

# *California State Council*

*Candidate Resolutions for  
State Office*



*Columbian Year  
2024-2025*



**Resolution to Endorse James P. Larson  
As a Candidate for State Deputy  
California Jurisdiction – Columbian Year 2024-2025**



**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, the Special Olympics Committee, as well as having served as the State Community Activities Chairman, State Program Director, State Warden, State Advocate, State Treasurer and presently the State Secretary; 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 through leadership training and congregation-based organizing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, in view of his service and dedication to his family, his Catholic faith, his Parish, 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 Deputy 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 SECRETARY  
CALIFORNIA STATE JURISDICTION, 2024-2025 COLUMBIAN YEAR**



**WHEREAS:** 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; and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Ken Rose joined the Fourth 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, and

**WHEREAS:** 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; and

**WHEREAS:** 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; and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Ken Rose has served the State Administration in many Capacities: Currently he is serving as the State Treasurer, having been State Advocate 2022-2023, 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 was the Treasurer for the California Columbian Charities 2017-2023. 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; and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Ken Rose as been married 41 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; and

**WHEREAS:** 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; and

**WHEREAS:** Brother Ken Rose is active in his Parish, Shrine of Our Lady of Miracles, for the last 32 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 12 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 Treasurer for the Columbian Year 2023-2024 and urges his election at the Annual State Business Meeting to be held in in May of 2024



**Knights of Columbus**  
Father Leheny Council 5007  
Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church  
North Hills, California



**A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE VLADIMIR RIVERA  
AS A CANDIDATE FOR STATE TREASURER  
CALIFORNIA STATE COUNCIL COLUMBIAN YEAR 2024-2025**

**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 Advocate for the California State Council and a former State Warden. He served as the State New Council Development Chairman in 2021-2022 and helped the State Deputy achieve 325% of his goal. A Past President of the Southern California Chapter in CY2019-2020. Former Chapter Vice-President and Chapter Treasurer, 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 115<sup>th</sup> State Convention in San Diego on May 18-20, 2017; and

**Whereas**, Brother Vladimir Rivera as District Deputy formed Council 16584 at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Reseda, Council 16687 at St. 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 the Southern California Chapter President formed Council 17376 at St. Mel Church in Woodland Hills in CY 2019-2020; and as NCD Chairman was instrumental in the formation of Cor Mariae Council 17951 at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Encino.

**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 140<sup>TH</sup> Aviation Regiment of the California National Guard; and a graduate of the U.S. Army Non-Commissioned Officers Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas on Leadership Development Course, the U.S. Army Aviation and Logistics School, Fort Eustis, Virginia on Structural Airframe Maintenance and Repair Course, and was Commander of his Class.

**Whereas**, Brother Vladimir Rivera is an active member of Our Lady of Peace Parish, a member of the Life, Justice and Peace Committee; 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 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 Treasurer, California State Council, for Columbian Year 2024 - 2025.

**A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE TIMOTHY “TW” STARKWEATHER  
AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE ADVOCATE  
CALIFORNIA STATE JURISDICTION, 2024-2025 COLUMBIAN YEAR**



**Whereas**, Brother TW Starkweather has successfully served as **State Warden** for CY 2023-2024.

**Whereas**, Brother TW Starkweather has been a member of the Knights of Columbus since 2001, joining St. Joan of Arc Council #9206. 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.

**Whereas**, Brother TW Starkweather joined the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 of the Fourth Degree, helping the Assembly average 24 new members a year for the next 4 years.

**Whereas**, in 2016 SK TW Starkweather 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. During COVID he worked with VSM, and other Masters in the jurisdiction to implement the First Virtual 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification with over 500 candidates attending, additionally he implemented and held the First Tri-Lingual 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification.

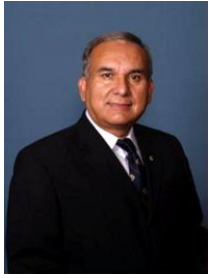
**Whereas**, Brother TW Starkweather served as the Oakland Chapter President from 2011-2012, when the Oakland Chapter was first in Membership, and nearly all state programs. He has served as District Deputy Mentor for both the San Jose and Oakland Chapters.

**Whereas**, Brother TW Starkweather has served the California Jurisdiction in many Capacities. Currently, he is serving as the State Warden for Year 2023-2024. He was a District Deputy for 8 years. Having received Star District as DD in 2016 he established the Santa Maria council in Orinda #16453. He has served as the State Retention Chairman, developing the Worthy Shepherd Program, helping reduce the number of suspensions statewide.

**Whereas**, Brother TW Starkweather has been married 44 years to 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 the USMC 5 years active duty and 3 years as active reserve.

**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 Teresa Center at St. James the Apostle for Former State Chaplin, Pastor Fr. Antony Vazhappily.

**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 Advocate for the Columbian Year 2024-2025 and urges his election at the Annual State Business Meeting to be held in May of 2024.



## *KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS*

VAN NUYS COUNCIL, No 3148  
Van Nuys, California 91405

### **RESOLUTION FOR THE NOMINATION OF BROTHER JOSEPH GALBRAITH AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE WARDEN CALIFORNIA STATE JURISDICTION, COLUMBIAN YEAR 2024-2025**

- WHEREAS,** Brother Joseph Galbraith is a member of Council 3148, Van Nuys, California, and has faithfully served the Knights of Columbus since joining the order in 2005,
- WHEREAS,** Brother Joseph Galbraith served as **District Deputy 75** in the San Fernando for the years from 2010-2013, also served as **President of SoCal Chapter** from 2014-2015
- WHEREAS,** Brother Joseph Galbraith served in the elected offices of council 3148 Van Nuys, serving as **Grand Knight** in 2008-2009 & 2009-2010, also elected and service as **SoCal Chapter Treasurer** from 2011 to 2012 & **SoCal Chapter Secretary** from 2012 to 2013
- WHEREAS,** Brother Joseph Galbraith joined Santa Clarita Assembly 2421 of the Fourth Degree in 2009, and served as **Faithful Comptroller** for Assembly 2421 for 3 years
- WHEREAS,** Brother Joseph Galbraith as District Deputy oversaw the reactivation of Our Lady of Peace in North Hills, Council 5007 & Father James O Mahony Council 4956
- WHEREAS,** Brother Joseph Galbraith served as **Coordinator** in the Archdiocese San Fernando Region for, Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration and as SoCal Chapter President help coordinate the 1st Annual OneLifeLA 2015. Served as Food For Family Chairman for SoCal Chapter and Wheelchair Mission for the Chapter. Brother Galbraith has served as **Food For Family State Chairman** and currently serving as **Disaster Response State Chairman since 2018 to present**
- WHEREAS,** Brother Joseph Galbraith is a member of St John Baptist de la Salle Catholic Parish in Granada Hills, California.

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,* in view of service and dedication to this council, our order, and our church; Van Nuys Council 3148, enthusiastically, and with great pride, endorses Brother **JOSEPH L GALBRAITH** for the office of **State Warden**, California State Council.

**RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE GENE HAYS, Sr. AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE WARDEN FOR THE CALIFORNIA STATE COUNCIL IN THE 2024-2025 COLUMBIAN YEAR**



**WHEREAS**, Brother Sir Knight Gene Hays, Sr. joined the Knights of Columbus on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1992, and has been a member of Fr. Maguire Council 3851 in Covina for over 31 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Hays served as Grand Knight of Fr. Maguire Council 3851 for the 1996-1997 Columbian year earning the Star Council Award, as Financial Secretary (2005-2010), and numerous other roles over the years; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Hays joined the Fourth Degree on Veterans Day, November 11, 1995 and assisted with the formation of Christopher Columbus Assembly 2482 (Covina/Glendora) in February 1997 where he served as Charter Faithful Comptroller (1997-1999) and later as Faithful Navigator (2011-2012); and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Hays has been involved in the leadership of the San Gabriel Valley Chapter for 27 years during which time he created the Chapter's website, managed electronic communications for 10 years; was the Chapter's chairman for the intellectual disabilities drive, was Vocations Chairman, served on the Third Degree team; and he served in every elected position of the Chapter, including Chapter President in 2009-2010 when the Chapter was recognized with the Roy Oldham Award for the most funds collected statewide for the American Wheelchair Mission and when the Chapter was recognized for 100% participation in the intellectual disabilities drive; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Hays has served the State Council continuously over the past 25 years in roles including District Warden (1999-2001), District Deputy (2001-2003), Library Systems and Technology committee member (2002-2004), Family of the Month/Year chairman (2004-2008), Convention Liturgy Coordinator (2007-2014), Church Activities Director (2008-2009), board member (2009-present) and CFO (2010-2019) of the Emilio B. Moure Museum Association, State Awards chairman (2010-2012), Hierarchy Transportation Chairman for the 2012 Supreme convention, associate board member of the Frank Nigro Columbian Foundation (2013-present), Resolutions Committee member (2017-present), Assistant Convention Chairman (2020-present), and State Operations Director in SIX Columbian years (2013-2014, 2018-2020, and 2021-2024); and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Hays was elected by the delegates at the 2010 state convention to represent California as a delegate to the 2010 Supreme Convention in Washington D.C. where he also participated in the Color Corps for the Opening Mass; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Hays was appointed as District Master for the Southern California District of the Fourth Degree serving from September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2018 during which time he led the formation of twelve new assemblies, growing the district from 41 to 53 assemblies (29% growth) and hosted fifteen exemplifications for 2,028 new Sir Knights; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Hays has been a life-long member of St. Christopher Church in West Covina where he has served as a Eucharistic Minister and Lector, as a member of the school and parish finance councils, and where he was instrumental in bringing a Winter Shelter program for the Homeless to the parish in 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Hays met his lovely wife of 37 years, **Danalynn**, in high school and later served as her RCIA Sponsor when she became a member of our Church, and together they raised a son (Gene Jr, a Past Grand Knight) and two daughters (Renee and Sarah), all who have been actively involved in Brother Hays' work in the Church and the Order.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, in view of his dedicated service to our Order and our Church, Fr. Maguire Council 3851 endorses Brother **Gene Hays, Sr.** for election as **State Warden** for the 2024-2025 Columbian year by the delegates convened in Visalia for the 122<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the California State Council.



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GRAND KNIGHT: MARIO CAMPOS | DR. ARNOLD MARISCAL, FINANCIAL SECRETARY



A resolution to endorse S/K Robert A. Rubio as a candidate for the office of **State Warden** for the Columbian Year 2024-25

- WHEREAS,** Brother Robert A. Rubio is a **member** of Council# 3697, Downey, CA and has faithfully and tirelessly served the Knights of Columbus since joining the Order on Jan. 1, 2010.
- WHEREAS,** Brother Robert A. Rubio served in several elected offices of Council# 3697 at 11231 Rives Avenue, Downey, CA, serving as **Lector, Chancellor, Deputy Grand Knight** and **Grand Knight** from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.
- WHEREAS,** Brother Robert A. Rubio earned the **4th Degree** and joined the St. John Bosco Assembly #72 in Dec. 2013 and was elected and served as the **Outer Sentinel**.
- WHEREAS,** Brother Robert A. Rubio transferred to the Fourth Degree Gov. Peter Burnett Assembly #042 in Long Beach and subsequently was elected and served as **Pilot** in 2020-21, **Captain** in 2021-22, **Navigator** in 2022-23 and **Admiral**, 2023-current.
- WHEREAS,** Brother Robert A. Rubio in 2013 was elected and served as **Marshall** of the Southern California Chapter for two consecutive years. 2013- 2015. In 2015 Brother Robert was elected **Secretary**, then in 2016 **Vice President** and **President**, ending June 2018.
- WHEREAS,** Brother Robert A. Rubio was asked to serve by our State Deputy as **District Deputy# 97**, serving Whittier Council #1898, Downey Council# 3697, Pico Rivera Council# 3699 and La Mirada Council # 4523 from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016, a 3-year term assignment.
- WHEREAS,** Brother Robert A. Rubio was appointed as **State Veterans Assistance Chair** and served as a **State Wheelchair Committee Member** through June 30, 2016. He also served as on the **State Awards Committee**, 2019-21 and on the **State Culture of Life, Pregnancy Center Support Committee**, 2020-2021.
- WHEREAS,** Brother Robert A. Rubio, a Southern California Chapter Officer, was invited to join the **Chapter Charities Board of Directors**, serving as **Steward** of Rancho San Antonio Boys Home in Chatsworth. Brother Robert also served on the Annual Picnic, BBQ and Car Show Committee.
- WHEREAS,** Brother Robert A. Rubio was a member of St. Marianne's Parish, 1990-2000, and served as **President of the School Foundation**, 1995-2000. He has been a member of the St. Raymond's Parish since 2000 and served as **Eucharistic Minister** and **RCIA Sponsor**.
- WHEREAS,** Brother Robert A. Rubio has served as the Southern California Chapter's **Advocate** since 2022.

*NOW. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,* in view of service and dedication to this Council, our Order and\_ the parish of St. Raymond's; the Knute Rockne Council enthusiastically and, with great pride, endorse **Brother Robert A. Rubio** for the office of **Warden** for the California Knights of Columbus State Council.