

California State Council

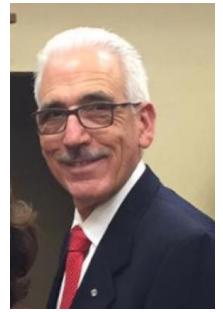
*Candidate Resolutions for
State Office*



Columbian Year

2023 - 2024

**A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE GREGORY A. MARRACQ
AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE DEPUTY
CALIFORNIA STATE JURISDICTION, 2023-2024 COLUMBIAN YEAR**



WHEREAS, Brother Gregory A. Marracq is the current California State Council Secretary, and served as State Treasurer in 2021-2022, and served as State Advocate in 2020-2021, and as State Warden in 2019-2020. He has served as State Convention Chairman in 2015-2016 and 2017-2018, as State Family of the Month/Year committeeman in 2008-2009, as State Family Director in 2009-2010 and 2010-2011, State Election committeeman in 2011-2012, State Resolutions committeeman in 2014-2015, and State Coats for Kids committeeman in 2016-2017; and

WHEREAS, Brother Gregory A. Marracq joined the Knights of Columbus as a Member of Holy Angels Council 10948 in Colma, California, in August 1993 and served as the Council's Grand Knight in 1999-2000 earning the Star Council Award, and recognized as Knight of the Year in 2010-2011, and Family of the Year in 1998-1999, 2002-2003, 2009-2010, and 2017-2018; and

WHEREAS, Brother Marracq served as District Deputy and District Deputy Mentor for 2018-2019; Brother Marracq also served as District Deputy for two terms from 2011 through 2013, and by working closely with the Councils and the Supreme Insurance Field Agent, he was able to earn the exceptional achievement and coveted All Star Council District Award in both years, and attained a 100% District participation in the Intellectual Disabilities Campaign both years, and also served as District Deputy Mentor in 2013-2014; and

WHEREAS, Brother Marracq joined Archbishop Alemany Assembly 0076 later transferring his membership to the Maria Regina Assembly 2651 as a Charter Member; and

WHEREAS, Brother Marracq has served the Saint Francis Chapter as Chapter President in 2014-2015 with the Chapter achieving a First Place Award in Church Activities from the State Council, and was Chapter Intellectual Disabilities Drive Chairman in 2009-2010, Chapter Father McGivney Guild Chairman in 2013-2014, Chapter Membership Coordinator for two years, 2015 - 2017, Chapter Coats for Kids Chairman for three years, 2016 - 2019; and

WHEREAS, Brother Marracq is currently serving a second term as a member of the Board of Directors of California Columbian Charities, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Brother Marracq with his wife Antoinette, daughters Alejandra and Gabriela, were recognized as State Family of the Year in 2017-2018; and

WHEREAS, Brother Marracq has served Holy Angels Parish in Colma, and has continually served as an Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist since 1996, also serving as Mass Captain, and as President of the Parish Fund Raising Committee for five years helped to meet the fiscal needs of the Parish, and Brother Marracq also served as President of the Parish School Advisory Board initiating many fund raising events to benefit the School, and is currently serving as Parish Council Member at Large 2022-2023; and

WHEREAS, Brother Marracq has spent the majority of his working career with the Water Dept. of the City of Daly City until his retirement on December 28, 2018 after 33 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Brother Marracq has worked for 47 years with Little Joes Pizza Restaurant Corporation, a family-owned restaurant, and presently serves as Treasurer for the Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in view of his service and dedication to the Knights of Columbus, his Council, Church, and Community, Holy Angels Council 10948, proudly endorses Brother Gregory A. Marracq for the office of State Deputy, California State Council, for Columbian Year 2023-2024, and urges his election at the Annual State Convention to be held in Ontario, California, May 2023.

**Resolution to Endorse James P. Larson
As a Candidate for State Secretary
California Jurisdiction – Columbian Year 2023-2024**



WHEREAS, Brother James Larson is the father of two boys and a devoted husband with over thirty-four years of blessed, faithful union to Lovely Lady Anna Suarez Andres-Larson; and

WHEREAS, Brother James Larson has been an active member of the St. Lucy Catholic Community in Long Beach since attending the RCIA program and receiving his Catholic Sacraments in 1999 and presently serves as an usher at mass and is a member of the St. Lucy Parish Pastoral Council; and

WHEREAS, Brother James has been a continuous member in good standing of St. Lucy Council 12542 in Long Beach since his First-Degree exemplification in 2000 and is a Past Grand Knight, a Past Faithful Navigator of Gov. Peter H. Burnett Assembly 042, a Former District Deputy having served three terms (obtaining Star District all three terms), and is a Past President of the Southern California Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Brother James has served at the State level in many different capacities including being on the State Council's Administration and Finance Committee, Resolution Committee and the Special Olympics Committee, as well as having served as the State Community Activities Chairman, State Program Director, State Warden, State Advocate and presently serving as the State Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Brother James is presently a board director on all five of the State Council corporations; and

WHEREAS, Brother James received the Knight of The Year Award in 2019-2020 from Past State Deputy Dave Abbott; and

WHEREAS, Brother James is active in his community having served as a volunteer for Special Olympics for many years, attends community meetings and volunteers with the Greater Long Beach Interfaith Community Organization which engages low and moderate income families in civic life and the democratic process through leadership training and congregation-based organizing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in view of his service and dedication to his family, the Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, our Council and the community, St. Lucy Council 12542 proudly and enthusiastically endorses James P. Larson for the Office of State Secretary of the California State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

**A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE KENNETH E. ROSE
AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER
CALIFORNIA STATE JURISDICTION, 2023-2024 COLUMBIAN YEAR**



WHERE AS, Brother Ken Rose has been a member of the Knights of Columbus since 1994, joining Westside Council #2517. He became a Charter Member of the Our Lady of Miracles Council #11653 in 1995. As a charter member of Council #11653, he held leadership positions beginning with Charter Chancellor 1995-1997, Deputy Grand Knight 1997-1998, and Grand Knight in 1998-1999. He also served as Advocate, and 3 years as Trustee, as well as the Financial Secretary for 16 years.

WHERE AS, Brother Ken Rose joined the 4th Degree in 1997 as a member of the All Saints Westside Assembly #2447. He has held all the positions in his Assembly, Having served as Faithful Navigator in 2005-2006. He was appointed Marshal of the Central District in 2013, and represented the California delegation as a Marshal, at the 2013 Supreme Convention.

WHERE AS, In 2016 SK Ken Rose was appointed by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, to serve as Master of the Central California District. As Master, he increased membership in the Central District over his 4 year term by 894 new Sir Knights. This was accomplished by adopting smaller Exemplifications and utilizing local Parishes and Assemblies instead of Large Hotels. He also instituted a new Assembly. He laid the ground work for 2 more, before COVID-19.

WHERE AS, Brother Ken Rose served the Central Chapter as Secretary for 4 years, as well as the Chapter President for 2 years, 2011-2013. Also in 2013, he was selected as a delegate, to represent California, at the Supreme Convention.

WHERE AS, Brother Ken Rose has served the State Administration in many Capacities: Currently he is serving as the State Advocate, having been State Warden 2021-2022, the Operations Director 2020-2021. He was a District Deputy for 7 years. As DD, in 2012-2013, He was recognized as the #1 DD at the State Convention in 2013, ending the year as a Star District Deputy. At the 2013 State Convention He was recognized for starting 2 new Councils, in a span of 4 months. In 2013-2014 he was appointed as the New Council Development Chairman, helping the State Deputy achieve 125% of his goal in 2013-2014. He was appointed the State Training Coordinator in 2015 setting up the current training program in use today within the State. Brother Ken Rose is currently on the Treasurer for the California Columbian Charities. In 2018 he was tasked with managing the Star Tracker report for the State Deputy which enables Chapter Officers and District Deputies to help guide their Councils to reach Star Council Status.

WHERE AS, Brother Ken Rose as been married 40 years to his bride Julie. They have 2 Children, with 6 grandchildren. He holds a Masters Degree in Computer Information Systems, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business, with a major in Labor Relations. He retired from AT&T and Securus Technologies, while at Securus he was an operations manager, responsible for 45 employees and a budget of \$3.2 million, while managing phone systems at 245 prisons both private and public throughout the Western United States.

WHERE AS, Brother Ken Rose has been very active in his local community, having served 4 years on the Newman Planning Commission, In 2012 he was appointed to fill-out the remaining term of the City Treasurer.

WHERE AS, Brother Ken Rose is active in his Parish, Shrine of Our Lady of Miracles, for the last 31 years and is currently, currently serving on the Parish Finance Council, Parish Website Coordinator and Social Media including Live-Streaming director, the Sacristan for Sunday Mass, a Eucharistic Minister and Lecturer. He assisted the RCIA program for 2 years and the High School Confirmation program for 6 years. Together with his wife Julie, they presented Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends for 16 years. As an advocate for the Right to Life, he has helped organize the bus trip for the parish to the West Coast Walk for life for the last 11 years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in view of his dedicated service and leadership to the Knights of Columbus, to his Parish, his Council, Chapter, State, Church and Community, The Our Lady of Miracles Council 11653 enthusiastically and proudly endorses Brother Kenneth E. Rose for the office of State Advocate for the Columbian Year 2022-2023 and urges his election at the Annual State Business Meeting to be held in in May of 2023

**A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE VLADIMIR RIVERA
AS A CANDIDATE FOR STATE ADVOCATE
CALIFORNIA STATE COUNCIL COLUMBIAN YEAR 2023-2024**



WHEREAS, Brother Vladimir Rivera is a member of Father Leheny Council 5007 at Our Lady of Peace Parish in North Hills, California and has faithfully served the Knights of Columbus since joining the Order in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Brother Vladimir Rivera is currently serving as the State Warden for the California State Council. He served as the State New Council Development Chairman in 2021-2022. A Past President of the Southern California Chapter in CY2019-2020. Former Chapter Vice-President and Chapter Treasurer, Assistant Chapter Marshal, served as a District Warden in 2013-2016 and currently the Southern California Chapter Wheelchair Program Director; and

WHEREAS, Brother Vladimir Rivera was recognized as the Top District Deputy of the California Knights of Columbus for the CY 2016-2017 at the 115th State Convention in San Diego on May 18-20, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Brother Vladimir Rivera as District Deputy formed Council 16584 at Saint Catherine of Siena Church in Reseda, Council 16687 at Saint Jane Frances De Chantal Church in North Hollywood in the CY 2016-2017, Council 17904 in Incarnation Church in Glendale, CY 2021-2022 and as Southern California Chapter President formed Council 17376 at St. Mel Church in Woodland Hills in CY 2019-2020; and

WHEREAS, Brother Vladimir Rivera has demonstrated his leadership ability by serving as Grand Knight of Council 5007 in 2015-2016 and earning a Star Council Award, and as District Deputy 86 received the 2-Star District Deputy Award for the CY 2016-2017 and received the Knight of the Year Award for the CY 2018-2019 from Father Leheny Council 5007; and

WHEREAS, Brother Vladimir Rivera served Cardinal McIntyre Assembly 65 as Faithful Navigator in 2013-14 and was awarded the District Master Award of Excellence for Membership Growth, and served as the Color Corp Commander and Faithful Captain in 2012-13; and

WHEREAS, Brother Vladimir Rivera has served the U.S. Army 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment and was awarded the Army Achievement Medal for exemplary service and dedication to duty and also served the 140TH Aviation Regiment of the California National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Brother Vladimir Rivera is an active member of Our Lady of Peace Church and a member of the Filipino Ministry of Archdiocese of Los Angeles serving the San Fernando Pastoral Region, and active in his community and a Past President of the Los Angeles Cosmopolitan Lions Club, District 4L3; and

WHEREAS, Brother Vladimir Rivera is a graduate of the U.S. Army Non-Commissioned Officers Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas on Leadership Development Course and the U.S. Army Aviation and Logistics School, Fort Eustis, Virginia on Structural Airframe Maintenance Repair Course, and was Commander of his Class; and

WHEREAS, Brother Vladimir Rivera is a graduate of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Adamson University a Catholic University run by Vincentian Fathers in the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, Brother Vladimir Rivera retired from Phillips66 LA Refinery as a Pipe & Instrument Designer, Engineering Department.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVE THAT, in view of his service and dedication to the Knights of Columbus, our Parish, our Community and our Country, Father Leheny Council 5007 proudly and enthusiastically endorse Brother Vladimir Rivera for State Advocate, California State Council, for Columbian Year 2023 - 2024.

**RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE JOSEPH P. HILL AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE
OFFICE OF STATE WARDEN, CALIFORNIA STATE JURISDICTION
2023-2024 COLUMBIAN YEAR**

WHEREAS, Brother Joseph Hill has been a member of the Knights of Columbus since 1995, when he joined John Cardinal Newman Council 9445. Before then, he was a Columbian Squire from the age of 13 years, where he served in all positions including Chief Squire (1994-1995); and

WHEREAS, As a member of Council 9445, he held leadership positions beginning with Council Warden (1997-98), Deputy Grand Knight (2000-2001), and Grand Knight (2001-2004). He also served two 3-year terms as Trustee and has been the Council Advocate for the past 2 years; and

WHEREAS, Brother Joseph Hill joined the Fourth Degree in 1996 as a member of the John C. Dugan Assembly 46, he has held all the positions in his Assembly, having served as Faithful Navigator (2001-2002) and has been the Faithful Comptroller for the last 12 years; and

WHEREAS, SK Joseph Hill has served as his Council's Pancake and Burrito Breakfast Chairman for the last 12 years, through which the Council has donated over \$40,000 to numerous charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, Brother Joseph Hill while serving as Council Membership Director and Council Program Director he helped his Council earn Star Council Awards' and

WHEREAS, Brother Joseph Hill was also awarded Knight of Year in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Brother Joseph Hill served the Central Chapter as Secretary for 4 years, as well as the Chapter President (2007-2008), he also served another 2 years as Chapter Secretary, and has been Chapter Chairman for the ID Drive, Membership Recruitment; and

WHEREAS, Brother Joseph Hill has served the State Council in many capacities including District Deputy Mentor, and currently State Retention Chairman for the past 3 years, and he has also served on the State Membership Team in multiple capacities; and

WHEREAS, Brother Joseph Hill was a District Deputy for 5 years and in 2023 was appointed District Deputy to cover a half-year term, he is also on the State Member Management Training Team for the Central Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Brother Joseph Hill has served as a member of the Board of Directors for California Columbian Charities (2009-2013); and

WHEREAS, Brother Joseph Hill holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business with a major in Administration, he worked for Children's Hospital of Central California for 8½ years and then for the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools as a Para Educator for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Brother Joseph Hill was elected to the FEOC Head Start Countywide Policy Council where he was appointed Budget and Finance Chairman (2012-2013) and was elected Chairman (2013-2014) where he had the opportunity to go to Washington, D.C. to speak with Fresno's Congressmen about the importance of the Head Start program for low-income pre-school children; and

WHEREAS, Brother Joseph Hill has been active in his Parish, the Saint Paul Catholic Newman Center, for the past 31 years, he served as an Alter Server and is currently a Eucharistic Minister and Usher, he served as the Parking Chairman for the parish Renaissance Festival for over 5 years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in view of his dedicated service and leadership to the Knights of Columbus, to his Parish, his Council, Chapter, State, Church and Community, John Cardinal Newman Council 9445 proudly endorses Brother Joseph P. Hill for the Office of State Warden for the Columbian Year 2023-2024, and urges his election at the State Annual Business Meeting to be held in May of 2023 in Ontario, CA.

**A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE TIMOTHY "TW" STARKWEATHER
AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE WARDEN
CALIFORNIA STATE JURISDICTION, 2023-2024 COLUMBIAN YEAR**



WHEREAS, Brother "TW" Starkweather has been a member of the Knights of Columbus since 2001, joining St Joan of Arc Council #9206; and

WHEREAS, Brother "TW" Starkweather as a member of Council #9206, he held various leadership positions up to and including Grand Knight, where in 2008-2009 he earned a Triple Star for new Membership achieving 600% of quota, personally recruiting 15 new members; and

WHEREAS, Brother "TW" Starkweather joined the Fourth Degree in 2007 as a member of the Holy Spirit Assembly #1979, he has held most positions in his Assembly, having served as Faithful Navigator in 2007-2008, he also held the position of Color Guard Commander from 2007-2016, as Captain from 2006-2007 he brought in 12 new members and as Navigator brought in 17 new members to the Fourth Degree, helping the Assembly average 24 new members a year for the next 4 years; and

WHEREAS, SK "TW" Starkweather in 2016 was appointed by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, to serve as Master of the Northern California District, as Master he increased membership in his District over his 4 year term; and

WHEREAS, SK "TW" Starkweather during COVID he worked with VSM, and other Masters in the jurisdiction to implement the First Virtual Fourth Degree Exemplification with over 500 candidates attending, additionally he implemented and held the First Tri-Lingual Fourth Degree Exemplification; and

WHEREAS, Brother "TW" Starkweather served as the Oakland Chapter President from 2009-2012, when the Oakland Chapter was first in Membership, and nearly all state programs, he has served as District Deputy Mentor for both the San Jose and Oakland Chapters; and

WHEREAS, Brother "TW" Starkweather has served the California Jurisdiction in many Capacities, currently he is serving as the State Helping Hands Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Brother "TW" Starkweather was a District Deputy for 7 years, having received Triple Star District, as DD, in 2016 he established the Santa Maria Council in Orinda #16453; and

WHEREAS, Brother "TW" Starkweather has served as the State Retention Chairman, developing the Worthy Shepard Program, helping reduce the number of suspensions statewide; and

WHEREAS, Brother "TW" Starkweather in 2019-2020 State Deputy David Abbott asked Brother "TW" to be the State Membership Chairman and was on track to make Circle of Honor, with 73% of quota, until the government COVID shutdown requiring sheltering in place and closing most business and all churches; and

WHEREAS, Brother "TW" Starkweather has been married 43 years to his bride Lady Jackie, they have a daughter Erin, and one granddaughter, he is a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem, and a member of the Knights of Peter Claver, he proudly served in USMC 5 years active duty and 3 years as active reserve, Honorably Discharged, he holds a PhD in urban design, he is a retired businessman, having started his own Design, Development and Engineering Firm, retiring as CEO and Chairman; and

WHEREAS, Brother "TW" Starkweather is active in his Parish, he served on the Parish Pastoral Council, as well as other parish committees, additionally he is active in the Diocese of Oakland, serving on many committees for the last 30 years, most recently for Bishop Michael Barber, as advisor for Catholic Charities of the East Bay, Assisted to Design and Permit the Mother Terra Center at St. James the Apostle for Former State Chaplin, Pastor Fr. Antony Vazhappilly.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in view of his dedicated service and leadership to the Knights of Columbus, to his Parish, his Council, Chapter, State, Church and Community, The St. Joan of Arc, Council 9206 enthusiastically and proudly endorses Brother Timothy "TW" Starkweather for the office of State Warden for the Columbian Year 2023-2024 and urges his election at the Annual State Business Meeting to be held in in May of 2023.