Best man speech for a cousin: how to write it

Open as his cousin, tell one family story strangers can follow, then fill the recent years honestly — ask his partner or close friends for one story if you only see him a few times a year. Praise the couple, toast both names, and keep unexplained relatives out of the middle.

Checklist

- [ ] Explain family names once, or avoid them.
- [ ] Half the room may be from his partner's side — write for them too.
- [ ] Do not settle scores with aunts, uncles or sibling rivalry.
- [ ] What is different when the groom is your cousin
- [ ] Structure
- [ ] Opening lines
- [ ] Filling the gap years
- [ ] Worked example

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