

# Valentine's Day: The road to love

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It's almost Valentine's Day! I bet you're all not wondering how this loving holiday was formed, but I'm going to tell you anyway.

Valentine's Day is named after St. Valentine himself. St. Valentine was a lot like Robin Hood; some say that he was the "Robin Hood of Love," back around 260 A.D.

"Claudius the Cruel" was an emperor at the time, and he made a rule that prohibited the marriage of young people. But this rule mostly referred to soldiers. Claudius feared that if the soldiers had wives and children, it would badly affect their fighting.

St. Valentine did not agree with this one bit. Since St. Valentine was a Roman Priest at the time, he was automatically a licensed officiant. He used his authority to marry couples who wished to be wedded, and he did so in secrecy.

But his actions had consequences, of course. In the year 269 A.D. St. Valentine was caught and sentenced to death.

Apparently, St. Valentine fell in love with the daughter of one of the judges at his execution trial. The legend is that his parting words to her were in a note saying "from your Valentine." And that's where the famous phrase "from your Valentine" came from.

Happy Valentine's Day, everyone!

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