



PSP Michael Bloss make a motion to grant a dispensation to allow a non member of the Grand Lodge to second the motion for the nomination of David R. Carr for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler.



PSP Bruce Hidley seconds the motion to grant a dispensation to allow a non member of the Grand Lodge to second the motion for the nomination of David R. Carr for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler.



PSP Jay Amodeo thirds the motion to grant a dispensation to allow a non member of the Grand Lodge to second the motion for the nomination of David R. Carr for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler.

Grand Exalted R Smith introduces Claire Butterworth to second the nomination for David R. Carr for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United State of American.



Grand Exalted Ruler Smith, Past Grand Exalted Rulers, Grand Lodge Officers, Members, Guests, and Family;

As a member of Burbank, California, Lodge #1497, as granddaughter of the late Richard H. Berry who was a Life Member of Ticonderoga Lodge #1494, and as daughter of Grand Exalted Ruler Endorsed Candidate, David Raymond Carr, I stand before you filled with the deepest pride on this very special day.

Dad, you have been bestowed the outstanding honor of having the opportunity to serve as the National Leader of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. 143 years of tradition, hope, caring and sharing will be in your hands, and that is truly an awesome responsibility.

As with anyone in a position of leadership, you have numerous supporters who fully believe in you and what you can do for Elkdome. With no regard to the recognition you so well deserve, you have dedicated your heart and soul to helping others through this organization. I realize the importance of role models and I know that I could not have had a better role model for selflessness, service and leadership than you. In fact, I can remember years ago when I was a child, you were always involved with one organization or another - it even got to the point that I dubbed you "Mr. Community Man"! Once, when I asked where you were, Mom quickly responded, "Where 'Elks' would he be?"

Needless to say, when you see something that needs to be done, you do it and you do it well. As mentioned by Past State President Peace, through your efforts in introducing the Dictionary Project to the New York State Elks Association and then to Grand Lodge, you have helped put dictionaries in the hands of third graders all across the nation. Do you comprehend what a powerful impact you have had on the lives of those children? You have also helped to initiate the "Buy-A-Brick" program, which will enable the Elks National Home become self-sustaining.

Dad, you have touched the lives of so many people who have become the better for your influence. You have influenced not only those in the Elks, and those at International Paper Company, the Coast Guard, Kiwanis, the fire department, and the church, but also your children, your grandchildren, and most of all, me.

Incorporating service into every aspect of my life growing up has led me to follow in your footsteps. I recently graduated with an MBA in Nonprofit Management so that I can dedicate my life to service in the nonprofit sector. And, as an Elk, I plan to extend my Service to Community through the numerous programs of our great Order.

By your example, you have taught us all to be aware of others, and help fulfill their needs, their hopes and their dreams. You have taught us that it is indeed more

important to give than to receive, to put others ahead of ourselves, to work hard, to be honest, to have integrity and character, and to believe in God. We thank you for all of that!

And now, it is with deepest pride and honor that I, as a third-generation Elk, second your nomination for the position of National President of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for 2011-2012. I love you, Dad!

