1. I will be speaking as father of the groom at a wedding of 110 people.
2. Speaking to invited quests of family and friends.
3. Wedding will be held at a church in Ferndale Michigan, with the reception at a rented mansion in Grosse Pointe Farms Michigan.
4. I will be following father of the bride, best man, maid of honor as 4th speaker. After I speak, I was also asked to say a blessing for dinner. I feel this should be on the brief side, sentimental and heartwarming.

5-10 Here is some history. My wife Alicia and I have two sons. First son Alex got married to Luke 2 years ago. My 2nd son David Holmes is getting married Dec 4th. He met his fiancé Danielle Harteau about 3 years ago online. They dated for 2 years, and have lived together in his house for the last year. Her parent are Dan and Lisa. She has 1 brother Matt.

I was trying to follow recommended outlines that I used with you previously with my first son.

Here are some lines and facts about David.

Good evening everyone. I am Tom Holmes and along with my wife Alicia, we are the proud parents of David

Alicia and I would like to say how happy and grateful we are to have you here to celebrate with David and Danielle.

We would also like to thank Dan and Lisa for hosting such a wonderful reception. Along with David and Danielle, they have put a lot of time, effort, and hard work into making this a special day.

As a little boy, David was very talented and curious. He could spend hour’s constructing things using cardboard, paper towel rolls, string, and tape. He was always curious about the wetsuits and diving equipment at the lake house. At 4 yrs old, he suited up with an adult wetsuit, boots, gloves, snorkel and goggles. He tipped himself over into the water to see how they worked.

His remote control tank broke. After he disappeared for and hour or so, we discovered he had found my tools and disassembled it into a 1000 pieces. He claimed he was trying to fix it.

We first met Danielle when the 4 of us met for dinner at a restaurant. The more we got to know Danielle, the more we felt she was the one. Danielle, its very evident that you truly love and care for david. You are beautiful, loving, caring and we are confident that you will love our son

We love you and welcome you to our family with open arms.

David and Danielle, marriage is a fun adventure full of surprises, twists and turns. As someone who has been married close to 40 years, I am still on this exiting journey. And I have to add, it never gets old being married to the one you love. Love one another, pay attention to each other, and learn to put the other first.