

# *California State Council*

*Candidate Resolutions for  
State Office*



*Columbian Year  
2024-2025*

**A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE KENNETH E. ROSE  
AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE DEPUTY  
CALIFORNIA STATE JURISDICTION, 2025-2026 COLUMBIAN YEAR**



**WHEREAS**, Brother Ken Rose has been a long time member of the Knights of Columbus joining Westside Council #2517. In 1994, 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 last 17 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Ken Rose joined the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree in 1997 as a member of the All Saints Westside Assembly #2447. He has held all the positions in his Assembly, serving 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 serving as the State Secretary, having been State Treasurer 2023-2024, 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 42 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 33 years and is currently serving on the Parish Finance Council, Parish Website Coordinator and social media including Live-Streaming director, 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 13 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 Deputy for the Columbian Year 2025-2026 and urges his election at the Annual State Business Meeting to be held in in May of 2025.



**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 SECRETARY  
CALIFORNIA STATE COUNCIL COLUMBIAN YEAR 2025-2026**

**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 Treasurer for the California State Council and a former State Advocate. 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, CY2019-2020, and currently the Southern California Chapter Wheelchair Program Director; and

**Whereas**, At the height of Covid-19 lockdown, as SoCal Chapter President and upon receiving his requested grant from the Diocese of Los Angeles, he ran and coordinated the joint LA Diocese "Hearts to Serve Initiative" and KofC "Leave No Neighbor Behind" Program to deliver food, medicines and groceries for the elderly, homebound and pregnant women. The program was later expanded to include families who are suffering because of the Covid lockdown. In one district alone in the Los Angeles area, knights made 41 deliveries to our suffering brothers and sisters; and

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**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 SoCal 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 served Council 5007 as Grand Knight in 2015-2016 and earned 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 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 in 2012-13; and

**Whereas**, Brother Vladimir Rivera 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 at Fort Bliss, Texas on Leadership Development Course and also a graduate of the U.S. Army Aviation and Logistics School, Fort Eustis, Virginia 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. He is 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 Phillips 66 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 Secretary, California State Council, for Columbian Year 2025 - 2026.

**A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE TIMOTHY "TW" STARKWEATHER  
AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER  
CALIFORNIA STATE JURISDICTION, 2025-2026 COLUMBIAN YEAR**



**Whereas**, Brother TW Starkweather has successfully served as State Warden for CY 2023-2024 and State Advocate for CY 2024-2025.

**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 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.

**Whereas**, Brother TW Starkweather has served the California Jurisdiction in many Capacities. Currently, he is serving as the State Advocate for Year 2024-2025. 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 45 years to Lady Jackie. They have a daughter Erin and two granddaughters. He is a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre 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.

**NOW, THERETOFORE 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 Treasurer for the Columbian Year 2025-2026 and urges his election at the Annual State Business Meeting to be held in May of 2025.

**RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE GENE HAYS, Sr. AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE ADVOCATE FOR THE CALIFORNIA STATE COUNCIL IN THE 2025-2026 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 32 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 28 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 26 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), State Operations Director in SIX Columbian years (2013-2014, 2018-2020, and 2021-2024), AND State Warden (2024-2025); 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 38 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 Advocate** for the 2025-2026 Columbian year by the delegates convened in Visalia for the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the California State Council.

Knights of Columbus  
St. Vincent Ferrer-San Lorenzo Ruiz Council No. 18297  
Vallejo, CA

**RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE HECTOR C. POBLETE AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE WARDEN CALIFORNIA STATE JURISDICTION, 2025-2026 COLUMBIAN YEAR**

WHEREAS, Brother Hector Poblete currently serves the Knights of Columbus California State Council as State Engagement Teams-North Chairman; and

WHEREAS, Brother Hector Poblete joined the Knights of Columbus in 2007 as a member of Vallejo Council 874 in Vallejo where he served two years as Grand Knight in 2009-2011; served as Faithful Navigator of Mark G. Thompson Assembly in 2011-2012; served as Northern California Chapter President in 2022-2023; was a California Delegate to the 141st Supreme Convention in Orlando, Florida. in August 2023; and

WHEREAS, Brother Hector Poblete served as District Deputy for four (4) consecutive years, achieving three (3) Star District Awards; formed Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe en Vallejo Consejo 17037 which, since its institution in 2018, has gotten 4 Star Council Awards and is scheduled to get 1 this year; and

WHEREAS, Brother Hector Poblete is our charter advocate and was instrumental in the 2023 institution of our council which received an 8 Star Council Award for 2023-2024 and is set to receive a 5 Star Council Award or higher this 2024-2025; and

WHEREAS, Brother Hector Poblete has served the California State Council as State Programs Director in 2023-2024, assisted in several state conventions, served as Assistant Chairman for State Awards; and

WHEREAS, Brother Hector Poblete is an active parishioner of St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church in Vallejo, CA serving as a member of the Pastoral Council and as a Eucharistic Minister; and

WHEREAS, Brother Hector Poblete spent eight years of formation in the seminary, entering the Sacred Heart Seminary in his first year of high school; and

WHEREAS, Brother Hector Poblete retired from Lufthansa Technik after 10 years as Buyer to devote more time in the service of the Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Brother Hector Poblete, with a Bachelor of Arts degree at the Ateneo de Manila University, has a vast experience in organizational management, training, communication, grassroots community development and interpersonal/community/cultural relations due to his following involvements: as servant leader at the Knights of Columbus; as health education consultant with the World Health Organization which sent him to China, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Fiji, Vanuatu, Kingdom of Tonga, Palau; as Training Director at the Communication Foundation for Asia; as Head of Regional Operations Division, National Media Production Center under the Office of the Philippine President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in view of his service and dedication to the Knights of Columbus, his Council, Chapter, Assembly, Church and Community, St. Vincent Ferrer-San Lorenzo Ruiz Konseho 18297 proudly and enthusiastically endorses Brother Hector Poblete for the office of State Warden for the Columbian Year 2025-2026 and urges his election at the California Annual State Council Meeting to be held in Visalia, California in May 2025

Knights of Columbus  
San Antonio de Padua Council #18604  
Menlo Park, California

Resolution Endorsing Manuel de los Reyes as a Candidate for the Office of State Warden  
California State Jurisdiction for Columbian Year 2025-2026

Whereas, Brother Manny is currently the Assistant Membership Director for Northern California, a District Deputy #27 in coordination with the St Francis Chapter, a Hispanic Development Coordinator for Northern California, and also a District Marshal for Northern California. St Junipero Sera Province

Whereas, since being admitted into the Order way back Sept 21, 2003 he joined the Corpus Christi Council #11300 based in San Francisco and got nominated by the council officers and appointed eventually as the Financial Secretary by then Supreme Knight Carl Anderson

Whereas, Brother Manny had likewise been a charter member of Mater Dolorosa Council #14818 in South San Francisco, Our Lady of Mercy Council #15242 in Daly City, and with St Mary Cathedral Council #15883 which attained the Two-Star Council award during his tenure as its Grand Knight

Whereas, he has been appointed initially by then SD Sonny Santa Ines as District Deputy to oversee six(6) councils that were under the jurisdiction of the St Francis Chapter and was recently recognized as Knight of the Year for Columbian Year 2023-2024 for his achievements in recruiting and activating two long-term English speaking suspended councils

Whereas, after serving as St Francis Chapter President during CY 2018- 2019, he volunteered to be a Hispanic Development Coordinator for Northern California and initiated the establishment of Hispanic Councils in coordination with the Pastors and with the assistance of some brothers in the cities of San Francisco, South San Francisco, Yountville, San Jose and most recently in Menlo Park

Whereas, he got elected as a Faithful Comptroller of St Francis Assembly #43 within a year after he attained the highest degree and since becoming a Charter member of the then newly formed San Pedro Calungsod Assembly #3412 in South San Francisco, he has held various positions as a Faithful Purser, Faithful Navigator, Faithful Admiral, Faithful Trustee, and as a Color Corps Commander

Whereas, with the exceptional experience gained in the events and activities of the Fourth Degree, Sir Knight Manny formed also the San Francisco Cathedral-based Our Lady of Guadalupe Assembly #3803 becoming initially as its Faithful Admiral and Color Corps Commander at the same time

Whereas, Brother Manny as a retired state employee since December of 2016 has fully dedicated his time and service to the principles and virtues of the Knights of Columbus and likewise served during the height of the pandemic era as a lector for the closed-door live streaming daily morning Masses at the Old Mission Dolores Church in San Francisco

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that in view of his unwavering dedication and his devoted service to the Knights of Columbus thru the Councils he has joined, established, and supervised as District Deputy achieving most recently the Start District Award last Columbian Year 2023-2024, other Assemblies he once led and covered as a District Marshal, the different Parish communities where he was previously connected and currently affiliated, the San Antonio de Padua Council #18604 proudly endorses District Deputy Manuel (Manny) de los Reyes to the Office of State Warden for Columbian Year 2025-2026 and urges his successful election at the 2025 Annual State Convention to be held from May 15 to May 18, 2025 at the Marriott Visalia Convention Center in Visalia, California



**RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE ROD OLGUIN AS A CANDIDATE  
FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE WARDEN CALIFORNIA STATE  
JURISDICTION, 2025-2026 COLUMBIAN YEAR**



**WHEREAS**, Brother Rod Olguin took his First Degree on September 1, 1986, and took his Fourth Degree on March 1, 1988, and has remained a Knight in good standing; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Rod Olguin has served through the elective offices of Franciscan Council 9408, in Fresno, California; Msgr. Singleton Council 10248, in Clovis, California and as the Charter Grand Knight for Holy Spirit Council 16185, in Fresno California; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Rod Olguin was awarded the Six Star Council after achieving 625% of goal while Grand Knight of Council 16185 for the 2015-2016 fraternal year; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Rod Olguin served as the Faithful Navigator for the Paul T. Pryor Assembly 2950, where he received the Star Assembly Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Rod Olguin served as District Deputy for District 66, where he received the Star District Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Rod Olguin served as the District Warden for district 70; and is currently serving as the District Marshal for the Central District; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Rod Olguin has served as treasurer and as Chapter President for the Central California Chapter; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Rod Olguin is credited with bringing in 75 new members into our Order; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Rod Olguin has served as the State RSVP chair for five consecutive years, which resulted in statewide RSVP donations totaling \$533,720; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Rod Olguin served as the State Membership Director for the 2022-2023 fraternal year and was instrumental in achieving the Circle of Honor status for California; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Rod Olguin has served as a Grant Awards Committee man for the Anne and Frank Nigro Charitable Grant Program since 2023; the Tour Chairman for the 2023-2024 State Annual Meeting and the ASAP Sate Chairman for the 2023-2024 fraternal year; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Rod Olguin is currently serving as the State Cor Chairman; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Rod Olguin has demonstrated by example the principles of the Knights of Columbus: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that in view of his service and dedication to the Knights of Columbus, his Council, Chapter, Assembly, Church, Community and State Council, Holy Spirit Council 16185 proudly and enthusiastically endorses Brother Rod Olguin for the office of State Warden for the Columbian Year 2025-2026 and urges his election at the California Annual State Council Meeting to be held in Visalia, California in March 2025.