Best man speech for a same-sex wedding

Write it like any good best man speech: who you are, one or two clean stories about the person who asked you, specific praise for their partner, toast both names. Confirm titles and running order with the couple. Skip stereotypes, politics-as-comedy, and jokes that treat the wedding as a novelty.

Checklist

- [ ] Ask what they call your role and their roles.
- [ ] Ask who speaks when — do not assume the UK father–groom–best man pattern.
- [ ] Use the names and pronouns they use.
- [ ] Celebrate the relationship in front of you, not a history lecture.
- [ ] What actually changes
- [ ] Structure that still works
- [ ] Lines and tone
- [ ] Worked example
- [ ] Language checklist before you draft
- [ ] When there are two of everything
- [ ] Humour that includes the whole room
- [ ] Family dynamics you may need to navigate
- [ ] Worked toast lines
- [ ] Linking to the rest of your prep
- [ ] Humour that fits the room

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