**1.** **What is the date of the event?**

**Nov 2 or 3. Not sure yet when I will do it.**

**My friend that is getting married is Charles Griffin. He is getting married to Chris Sotz.**

**2. What is your relationship to the person to whom the speech is being presented?**

**He is one of my very good friends. I moved to the US around 13 years ago from Germany and he was one of the first friends I made. I lived in Philadelphia for 6 years and we have been friends since then, never lost touch – even after I moved to Chicago for 3 years and then to Washington, dc 2 years ago.**

**We always stayed in touch and visited each other.**

**3. What is your location/time zone?**

im on EST.

**4. To what size group will the speech be delivered?**

Not sure but I would think it’s a smaller intimate group of friends and family.

**5. The speech will be delivered to a group made up of mostly?**

Family and friends and both of the groomsmen.

**6. Where will the event be held?**

**Philadelphia. Part of it will be at their house on Friday with cocktails and deserts, Saturday will be the ceremony at a bar.**

**7. What kind of speech do you want?**

I would like to keep it funny but a bit sentimental. After all we have spend a lot of our young years together. Charles is currently 39 and I am 35. When we met I was 21 and he was 25.

**8. Is there a key person(s) to whom the speech will be given? Tell us their name(s) and a little about his/her personality.**

**Yes the key person will be Charles. He is a super down to earth, chill and fun. Someone you can spend a night out at the town and have drinks, or have a chill evening at home with some music and catching up on life. He loves cooking and is always down to try something new in the kitchen. He loves a good cocktail and in fact works at a cocktail bar where he designs the drinks himself.**

**He is very creative and crafty person. We used to live together for a year in a beautiful house as room mates. He was always the one decorating, or preparing amazing food for house parties we had.**

**While he doesn’t have a lot of patience for people, he holds his dear friends close to his heart.**

**9. Please share information about events or memories you have together that you would like mentioned in the speech.**

**I moved to Philadelphia fall of 2005. I lived in a small apartment in center city. I cant quite remember how I met Charles but we became friends quickly. Back then he used to work at the local popular gay bar Woodys, a staple for Philadelphia. He used to work as a bar back and it was a pleasure coming to visit him at work. Sometimes I went to just visit him or went with friends. He would hook us up with drinks.**

**I used to work at a retail store in university city and Charles actually started working for me as a seasonal helper. We discovered quickly that our work relationship wasn’t gonna work out. In a heated argument over something small he quit the job. Non the less, our friendship ventured on.**

**Somewhere down the line we went out at our usual spots and Charles met chris. I don’t quite remember how but I know he went home with him. That was 2011. later on told me all about it. Unfortunately Charles was very tipsy that night of the encounter and couldn’t remember where chris lived. He knew the street but couldn’t remember the door.**

**Later on the week we actually went back the the same exact street, it was quince street and knocked on every door that seemed somewhat familiar. Eventually Charles found the right house and chris and him exchanged numbers.**

**We were still room mates then but as they both got to know each other more and more, Charles ended up staying with chris a lot more often. I was dating someone myself, and when we were able to see each other, we caught up on our dates and where things were going.**

**We were room mates from spring 2011 to spring 2012 and I remember scraping together every penny to get this house that we both wanted to live in so badly.**

**After one year living together Charles and chris decided to move together and chris moved into Charles place. They quickly made themselves at home. I remember coming over on a few occasion. When I moved to chicago in 2013 we stayed in touch and Charles visited a couple time. But when I visited him and other friends in philadelpia, I would always swing by, sometimes stay in the guest bed room. Both were always sweet and made the best food for all of us. I remember one visit, there was a small sign on the bedroom door that said my name, chocolate on the nightstand and a sliver bracelet on the bed. Small gestures are so important to him. Making each others day is something that’s dear to him. Sitting together, having dinner and catching up is something that’s very important to Charles and chris. One Christmas I visited with my then boyfriend and we spend the holidays there. They had the place beautifully decorated and I remember how relaxing it was. Charles made us cocktails, we caught up , talked about life etc…**

**Going back a little bit…**

**When we lived together as room mates, Charles was able to meet my parents that visited from Germany. One of a handful of friends that were able to meet them. It was thanksgiving 2011 and I remember that we all, my parents, a couple friends, Charles and chris had turkey together. It was a beautiful day. My mom and Charles got along great. She used to be chef and Charles loves to cook, they had a blast. My dad was chatting it up with chris in the meantime. Everything was home made and we had a blast.**

**This is important bc soon after this visit my mom passed away. Just like me, Charles also recently lost his mother and I remember we both talking for a long time catching up about it. I remember we were talking how important it would be for us to have our moms at this crossroad in our lifes. Something that connects us I think.**

**As the years went by chris and Charles lived together for longer we didn’t see each other as often but i remember him biking over to my place for a drink, or us meeting for coffee to catch up. The past wasn’t forgotten and the nights we spend out having fun. In 2013 I moved to Chicago.**

**10. What do you want your audience to think or feel as a result of experiencing your presentation?**

**Just want them to feel that there was a heartfelt connection. Charles was always a great friend. We go way back. Charles is originally from florida and his family isn’t always around. Similar to my situation. My family is in Germany.**

**11. Is there an action that you would like your audience to take as a result of experiencing your presentation?**

**Maybe hug and cheers to great friendships. Those are hard to come by. People say, that you make those long lasting friendships in your 20s.**

**12. What is your deadline for delivering the speech?**

**Friday this week**

**13. Finally, please provide your speechwriter with any additional information you would like to have included in your speech. Include all information you feel is essential to your speech.**

**Important for me is that our friendship never really stopped. Despite distance or the fact that we don’t see each other regularly, when we do get together, its like nothing has changed and we just saw each other a day ago. I love the man and I know im his buddy and im just glad to have people in my life. We are here for each other.**

**Not sure how to tie in the situation with our moms but would just like to say something in memory of them . I know Charles wanted to spoil his mom like I wanted to my mom. When were young we couldn’t do that, we didn’t have the means, hence its even more upsetting to not have them around during beautiful moments like these.**