**FATHER OF THE BRIDE SPEECH**

**FOR**

**STEVEN ANGIOLILLO**

Hello everyone… Joan, Joe, Susie and I welcome you to the TriBeCa Rooftop to

celebrate the new Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Marren. This day…. This moment, is beyond special on so many levels…. Being here with all of you…. Celebrating this wonderful couple…. Sharing the best parts of New York in the process, and, on top of all **THAT**, far be it from me to be a gushing, overly proud, super sentimental father of the bride…. Is that even possible??? … but I have to say, all wedding days are a reflection of the bride and groom… that this wonderful wedding has taken place at St Patrick’s Cathedral??? Welllll…… to me, my daughter has always been **IT**…. An **ICON**… a **SYMBOL**… much like that very holy…. **VERY** New York landmark. The **good news** is… it’s an absolute privilege to have such a special place be a part of our family history…. The **bad news**??? It’s right across the street from Saks Fifth Avenue… **THANK GOODNESS** Stevie Lynn is a little distracted today!! (**Wait for the laugh**).

Stevie, it was a little more than 28 years ago when you came into our lives and

changed us forever. Mom and I were young parents, you came with no instruction

manual, and for the life of us, we **COULD NOT** figure out how to “**turn off this new fangled thing.**” (**Wait for the laugh**). **OH**. Sorry… I meant we could not get you to stop crying….. (**Wait for the laugh**). Even with all the crying and fussing I fell in love with you immediately and you became daddy’s little girl. Within no time at all, the crying turned into words that turned into talking and you have not stopped since. My favorite words were, “**Dada up**.” When you wanted Daddy to pick you up and put you into my arms, the love you showed to me melted my heart forever and I have not stopped melting for you.

Before we knew, it 15 months later you had a little brother and our family was

complete. I had my little girl and Mommy had her son…Stevie and Frank grew up as most kids close in age do… Frank was the troublemaker and Stevie followed the rules as the best daddy’s little girl that she was. Stevie’s finely tuned “little brother radar” kicked in naturally and protected Frank from the trouble he was about to get into. Through it all, you two formed a Sister and Brother bond that will never be broken. Stevie, even with all of the gifts you’ve been born with, being the “Brother Whisperer” cemented your connection and, let’s be honest, probably saved us plenty in doctors bills and avoided too many broken bones… (**Wait for the laugh**).

Susie I can never thank you enough for the children we have been blessed with…The love, the esteem they have for one another and the devotion and respect they now share with their spouses is all your doing. Our family has grown to six… so far…and I thank you for all of us.

While growing up, Stevie Lynn followed the rules … always school work, a little play time, and bed. … Always a hug and kiss for her daddy before bed with the sweetest “Good night daddy I love you.” We all had the most memorable summers in Montauk… Thank you Grandma and Poppy for giving us the opportunity to share those moments. Stevie Lynn was an exceptional synchronized fiqure skater and skated for team USA, She was a phenomenal student, studying constantly, always challenging herself…setting the bar high. Stevie, I watched you grow from an infant, to a toddler, to a preteen… and then it was off to collage… Where did all of that time go??? You **BLOSSOMED**… and Mommy and I were still looking for the damn manual!!! (**Wait for the laugh**). Jokes aside, you figured it out… we figured it all out together… and we could not be prouder…

Now your career is booming and your own family has officially begun as of today. Stevie Lynn, you’ve always been special. You are the most gorgeous, hardworking, loving woman that I know (**do you want to add…**) … except for Mommy, of course… (**And wait for the laugh**) and I will never stop melting for you. You are and will always be, Daddy’s little girl…

Some time during her Freshman year in high school she met this kid named Joe

Marren. They became an item during their Junior year. Joe… I gotta say, now that the “deal has been sealed,” that was an awfully long time you made my little girl wait for you….Once they began dating I needed to know a little more about this Marren boy

dating my little girl. When Stevie Lynn began her “sales pitch” on Joe Marren, the first thing she said was he has 6 sisters, I was like, **WHAT?!?!?!**  Yes, 6 sisters… I knew right at that point that this kid knows how to treat a woman. Joe came around a lot … not shy at all, had great one liners and fit in perfectly. If you want a pick a man to date your daughter and then ask for her hand in marriage its Joe Marren. (**You can add…**) but I mean **DON’T**… he’s **OURS**!! (**And wait for the laugh**). Joe is a true

Gentleman.. says hello to everyone… he’s friends with everyone, and became

part of our family a long time ago. Joe has a way with Stevie that calms her down

when she is getting a little crazy over something. Whether it’s her hair, her

outfit, where they are going, with whom they are going, how they’re getting there

and, of course, the last 5 months… **THE WEDDING**… Joe has become “the Stevie Whisperer.”

I would like to thank all of Joe’s sisters, Joan and Joe for raising the most

respectful, hardworking man you see…. and to top it all off, I’ve gained another son!!

Joe, as I said before, Stevie Lynn did not come with a manual, so the only piece of

advice I can give you is to say, “Yes Stevie Lynn whatever you want.” It worked well

for me. Joe, if, for any reason, you cant figure out what’s needed, Daddy is always here

to give a little support and advice. Joe, thank you for loving my daughter for who she is, for what she stands for, and what she believes in, even if you don’t agree with her

sometimes. Joe, I love you for the man you are, the man you have become and

I **KNOW** you two will have a wonderful life together.

I would like to propose a toast

Please raise your glasses… To Stevie Lynne and Joe… here’s to a life together, filled with love and hope, health and happiness, laughter and mutual respect… and to realizing that in life, there **IS NO MANUAL**… it’s actually been **built in**… you’re born **FACTORY READY**!!! Life experience and being with your perfect partner is the only guide you need…Congratulations!!! We love you!!