I want to welcome you all to the wedding of my son [GROOM] and his new wife [BRIDE].

I’m not a guy who gets easily excited about much. Beyond, of course, tax refunds, 2-for-1 coupons at my favorite pizza place, the Super Bowl, and the Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue...for its articles, of course. (Pause for laughter) Now I have something new and wonderful to get excited about; namely, the wedding of my son.

This is the day that every father waits for, dreams about, and in some ways dreads. After all, this marks a major life change. You worry if your son is doing the right thing; more importantly, if he’s doing the right thing with the right woman.

Today, though, I’m proud to report that my happiness comes pure and completely untinged by any degree of worry. My joy flows freely, I’m annoyingly pleased. (singing) I’m so excited. Sorry, I promised my wife [MOTHER OF GROOM] I wouldn’t sing. Then again, she’s already peeved about the Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue reference, so what the heck? (Pause for laughter)

Anyway, I’m beyond thrilled that [GROOM] has chosen [BRIDE] to be his wife. Why? To put it simply, these two are a perfect match. They’re both intelligent, ambitious, sweet-natured people who have a lot of goals and dreams for the future. Now they can plan and dream together, and I can’t wait to see the life they come up with.

I greatly look forward to seeing their beautiful home, their vacation pictures, and (somewhere down the road) their beautiful children. (Pause) Now don’t faint, Son. I said, “Somewhere down the road.” (Pause for laughter) As you young people say these days, “Chill out!” (Pause for laughter)

More than that, I look forward to seeing the beautiful life that these two surely will create. They’ll build on a foundation of love, romance and mutual respect to form an unbeatable team, to set an example for others to follow. Most importantly, I know they’ll be happy together.
[BRIDE] and [GROOM], to be as hopelessly clichéd as possible, fit together like a hand in glove. They have so much in common, they share so many passions and interests; more importantly, they share the same faith and values. These are the things that form the foundation of a successful marriage.

That, and the fact that they never seem to stop kissing and making goo goo eyes at each other. If I didn’t love them so much it would get nauseating. And I mean quick. (Pause for laughter)

Seriously, though, I’m pleased that my son has fallen so hard for such a wonderful girl. [BRIDE] is sweet, lovely and wise; the perfect ingredients for a winning wife.

As I get to know [BRIDE’S MOTHER] and [BRIDE’S FATHER], I can see where she gets all of these great qualities. They’re truly exemplary people and I’m so glad to see them here today. I thank them for helping make this wedding possible.

I also want to send out special thanks to all the friends and family members who gathered here today to witness this beautiful event, and especially [BRIDESMAID] and [GROOMSMAN] for standing beside my son and daughter-in-law today, just as you have throughout their lives.

[GROOM] and [BRIDE], I also want to thank you for making your entire family and all your friends very happy today. It always does the heart good to see a young couple so much in love, and to see them pledge their love to one another, for good, forever, for keeps. That’s all too rare these days.

And since I really want to see you two succeed (Wait for it, Son. You knew this was coming), I have some earth-shattering, brilliant, timely advice for both of you. Stop rolling your eyes, [GROOM]! (Pause for laughter)

First and foremost, always remember that communication is the key to marital happiness. Always take things out when there’s a problem, learn to listen and compromise. And ultimately [GROOM], always remember that [BRIDE] is always right. Always! (Pause for laughter, looks to wife) There, Honey, does that make up for the Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue joke? Am I still sleeping on the couch tonight? (Pause for laughter) Yes? OK, just checking. (Pause for laughter)
[BRIDE] and [GROOM], the last and best advice I can give you is to always remember the love and devotion that you felt today. And, above all, always remember to have fun. We love you, Kids. Enjoy your wedding day.

**SPEECH TEMPLATE 2**

I’d like to welcome you all, our family and friends, to the wedding of my son [GROOM] and his new wife [BRIDE].

It’s fitting that you’re all here, because as I look out at the crowd today I see the people who have played such important roles in my son’s life. I see his friends, family members, all the people who have shaped his existence.

And when I look to his side, to his new wife [BRIDE], I see the woman who defines that life. She makes my son happy, and I’m pleased to welcome her to my family.

[BRIDE] enhances [GROOM’S] life in so many ways. She makes him smile, she makes him laugh, she makes him think, she makes him cry with joy sometimes. They have so much fun together; and in the future I foresee more fun for these two wonderful kids.

I predict that [BRIDE] and [GROOM] will have beautiful kids, beautiful homes, and make beautiful memories together.

I might sound a bit idealistic when it comes to these two, but that’s because they’re an ideal couple. They’re smart, sweet, beautiful and successful. And they’re always so loving and respectful toward one another. I’ve never seen them argue or be rude to one another; even before they married they lived in harmony, as one.

As I’ve gotten to know [BRIDE’S MOTHER] and [BRIDE’S FATHER], [BRIDE’S] parents, I can see where [BRIDE] gets all of her stellar qualities. They’re warm, wonderful people themselves, and I welcome them here today. I look forward to including them in all of our family gatherings from this day forward.

And as I look at my own wife, the terrific, beautiful [GROOM’S MOTHER], I can see why our son is such a special person. As a human being, she set a stunning example for him to follow. I’m so pleased to share this day with the woman of my dreams.
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I’m also thrilled that my son has found the woman of his dreams. [BRIDE] is kind, beautiful, bright, and so sweet. I think she will have a perfect life with my son, and I gladly and proudly include her as a member of our family.

[BRIDE] and [GROOM], you two are such a great couple that I don’t foresee you having a lot of problems. However, in those rare instances when you happen to have a problem or obstacle, here are a few suggestions for you that might help.

First, never go to bed angry. Always talk things out, compromise, do whatever you have to do to reach a balanced, amicable solution.

Second, always remember that no obstacle is insurmountable. You’ve come this far, so never let anyone or anything stand in the way. You two together are simply unbeatable.

Third, remember that no one is perfect. Learn to forgive each other, and yourselves. Only then can you go on to reclaim your happiness.

Fourth, always love each other beyond the point of reason. Put the needs of your partner before your own, never forget to kiss, hug, and have date nights, and defend one another tirelessly, even when they’re wrong.

Fifth and finally, indeed most importantly, always stay as much in love as you are today. Never lose the magic, the passion of your union. Never fall out of love.

As endlessly wise and thoroughly logical as this advice may be, and of course it is (pause for laughter), somehow I suspect you won’t need it. You’re both so grounded and sensible, and you’re approaching this marriage with a wise combination of absolute logic and passionate romance.

You’re so much in love, but more importantly you’re in like; you get along famously, share the same interests, laugh at the same jokes, and truly enjoy each other’s company. You’re fun to be around, and you bring each other a lot of happiness. Those are qualities that are sure to translate to a happy and successful marriage.

In closing, [GROOM] and [BRIDE], I hope that you have a magnificent life together. I wish you health, wealth and happiness. I hope you have lots of joy and lots of
children; one, after all, will probably be conducive to producing the other. (Pause for laughter)

I wish you light, love and laughter. I love you, Kids. Congratulations! Enjoy your wedding day.

**SPEECH TEMPLATE 3**

I’d like to welcome you all to the wedding of my son [GROOM] and his wife [BRIDE]. This is a wonderful day; a day when we honor two very special people.

[GROOM], I can’t tell you how proud I am of you today. You’ve made a major commitment to a wonderful, beautiful woman. I wish you two nothing but love, light and happiness throughout your lives.

Your mother [MOTHER OF THE GROOM] and I have always been proud of you. You’re an exemplary son, bright, successful, respectful, funny, handsome; you’re everything a parent could want in a son. And now it seems that you’ve found a perfect match in [BRIDE].

As I’ve just told you, [GROOM], I’m very proud to be your father. And before I became your father, I was a new husband myself; (looks admiringly at wife) I had just married the woman of my dreams, and I looked forward to a flawless, ideal future with her.

Wow, was I young and gullible back then! (Pause for laughter)

Don’t get me wrong. The years I’ve spent with your mother have been the happiest, most fulfilling of my life. I wouldn’t trade our life together for anything. Marriage, I must say, has been a fantastic experience; it’s also, however, been a time of challenge and hard work.

Even the best of marriages have their trying times; so with that in mind, I’d like to offer you some advice. Some words of wisdom offered, not just from a father to a son, but from one husband to another.

First, you must always remember a vital, basic fact that will serve to sustain the happiness and sanctity of your marriage. And it is, now listen closely Son: She’s.
Always. Right. (Pause for laughter) And I mean about everything. (Pause for laughter)

Seriously, though, it is always important to consider your wife’s opinions and include her in every decision. She has a wealth of wisdom and experiences, plus a unique woman’s eye view that will lend an important perspective to your family life.

Second, always remember to talk out your problems. No obstacle is insurmountable when you remember to communicate, to clear the air so to speak.

Third, always keep your sense of humor. You two have a lot of fun together now; keep laughing and joking with each other, and enjoying little adventures every day. Don’t just be lovers, be friends.

My next piece of advice is, don’t just be friends, be lovers. I’m a confusing old jerk, aren’t I? (Pause for laughter) Still I must emphasize the importance of keeping the fire alive in your marriage. Keep kissing, keep hugging, keep enjoying date nights, keep doing whatever it takes to keep your passion alive. (Sheepish) Only don’t relate too many of the details of these efforts to good ol’ Mom and Dad. (Pause for laughter)

Fifth, and I do believe this had better be the last piece of advice, because my son looks bored out of his skull—- I can foresee him falling over asleep in his own wedding cake at any moment now (pause for laughter)--- I recommend that you never lose the special feelings that brought you here today. The feelings of love and devotion that moved you to make the ultimate commitment. That intense passion that moved you to marry.

Ah, but enough of this advice business. We’re here to celebrate today. And I want to celebrate, not only my son’s marriage, but the expansion of our family.

[BRIDE], I’d like to offer you a warm welcome to my family. You’re a bright, smart, beautiful girl and you’ve become like a daughter to [MOTHER OF THE GROOM] and me. We love you, sweetheart, and once again, welcome.
I also want to welcome [BRIDE’S] parents, [BRIDE’S MOTHER] and [BRIDE’S FATHER] to our family. You’re both very special people and I look forward to making you a part of all our family celebrations. Bless you two!

And I’d like to thank and welcome all of our blessed friends and family members who are gathered here today to celebrate the union of my son and daughter-in-law; especially those lifelong friends who stood beside them at the altar today, [BRIDESMAID] and [GROOMSMAN].

And of course, I save my fondest words for [BRIDE] and [GROOM]. We love you kids. Congratulations! Enjoy your wedding day.

**SPEECH TEMPLATE 4**

I’d like to welcome you all to the wedding of my son [GROOM] and his wife [BRIDE]. And on this wonderful, special day, I have only one thing to say:

(Suddenly frantic) Criminy! My son just got married. What the heck?! (Pause for laughter)

Forgive me if I seem a little overwhelmed. It seems just like yesterday I was teaching my son to ride a bike. Now I’m sending him into a beautiful life with a very special woman.

One look at [BRIDE] will tell you why my son decided to give up the single life. She’s a beautiful young woman and a ravishing bride. More importantly, she’s a bright, kind, sensitive person who I’m sure will make an ideal wife.

Moreover, I do believe she got the perfect husband in [GROOM]. My son is an intelligent, successful, handsome man who has already accomplished a great deal in his young life. Gee, I’m not proud or anything am I? (Pause for laughter) I predict that these two will go far. And they’ll do it together.

[GROOM] and [BRIDE], I can’t tell you how proud I am of you today. You’ve taken that big step, taken the big plunge, all those sickening clichés that mushy fathers include in their wedding speeches. (Pause for laughter) I wish you two a life of love, light, success, and most of all happiness.
Of course, there will be times when your union is challenged by arguments and obstacles. You might have a spat over an unpaid bill, or you may face a situation that challenges your feelings, both about yourselves and one another.

In those instances, always remember that you are not alone. All couples face these problems; the fairy tale ideal of a perfect marriage is something to be pursued, to be sure, but not always attained.

Just take your time and try your best; and remember that the same people who gathered here today to honor your union will be with you in the years to come, ready to offer support and advice whenever you need it. And sometimes when you don’t need it; you know how nosy we parents can be. (Pause for laughter)

Also remember to laugh and enjoy each other. You two are great friends, you have similar goals and interests and you pal around just as much as you smooch. (Pause for laughter) That’s the type of perfect balance that can help a marriage succeed.

My next piece of advice would be to expand your life together, to make a beautiful, comfortable home, take fun, luxurious vacations, work on projects together. And of course, your most wonderful, substantial project will be your children. As [GROOM’S MOTHER] and I know very well, kids bring so much joy. Plus I know for a fact that my wife wants grandbabies; lots of ‘em! And soon! (Pause for laughter)

My final suggestion would be to always remember the way you felt today, the love and affection that brought you to the altar. The great passion that inspired you to make the ultimate commitment; and, moreover, that inspired that dynamite kiss I saw at the altar today. Woohoo! (Pause for laughter).

I’d like to close today by sending out a special thank you to all the people who made this day such a wonderful, special occasion.

My dear wife [MOTHER OF THE GROOM], the beautiful, wonderful woman who honored me by making me her husband. My son’s best friend [GROOMSMAN], who stood beside him today, as he always has in the past.

[BRIDE’S] parents, [FATHER OF THE BRIDE] and [MOTHER OF THE BRIDE], fantastic people who I consider dear friends, and who helped make this wedding possible.
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Thanks, indeed, to all the friends and family members who gathered here today to honor this very special couple.

In closing, [BRIDE] and [GROOM], I wish you nothing but the best in future years. May you always be filled with the joy and love that you feel today. May you always share and celebrate the good things in life. May you always stick together and overcome your obstacles; remember that together, you two are unbeatable. Lastly and most importantly, call home once in awhile! Criminy! (Pause for laughter)

We love you kids. Enjoy your wedding.

SPEECH TEMPLATE 5

I’d like to welcome you all to the wedding of my son [GROOM] and his wife [BRIDE]. This is a beautiful day; one I’m pleased to share with all of you.

When a man has a son, he has so many hopes and dreams for him. He hopes that he’ll be a kind, strong person, a successful professional, a solid citizen, and, ultimately, a good, happy husband; one who finds a fulfilling life with the woman of his dreams, just as I did with my dear [MOTHER OF THE GROOM].

I’m very pleased to say that my son has not only met my expectations. He’s well exceeded them. He is a great person with a successful career, and he is very involved in his community. I am proud to call him son. And today he realized my last dream: he married a wonderful woman.

From the day he met [BRIDE], I somehow sensed that my son had found his glowing other half, his ideal mate. She is beautiful, as you can see, but she is also smart, kind and successful. She and my son make a perfect match, and I’m so pleased that they found each other.

I predict that these two will have a great future; that they’ll have beautiful kids, a happy home, and a lifetime of laughter and love. Their similar interests and qualities will bring them closer together in the years to come. And when they’re old and gray, I predict that they’ll still be holding hands and smooching up a storm; though at that point, not that many people will want to watch. (Pause for laughter)
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Seriously, Kids, the world is your oyster. Make the most of your life and love and enjoy every minute; never forget the strong love that binds you together, and that brought you here today. You two are going to have so many exciting, wonderful adventures together; you'll also have those easy, peaceful days when all you want to do is cuddle and stare into each other's eyes. Speaking of eyes, Son, stop rolling yours; you're a husband now, you have to learn to be mushy and romantic once in awhile. (Pause for laughter)

Of course, like any married couple, you will face problems and obstacles along the way. Especially in these times, couples face temptations, money problems, plus the everyday annoyances that sometimes make you want to slash each other's tires. (pauses, sheepish) Or so I've been told. (Pause for laughter)

When you encounter these problems, always remember the strong morals and values that you share, and that you learned from your doting parents. Indeed, as I've gotten to know [BRIDE'S] parents, [MOTHER OF THE BRIDE] and [FATHER OF THE BRIDE], I can see where she got all her wonderful qualities. They're amazing people, and I welcome them here today. And I can't say enough about my wife, the wonderful [MOTHER OF THE GROOM]. She's an inspiring woman who has helped guide many lives, including mine and my son's.

Also remember, Kids that your friends and family members will always be there for you, just as they are today. Take a look around at all the aunts, uncles, cousins, and close friends who smile so fondly upon you. These are the same people you can turn to in times of need and adversity.

Having said that, the best person to turn to during difficult times is the one sitting right next to you. You two are partners now; helpmates. Don't ever let anyone or anything stand in your way.

Finally, never forget to have fun. Your life will be an adventure, with many new, wonderful things to look forward to, each and every day. Stay young, stay happy, most importantly stay in love.

In closing, [BRIDE] and [GROOM], I wish you a beautiful life together; a life filled with happiness, children and love. You're two very special people who make the
ultimate couple; in the years to come, you’ll also make great partners and perfect parents. And today, you make a beautiful bride and groom. We love you, Kids; congratulations and enjoy your wedding day.

**SPEECH TEMPLATE 6**

Good afternoon ladies, gentlemen, friends and family! What a beautiful day it has been and what a perfect ceremony it was. It is with such pride and honor that I stand here today as the proudest father alive.

I’d like to officially welcome you on behalf of the [SURNAME] family, it is an absolute joy that you have all made it here today, some new faces and some old, but all of you unite together today to celebrate the love and union of my son [GROOM] and his beautiful new wife [BRIDE].

I am aware that there are some people who this bride and groom would have loved to have been with us here today, but sadly, they cannot be. I’m sure they are with us in spirit and would be so filled with happiness to see you come together with such grace and love.

When [GROOM] was born, I held his tiny body in my hand and could not imagine ever letting that little child out of my sight. He was so small and so precious, and I vowed then and there to do everything in my power, every day to protect him. And I think I did just that.

Standing here in front of you today, seeing my child get married to the woman that he loves fills me with such happiness it’s hard to find words to express how I feel.

[GROOM] was a boisterous boy, so filled with love and life and great stories. Always the perpetual story teller, from the day he started talking, he never has stopped! He used to come up with some incredible stories, telling me all about incredible adventures that he had managed to go on just on the walk home from primary school!

I was lucky enough to spend a lot of time with my son whilst he was growing up. I was there when he took his first step, I was there when he said his first word, and I was there when he fell off his bike and had to get stitches in his knee. And every
day I was so thankful for him and for all of the joy and laughter he brought to our home and into my life.

Life moves so quickly. As a parent you know this and you try to hold on to every moment that you have with your child. [GROOM] has always made his mother and me proud. But never has any son made any prouder than [GROOM] has today.

Watching [GROOM] stand nervously in front of the altar today waiting for [BRIDE] to appear I saw the little boy he was when he started school for the first time. When [BRIDE] appeared, [GROOM] changed into the wonderful man and husband I know he will be. His eyes filled with such love and devotion to his beautiful bride.

[GROOM] and [BRIDE], I wish you all of the happiness in the world. It is clear to everyone in this room how much you love each other and how joyous you are on your wedding day. And that alone will fill everyone in this room with so much happiness.

Hold on to the love you feel today. Always remember how you feel about that person standing next to you, for they are now your partner in life.

Together you will have many ups and downs and adventures, some more amazing and exciting than any of the stories that [GROOM] came up with as a child. And on those adventures you will always have each other.

And I will always be there for you both if you ever should need me.

Before I get too emotional I’d like to propose a toast to my son and his beautiful wife. So if you would all join me and be upstanding.

To [GROOM] and [BRIDE] may you always be happy and healthy and may you always find your house full of laughter and joy.

We love you both. Congratulations.
Father of the Groom Speeches

SPEECH TEMPLATE 7

To all of you, our guests, our family, our relatives, the in-laws and the outlaws, to all of you, the young and the old, the gorgeous and the handsome, and to the rest of you! Let me extend the warmest welcome to you all here in our home today to celebrate the wedding of my son [GROOM] to his beautiful bride [BRIDE].

I tried to memorize this speech, but you will have to forgive me – I’m getting a little old and even though I am built like an elephant – I really don’t have the memory of one. So, please excuse me if I use my trusty notes here.

I know that I speak on behalf of the whole [SURNAME] family when I say how proud we are of [GROOM] and how glad we are that he has chosen this beautiful woman to be his partner... and even more pleased that she agreed to spend her life with him!

It is traditional for the father of the groom to bring up an embarrassing story or two of the groom to make him red in the face – so you can all laugh at his expense – but I feel like [BEST MANS NAME] really did a good job at that so I’ll stick to saying the nice things that [GROOM] probably never heard enough when he was a kid.

[GROOM] was always an incredible kid, a great athlete, an excellent student, and as proud as any father could be – I was relieved to see he was also a hit with the young ladies. And this was all in preschool.

Throughout the years that I have spent watching [GROOM] grow and develop – I have always been very proud of him, he was a very bright little boy full of cheek and he did drive his mother and I a little nuts at times – but he always made us laugh and he was always very good with his siblings.

On the day that [GROOM] was born – I was a wreck, a first time father, a young man myself, and I was terrified. But all of a sudden (that’s how it felt to me – my wife would tell you it lasted a little longer!) I had this tiny baby in my arms. And no matter how scared and nervous I was, when I held [GROOM] for the first time, I knew that I would do anything to protect him and that I would do whatever I could to be a good example and to make him a good man.
When I look at my son today I am so filled with pride, he has become that good man I hoped he would be. I’m not sure how much that had to do with me, but I do like to think that I had a little to do with it!

[GROOM], on your wedding day, I’d like to tell you that I love you, I am so proud of you and I know that you are going to make [BRIDE] the happiest woman in the world. You are such a good man and I am very, very proud to be your father.

Now, I have been married for 30 years, and I think I’m starting to get a handle on it, so I thought I better give you a few handy tips and maybe it’ll only take you 15 years to get a handle!

You both signed a marriage certificate today, and that important piece of paper you should remember is not a qualification. You haven’t achieved anything yet and you aren’t guaranteed quality or happiness. Marriage is not only about finding the perfect partner, which you both have, but it’s also about being one. So be the best person you can be, and give all your love, respect and trust to your partner – you are in this crazy adventure of life together now...

[BRIDE], I’d like to officially welcome you and your parents to the [LAST NAME] family with open arms and an open heart. You are a beautiful woman and I’d like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for accepting my son’s proposal, you are the daughter that we have always wanted and we want you to know that our home is always open to you.

[BRIDE’S] parents [BRIDE’S PARENTS NAMES] you are wonderful people and it has been an absolute pleasure knowing you. I must say that you have passed on many of your wonderful qualities to [BRIDE]. Both my wife [NAME] and I look forward to spending more and more quality time with you. Thank you for your wonderful hospitality and for making this day so beautiful and special.

On that note, I’d like you to all charge your glasses and join me in a toast to this beautiful couple.

May your future together be bright and happy, may you live long and love forever, congratulations [GROOM] and [BRIDE], thank you for having us all here to celebrate your special day.
Congratulations!

**SPEECH TEMPLATE 8**

For those of you that don't know who I am, my name is [NAME] and I am the very proud father of [GROOM] and the new father-in-law of this beautiful woman you see before you.

This has been a long time coming, this wedding, after hours of planning and years of talking about it we are finally here, and today has been more beautiful or more perfect than any of us could have possibly imagined.

I’d like to take this moment to thank you all for coming. On behalf of the [LAST NAME] family, I’d like to welcome you all here today and to extend our gratitude to each and every one of you for joining us in one of the most joyous days that this family has ever had the pleasure to host.

It is my absolute pleasure to be the spokesman for our family to officially welcome [BRIDE] to the family and to tell her how proud and overjoyed we are to have her take on our name and join in this happy union with our son.

[Bride] has spent much time with our family, and we couldn't be more in love with her. She is a gentle and warm woman with a bright sense of humor and a witty tongue. Every day that she has spent with our family has brought us so much joy and happiness and we were so pleased that she accepted the proposal of our handsome young son [GROOM].

A special mention to [BRIDE’S] parents [NAMES]. As we got to know them we realized they are wonderful people and have done a great job in raising [BRIDE]. We welcome you to our family and thank you for all the support and help in organizing the day.

I was warned by [GROOM] to keep the embarrassing stories to a minimum, and I figured that I would leave them out completely for fear of retaliation. I am afraid there are many more embarrassing stories about me than there are about [GROOM]. Truthfully though, [GROOM] has brought his mother and me nothing but pleasure.
and happiness, except between the ages of 14 and 18 but those are years we all choose to forget...

When [GROOM] was born, he brought wonder and amazement to our family and joy into our home. He was a good little boy, even if he did carry around a doll for a good part of his childhood – but I have never been more proud of him than I am today. It is one thing to be proud of the man you have seen your son become – it is completely another thing to see him on the day of his wedding – starting a new life and truly becoming a man that can make even the strongest of men tear up.

[GROOM], you are a great man, and your mother and I are very proud of you and who you have become, and we are even prouder of the man that you will be and together you and [BRIDE] will go on some incredible adventures together.

[GROOM]’s mother and I have been married for 35 years, we have been through our ups and downs, as in any marriage, and I think that I’m just as qualified as anyone to give advice on a day such as today.

Marriage is an incredible commitment to make, and there is nothing more wonderful for any of us in this room to see than the love that is in the eyes of these newlyweds today. But life isn’t always a party and a celebration – you have to find it within yourself to always remember the love that you feel for each other today and to hold on to that when times are hard.

The two of you have come together today and made a commitment to each other, with beautiful words and love and friends and family here to celebrate with you. You have made the first step of an incredible adventure together – so strap yourselves in, take each other’s hands, and remember, your family and friends who are here in this room today, will always be here for you.

On that note, before I get any more emotional than I already am, I’d like you all to charge your glasses and be upstanding.

Please raise your glasses in a toast to the newlyweds.
To [GROOM] and [BRIDE], may your future be bright and full of laughter and love, may you always hold onto each other in times of need and find a way to celebrate your love every day.

We love you both, congratulations.

**SPEECH TEMPLATE 9**

Ladies and gentlemen, family and friends, it is my absolute pleasure to welcome you all here today and to present to you, the newlyweds, the bride and groom, [GROOM] and [BRIDE].

I would like to start my speech by thanking [BRIDES PARENTS NAMES] for this wonderful celebration of our children’s love and for opening their hearts and homes to my wife and me and for being so accommodating and kind to us today and for the days that have preceded this glorious party.

We are so very proud to see our son [GROOM] finally married to the woman of his dreams. I have got to say that he certainly does look handsome today, and despite his nervous jitters this morning – seems to have come out the other side of the ceremony with an air of calm. Married life obviously suits you son!

When [GROOM] and [BRIDE] asked me to give a speech today, I considered a great honor and privilege to stand before you all today, our family and friends – and then I panicked. I’m not a public speaker, and I don’t know a lot of you.

[WIFES NAME] and I don’t live nearby and we have not had the pleasure to meet many of you before. But I have to say, you have all been wonderful and it is really great to see that our son has so many people around him who are so supportive of him and [BRIDE].

So, what I’m trying to say is thank you – to you all. For being such a wonderful support network for our son and for being here today with so much love and support for this young couple.

When [GROOM] was a little boy, he used to follow me around and wear my clothes and mimic me all the time. He told me that when he grew up, he wanted to be just
like me. I’m very proud to see today that he has turned into a man all of his own and a man that his parents are so proud of.

It is an incredible feeling to watch your son marry the woman of his dreams. And is she! [GROOM] has never said anything but good things and praise for [BRIDE], and when we met her for the first time last year, we saw that he was right.

[BRIDE] is one of the most gentle, fun loving, intelligent young women I have ever met and I can’t think of two young people who are better matched for each other than these two. When we do get a chance to spend time with them they can talk and laugh for hours over numerous bottles of wine.

The thing we truly love about these newlyweds as a couple is that they are always so full of joy and kindness not only for each other but for everyone around them, and that certainly is something to be proud of.

People just want to be around this couple, they bring so much happiness to the world, and there is nothing better than seeing two incredible young people join their lives together – I honestly believe that these young people can do anything.

Before I ask you all to join me in a toast to the Bride and Groom, I would like to again thank you all for your kindness, your generosity and the overwhelming love that can be felt here today. It has truly been a wonderful day and this is really due to all of you and your presence here.

Marriage is a roller coaster, it is full of so much joy and it will be tainted by moments of life’s sadness’s. There is nothing better though, than going on this ride with the one that you love, with your best friend and having someone there to hold your hand and to lean on when you need to.

[GROOM] and [BRIDE] you have made a huge commitment to each other today, I hope that you will forever be true to the words you spoke in that church and forever support and love and honor each other until the end of your lives.

So, now without further adieu, will you all please stand and raise your glasses in a toast to this perfect couple.
Father of the Groom Speeches

To [GROOM] and [BRIDE] may your days be long and light and happy, may your nights be warm and safe and may you forever find comfort in each other.

Congratulations to you both.

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I am almost speechless standing in front of you all today – but due to the pride I felt when my son, the groom, asked me to give a speech – I will try to find the words to express the pride and the joy that I feel today on the day of his wedding.

I’d like to start by congratulating my son, [GROOM], for meeting, falling in love with, and somehow convincing this stunning young woman to be his bride.

It was quite some task I’m sure, and I’m so proud of him, because she truly is the woman of his dreams – and there is no greater joy in the world for a parent, knowing that your child is in a relationship with someone who they call their best friend, their love and their future. And for that, I would like to congratulate him with all of my heart.

Now, as for this beautiful bride of his. [BRIDE], since the day you came along and ran into [GROOM], I have never known him to be a happier, kinder or more polite ever! You bring out the best in him, and for that I would like to thank YOU. We always knew he had it in him, but he had always been quite clever at hiding it until you came along. I guess you were good enough to convince him! And I’d have to agree.

[BRIDE], I would like to take this moment to officially welcome you to the family and to thank you for agreeing to take our name as your own. I’ve got to say how proud I am personally to have you as a part of the [LAST NAME] brood – now we can claim you as our own – even with the knowledge that we never could have made one quite as beautiful as you... that claim will always go to your own parents, God love them.

You are the daughter that we always wanted and never had, and so with that we will always love you as one of our own and always protect and support you for as long as we are on this earth.
I don’t want to go on and on about my pride and my love and my support for this couple, so I’ll try to stop myself now that I think I’ve gotten my point across. The only other thing I really wanted to mention to you both on this wonderful day was to impart a few words of wisdom, from me, an old married man.

[WIFES NAME] and I have been married for 25 wonderful years and I can say that I am so glad that this woman wanted me to be her husband - she has made my life an incredible adventure and has been there to help me through any of the hard parts and to celebrate every victory.

That is what marriage is kids, it’s not just about finding the perfect partner, that’s just the beginning, it’s about being the perfect partner after that. Marriage is about compromise and love and respect. I know you both love each other so much and will offer each other all of the love and support that will give you both a full and happy life.

And hopefully one day down the track when you bring us some wonderful grandchildren – then you will understand what I mean when I say, there is nothing like holding your child in your arms for the first day – I will never forget that day with you [GROOM] and the pride you feel as you watch them grow and become their own people.

For both of you today, you have a set of parents who is so proud of the person that you have become and a room full of family and friends to celebrate your love – enjoy this moment, this is the start of your adventure and this is a party for you to set you on your way into married life with all of the love and support of everyone here.

On that note, if you will all raise your glasses and toast to the future of the bride and groom.

To [GROOM] and [BRIDE], may you be happy and healthy and live long and prosper.

Congratulations to you both!