1995

Joey Adams Roast

Roger J. Miner ’56
1. MY WIFE AND I LOVE JOEY SO MUCH THAT WE DROVE DOWN FROM ALBANY THIS AFTERNOON JUST TO BE WITH HIM FOR THIS BIRTHDAY ROAST.

2. I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW OLD JOEY IS, BUT HIS BIRTH CERTIFICATE IS WRITTEN IN ROMAN NUMERALS.

3. WHEN HE WAS YOUNG, COLONEL SANDERS WAS JUST A LIEUTENANT.

4. WHEN HE WAS YOUNG, THE DEAD SEA WAS ONLY SICK.

5. TODAY, IF HE ORDERS A 3-MINUTE EGG, THEY ASK HIM TO PAY UP FRONT.

6. SERIOUSLY, JOEY LOOKS THE SAME AS HE DID 30 YEARS AGO — OLD!

7. BUT HE WAS A BIG STAR DURING HIS LIFETIME. HE STARTED OUT IN A SMALL ROOM IN NEW YORK CITY. HE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS UNTIL HE RAN OUT OF TOWELS.

8. PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY APPOINTED JOEY A SPECIAL AMBASSADOR AND SENT HIM AROUND THE WORLD AS A GESTURE OF GOOD WILL TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. ALL THE PRESIDENTS LOVED HIM -- JEFFERSON, LINCOLN, MCKINLEY.

9. THEY LOVED HIM BECAUSE OF HIS GREAT TALENT, WHICH HE KEEPS IN HIS WIFE'S NAME.

10. HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE HUMOR BUSINESS HAVE AN AFFECTIONATE NICKNAME FOR HIM -- THIEF!

11. SEVERAL YEARS AGO, THE NEW YORK POST OFFERED JOEY THE OPPORTUNITY TO WRITE A DAILY COLUMN OF HUMOR. HE STILL HAS NOT ACCEPTED THE OFFER.

12. A TOAST TO THE FORMER JOEY ADAMS FROM HIS LOVING FRIENDS: AS YOU TRAVEL DOWN LIFE’S HIGHWAY, MAY THE WIND AT YOUR BACK NEVER BE YOUR OWN.