha, Jack will share a full life with you, he will respect you, he will draw upon you, as you will of him. And he will protect you in every sense of the word.

Pause

Lisa, no greater compliment could be given than the one Jack gave to you when he was asked some time ago if he would marry someone like his mother?and his response was instantaneous in his reply: "If I could be so lucky".

Pause

Aunt Lisa, on a lighter note, I want you to notice that nowhere can be seen, or heard,

my phone. And a word of caution to all this evening. I have it on good authority from Aunt Lisa that if any ringer goes off with a piercing rooster or brass-band, that newest green iPhone 13, that you just dropped \$1,300 on, might just get dropped into the Hudson.

Now,.....Samantha,.....take a close look at Jack's expression,.....as I inform him right now, that we have a video tonight for all to see, or perhaps witness is a more fitting word. Ah!, a little sign of flush already,.....a video from deep in the Gila Wilderness Range, in the New Mexico backcountry. Ah!, there's that touch of crimson I anticipated,a video of a camping trip I took young Jack and several of his wingmen on a few years back,.....now I'm noticing some shortness of breath,..... Samantha, now take a mental screenshot of how Jack looks right now, and then for future reference if you see the same expression or look of 'UH-OH!', you'll know to check the cookie jar. Relax Jack.....actually, there is no video this evening, because if you remember, the Federal Forest Law Enforcement Officers entered it into evidence, and it was never returned to me:..... but if it ever is, I'll forward it right along to you both.

When it comes to finances, Jack is very caring if someone truly needs a hand up. But, lest that not fool anyone as to how Jack keeps tight, and I emphasize 'Tight', rein on the purse strings. Samantha,.....were you aware that Jack found seats available to Africa on another carrier for a total of just 78 dollars less than the booked reservations? If I hadn't shoved a Benjamin in his coat pocket, you'd be flying in row 62 and row 67, with stops in Jacksonville, Toledo, (Ohio not Spain), Anchorage, and a plane change in Helsinki, before you even crossed the Mediterranean Sea. Remember that in ten years when HE suggests you 'BOTH' need a 2032 Corvette.

Pause
Serious:

The world we live in changes at a faster pace today than it ever has in centuries. Our trends and norms will continue to be redefined. Some of these societal revelations will enhance relationships, some not so much. It is a challenge we all face as we make a lifetime commitment. It is then the responsibility of freshly bonded couples to look at any new approaches to partnering, and select what they believe will best complement their carefully thought out plans. But beneath those well-intentioned, ever-changing, relationship practices, are certain fundamentals that are as paramount to marriage this very day, as they were one hundred years ago. Those foundational aspects of successful, meaningful, and truly genuine partnerships are: Trust, honesty, integrity, empathy, and friendship. When truly committed individuals look at each other, they see a kaleidoscope of images before their very eyes. They see their best friend on the entire planet, they see someone who would walk through the gates of hell for them, they see the emotional support that someday will undoubtedly be needed, and they experience loyalty in its purest sense. They also know that behind those eyes are encouragement, time alone, spontaneity, respect for family, patience, and date night adventure. These are the footers, the framing, the insulation, and the decor, that build a lifetime home of happiness and peace of mind. And nowhere have I seen or felt this more intensely than

I have right here tonight, between Jack and Samantha.
To you both, regardless of your path or destination, look into each other's eyes as if you were the only two in the universe, and then privately write your own, country-western song.

Pause just momentarily.

Now it is my great pleasure, and just maybe time for Jack to take anxiety medication,...to bring up none other than the duo, who have been granted immunity from the Empire State Wedding Reception Grand Jury,please welcome Kevin and Corbyn:

Joesph: After Kevin and Corbyn have returned to their seats, and after the room has settled,.....stand until all eyes have returned to you.

Thank you guys, that certainly puts a lot into perspective. So,.....Samantha!!,.....this is your chance now to quietly excuse yourself to the powder room, and catch the Red Eye back to SFO?

OK, then,Well, Jack as of this very moment you now have two regularity 'bodies' for proprietary compliance: The Securities & Exchange Commission, and Samantha.

Pause

Please join me everyone, (pause for a moment), then raise your glass.

" Here's to you Jack
My cousin my friend,
May our memories, our smiles
Never end.

And to all the family and friends
Who are gathered here within,
May this Union today
See new friendships begin.

Jack and Samantha
Together now ANEW,
On your journey through life

May GOD BLESS and BE WITH YOU."

Pause

Joseph:

If you are the final person speaking, then use 'A' below.

If there are folks scheduled to speak after you, then use 'B' or 'B-1' below.

If there might be folks getting up randomly after you, to speak, then use 'C' below.

A. Thank you one and all, please enjoy the rest of the evening's celebration, entertainment, and good company. And,.....later on, whether you're in an elevator, Uber, or especially if you're driving, travel safely to your destinations. Goodnight EVERYONE! "

B. Thank you everyone for indulging the best man, I certainly enjoyed every moment. I'd like now to pass the baton, or in this case a microphone, to our next guest, please welcome_____.

B-1. Thank you one and all. I'd now like to return the program back to our host/master/mistress of ceremonies, _____.

C. Thanks, folks. There may be others who would like to say a few words or propose a toast,.....as for me I am going to turn my phone back on!
