**14638, Bill Taylor**

Let’s get this evening started –Welcome to the Rehearsal party here at the Waterlot in beautiful Barmuda. The Waterlot Inn, if you don’t know, is where Billy proposed to Katherine on bended knee some 14 months ago… right out there on the dock in front of a crowded restaurant-------- awe.

We have all traveled many miles from NY, NJ, VA Florida and California to this great place to witness Billy and Katherine’s marriage. Both of our families as well as Billy and Catherine all appreciate your taking the time to be here to celebrate the beginning of their new life together.

I think I have met everybody, but for those who don’t, I’m Bill Taylor or father of the groom in the traditional sense. Or as Billy likes to tell me, his “first roommate”, and that I was a pretty good one at that! Anyway my wife Cathy (Cathy wave) are hosting tonight’s event so the only thing you need to do is have a good time.

One thing I find sort of funny with all this is that Billy is of course a William like me and my wife Cathy is a Catherine but with a “C” rather than a K like Katherine the bride. So, going forward, this will be like you young people say in tech speak, “William and Katherine 2.0!!” Before I get rambling too much we thought it would be a good idea to let Billy and Katherine introduce the members of the wedding party to everyone here so all the guests know how they are connected. We think this is pretty special as some of their relationships go back to their early childhood.

Billy (a/k/a mini me), would you please introduce your groomsmen and tell everyone a little about how you know each other, oh and don’t forget us, ok?

Now, Katherine would you introduce your bridesmaids and your parents?

Since Billy was child he had his eyes set on Gotham or NYC as everyone else calls it. I’m sure many of you recall the Ghostbusters movie. Well, Billy was the biggest fan of that movie. He had a Ghostbusters outfit as a child that he wore all the time for a while and later as teenager he had one he wore to parties. Cathy and I are very glad he found his way to Gotham, but happy he found more meaningful employment!!

We all know first impressions are lasting impressions. I first met Katherine about 4 years ago when she came to Richmond, VA where we live. She came with Billy to attend a spring wedding. But I knew in truth this was a “Meet the Parents” weekend because in talking with Billy we knew he was smitten! What you two didn’t know, was I had the yard spruced up much earlier than usual that spring. I wanted to make sure Cathy and I made a good impression on Katherine. My wife can confirm that because she thought I was nuts!!

Cathy and I are very glad to see you again and now to have you as a part of our family! We couldn’t be happier or prouder to call you our daughter-in-law. In fact you are my favorite daughter-in-law! And it’s even better for Ashley because she now has a sister so that both of you can gang up on Billy when necessary!

My wife Cathy and I, as do the Lubarskys, come from a heritage of lasting marriages. My wife and I will be married 35 years this October and it’s been the best 35 year stretch of my life. We wish both Billy and Katherine a long, happy and healthy marriage.

Nothing makes parents happier than to see their kids grow up and be stronger and better than they are. For Cathy and me, and I am sure the Lubarskys, we can all agree Billy and Katherine are well ahead of us. So in closing I ask that all raise a glass in honor of Billy and Katherine to a long, happy, healthy marriage and to remember that marriage is not only someone you live with, but someone you can’t live without.

Thank you