**WEDDING WELCOME SPEECH (Frank’s Version)**

Hello everyone, and thank you all for being here to share this amazing experience as we celebrate Alexa and Frank. Tonight’s dinner is about **WELCOME** and for all of us who have traveled far and near, it’s heartwarming to see so many of you that made the journey. The Zagradas and I welcome you!!

I stand before you as a **VERY PROUD** father. I have always been so grateful for the family that Susie and I built. Frank and Stevie-Lynn are perfection, if I must say so myself....

Frank, it felt like it was yesterday taking you and Mom home from the hospital that first time, after you were born. Everyone was excited to see you… except for Stevie … eh… she was not too happy at first, in fact, I’m not totally sure, but she might have plotted to keep open the basement door while she envisioned you tumble down the stairs…. as any **good** older sister would. Fortunately, as time went on, Stevie and you have built a brother-sister bond like no other and the love and respect for each other is priceless.

Frank you grew up so fast …. summers at the beach in Montauk, countless hockey events… high school, college, and now your career. We have **lots** of GOLF ahead of us and I can’t wait, as long as it is ok with Lex!!! It was a pleasure watching you grow into the man that I am so proud of and it is truly an honor to be your Dad.

Enter Alexa. Alexa is a fierce force between Mom, Stevie, and Grandma… the women that helped mold Frank. Frank happened to find a woman that adores him, spoils him, and loves him unconditionally. Alexa, you won us all over immediately with your witty humor, your kind heart, and your beautiful smile. Alexa, we love you so very much… I always wanted another daughter and we have one now. We couldn’t ask for a better woman to complete our son. The real reason…? Stevie Lynn totally approves of Alexa!!!

I would like to take a moment and just thank Phyllis and Susie for raising the most respectful and beautiful people sitting here in front of you, and that naturally, is this gorgeous couple, Alexa and Frank. Of course, Peter and I will take some credit as well.

Peter, we have become friends over the past few years. I couldn’t be happier or more blessed to call you my family and I look forward to all the happy and joyous times we have ahead of us.

Lexi and Frank, keep loving each other the way you have and keep communicating with each other the way you have, and your love will grow each and every day as husband and wife.

Please raise your glasses and as I propose a toast:

To the Future Mr. and Mrs. Frank Angiolillo… may you have more health, happiness, joy, good fortune, and partnership than you might ever wish for…. We **LOVE YOU**!!

Thank you all!!