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Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy Past State Deputies, Worthy State Officers, Worthy State Chairmen, and Worthy Brother Knights:

It is my honor to have the opportunity to address you, my fellow Knights, at this 2024 State Convention. In this document you will find reports for the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Chairman, the McGivney Guild Montana Chairman, and District Deputy for District 15 (Bitterroot Valley).

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Chairman's State Convention Report

Each year, the Knights of Columbus hold a Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. This contest is one of many activities used to promote Christmas and the season of Advent in their proper context for our youth. In the fall/winter of 2023 this contest was launched. Students were encouraged to create artwork which depicted how they envisioned keeping Christ as the focus of the Christmas season. Participants are judged at council, state, and national levels. There are three different age groups (age 5-7, age 8-10, and age 11-14). Only the first place winners in each age group progressed on to the next level. The winners announced here today have been sent on to Supreme Council to compete at the national level. It is my honor at this time to announce the state level winners of the Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest:

Age 5-7 age group the winner:
Maverick Blood
Great Falls, Council 9395

Age 8-10 age group winner:
Violet Peebles
Choteau, Council 6200

Age 11-14 age group winner:
Morrigan Neal
Choteu, Council 6200

Congratulations to our 3 winners!

Michael J. McGivney Guild Montana Chairman's State Convention Report

The McGivney Guild was created to promote and solicit prayers for the Canonization progress of Father Michael McGivney, a central figure in the growth of Catholicism in America. His example of charity, evangelization, and empowerment of the laity continues to bear fruit to guide the Knights of Columbus around the world. More than 179,000 members worldwide, and 568 members here in Montana continue to play an active role in the cause by praying for his intercession in times of need and in reporting any favors received. I urge you to share with your councils, members of your churches, friends and family the mission of the guild. For those who express interest in obtaining membership, an online form can be found at www.FatherMcGivney.org. If you or anyone you are speaking with have any questions please feel free to refer to the website or contact me.

District Deputy district 15 State Convention Report

It is my honor to serve as the District Deputy for District 15 (Bitterroot Valley)...includes councils 13093 Stevensville and 6130 Hamilton. I've attended meetings with each council on a regular basis. Over the past year members of both councils have been working together to prepare to co-host the 2024 State Convention, which is being held in Hamilton. In addition for convention preparations, both councils continue to be receptive to following the steps necessary to maintain good standing with both the State and Supreme Councils along with continuing their charitable works supporting parish and local communities.

Thank you for your time.
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Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Chairman,
McGivney Guild Chairman, Montana
and District Deputy district 15