



Fiesta® San Antonio Commission  
**THE ORDER OF THE CASCARÓN NOMINATION FORM**

**NOMINEE INFORMATION**

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**NOMINATOR INFORMATION**

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**On a separate sheet:**

In 400 words or less, please describe the contributions that your nominee has made to Fiesta®. Please include:

- 1) Detailed information on the volunteer role that your nominee has played in the Fiesta® celebration. Give specific details on how your nominee's efforts have had an impact on the Fiesta® celebration in a positive and long lasting way. Elaborate on specific volunteer duties and responsibilities nominee has undertaken.
- 2) The length of time that your nominee has been involved in these activities. Give specific years nominee was active in these activities.
- 3) If your nominee served in a specific leadership role during Fiesta®, i.e., Fiesta® royalty, president of a Fiesta® organization, chairman of a Fiesta® event, etc., indicate how their volunteer involvement has gone beyond the normal responsibilities of that role.

**Please submit your Nomination Form and essay by 5 p.m. on February 29, 2016 in person or by email to:**

Fiesta® San Antonio Commission  
 2611 Broadway, San Antonio, Texas 78215  
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Ray Torres is a person who truly personifies Fiesta San Antonio. I met Ray about eleven fiestas ago at Alamo Plaza when he was out and about the crowd passing out his homemade medals. He wanted to insure that people who do not know about fiesta or are from out of town are included in the fiesta spirit. He especially likes to interact with youngsters. Ray still passes out medals but in addition he dresses himself as royalty with a bright green jacket, a fancy sash and a glittery crown. He is a one person, good will ambassador for Fiesta San Antonio.

Ray has belonged to the Fiesta Commission since 2001. In 2002, He joined Beethoven Maennerchor, a fiesta commission PMO. Often, you will find Ray serving up tasty German food in the line when the Maennerchor celebrates their first Friday nights.

In addition to his volunteer work with Beethoven, he also has volunteered with the Commission between 2002-and the present. During this time he served as greeter at functions and volunteer at the Fiesta store. He also has delivered Fiesta magazines to business, hotels, and organizations. Another task that Ray assists in, is speaking to groups about the history of fiesta. He takes them membership applications and program books and encourages them to become members also.

Ray has truly displayed his Fiesta spirit in his leadership positions in three Rey Feo Courts. He served as Advance Minister in the court of Rey Feo LVI, Dick Tips in 2005. In 2007, he was the Military Minister for Rey Feo LIX, Brian Weiner. Then in 2009, he officiated as Night Minister for Rey Feo LXI, Charlie Garza. In these three courts, Ray has assisted in raising funds for scholarships. He also accompanied the kings to many of the elementary schools to reinforce the message of staying in school. I had the privilege of welcoming these three kings to my former elementary schools where I saw Ray interact with the children and spread his fiesta spirit.

Ray was elected commissioner in 2008; however, he moved to Alaska and was unable to complete his term. When he returned to San Antonio, he was reelected commissioner and served from 2012 to 2014. Ray has once again been elected as commissioner for a third term and serves on the membership committee. When given the task of encouraging members to switch to lifetime members, Ray was able to acquire two new life members.

Finally, I am most proud of Ray's creation of the "Royal Order of the Golden Wurst." He created this medal to commemorate this order and he sells them to raise funds for restoration of the bowling lanes at Beethoven. So far, he has raised \$6,000. There are many other functions that Ray has taken on to spread the fiesta spirit but to name everything else he does, I would need more space. I hope that you will welcome Ray as a member of the order of the Cascaron.

Submitted by: Gloria De Hoyos, Feb. 29, 2016