

TEMBROCK CHILDREN SESSION

TIME: August 8th from around 11 AM to 2 PM

PLACE: Most Holy Redeemer Church

TOPICS: 1) The Tembrock children and their relations with their spouses when they are home (and what can be done to improve it).

- we have cliquish closeness.
- Hard to break in.
- Not done on purpose.
- We need to be more aware.
- Some friction comes from Dad (consistent pattern on:
 - Farmers
 - Federal workers
 - Democrats
 - Indians.
- Mom aggressive.
- Can't change others.
- Not change Mom and Dad.
- Mom and Dad have the power to cause us to do anything (strings).
- We do things first for Mom and Dad (spouses can't believe it).
- Mom/Dad expect, demand, want:
 - Cards
 - Calls
 - Kids to send Thankyous.

(We know this means a lot to Mom and Dad).

- Pay abeyances.
- Do chores (project lists).
- Keep kids out Grandparents way.
- (Dad kids Mom; Mom comes back at Dad; Grandpa Tembrock was the same way with Grandma Tembrock).
- Control details (sweep the floor).
- Keep in mind the rules (us kids do).
- We don't have trouble (us kids).
- Spouses don't understand (they marry into the family).
- Dad negativism (how can spouses cope?).
- Mom aggressive (image of spouses).
- Mom & Dad like one family at a time visiting them.
- They like to be in control.

What can we do:

- Problem is with us kids.
- Pre arrange signals with our spouses.
- Spend time together with our spouses.

2) Future of Mom and Dad

Short term things for Mom and Dad:

- Shower for Mom and Dad (with holding bars).
- Covered entry way (make for wheel chair).
[Note: a major broken bone for either could be fatal].
- Mom's cataracts checked out (Marilyn agrees to stay with Dad and some of us will help pay the plane fare).

- Regular support with letters, calls & projects.
- Mom should get away several times a year (maybe Marie stay with Dad or Hoban help).
- Dad should take Mom out to eat at least once a week.
- Dad & Fr. Urban are on a collision course (consider talking to Fr. Urban.....Dad can be very unreasonable).

Long Term:

- If Dad dies first:

Paul is executor and he knows all Dad's finances.
All Dad's holdings are in joint tenancy.
Mom wants a checking account and does not want to worry about money.

- If Mom dies first (major problem):

Dad in a nursing home.
Stay in help.
Find someone of us kids to accept his behavior.
Dad in a nursing home near Paul.

- If they can't take care of themselves they plan to live in a nursing home in St. Cloud.

[Dad wants all of us to pray for him when he dies].

[Grandpa Tembrock was a perfectionist with Dad....he complained when Dad waxed his car and at least one wheel spoke was dirty....perhaps there wasn't much love as Dad's sisters took so much].

3) The Cabin

Short term:

- Keep a log of all expenses and projects.
- Prorate the costs based on usage of the cabin each year.
- Do projects bases on usage.

[This assumes Mom and Dad will pay fuel, taxes, insurance and major repairs].

Long term:

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4) The Catholic Church today for me and my children; what can I do to improve it? [Future topic].

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