I have a speech I have drafted up that needs some polishing for our son's wedding -- I can send it to you see below First Draft

Let’s get this evening started –Welcome to the “ Welcome/Rehearsal ‘ party here at the Waterlot in 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 a great place to witness Billy and Katherine marriage. We, the Taylors and Lubarskys and of course 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 member of the wedding party to all 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;

Who goes first Billy (a/k/a mini me) --- intro groomsmen and sentence or two about the connection (and include us?)

Katherine --- next (and intro her 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 and Billy was the biggest fan of the movie. He had a Ghostbusters outfit as a child that he wore all the time for a while and as teenager he had one he wore to parties. Cathy and I are very glad he has found his way to Gotham, but found more meaningful employment!! More? We all know first impressions are lasting impressions. I first met Katherine about 4 years ago when she came to Richmond, VA where we are from) 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 confirms it because she thought I was nuts!! And fortunately the weekend was much less eventful than the Matt the Parents movie but it had one memorable line for me that made an impression on me. As Katherine was leaving she made an innocent enough comment to me but it stuck with me since our first meeting. Katherine said “it was real nice to meet you Mr. Taylor and I hope I get to see you again.” Again knowing she might be the one I took note. Katherine, Cathy and I are very glad to see you again and now 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 now for Ashley so she has a sister so both of you can gang up on Billy when necessary!! My wife Cathy and I, as do the Lubarskys come from 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 you both Billy and Katherine a long, happy and healthy marriage. So going forward this will be like you young people say in tech speech “William and Katherine 2.0!!” When Billy and his sister Ashley were growing up they hated how I was always telling them what to do. One of the few times they did ask my opinion “ What should I be when they grow up.” I am proud to say I gave them no direction. My brother Steve here and I both ended up in accounting finance jobs because that is what our dad told us to do. With my kids be I was very cliché’ about this important question --I just said “ the most important thing is for you to be happy every day with what you do and you will have a good life” and now that we have Katherine in the family we have an endless supply of pills to assure it!! 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.