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State Deputy's Message

Brother Knights, we are less than one month away from the start of a new Columbian year and the end of a Columbian year that has seen many challenges that we have had to face. During the past month, we have seen an increase in membership recruitment and programs have also picked up some

blood to jumpstart their councils in late August and September.

As I mentioned earlier, because of less COVID restrictions, we were able to hold an in-person State Convention in April, in St. John's. Even though the number of people attending was reduced, the

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momentum in several of our councils. This may be due to the easing of some COVID restrictions, as well as more daylight hours and people are out and about. Whatever the reasons, we have seen some growth in membership in our jurisdiction in the last month. With the summer months ahead and many of our councils who are not really active during that period, these councils will have new

Convention was very successful, and it gave everyone the opportunity to meet new friends and get acquainted with old friends, after not being able to do so for two years. We hope to continue with more in-person meetings this coming year, starting with the Organizational meetings in July in Gander, July 8-10, 2022.

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Some of our councils have already elected their Executive Officers for 2022-2023. Thank you to those members who have served in the various positions in the past year and thank you to those who have stepped up to take on positions for the next Columbian Year. I look forward to working with each and everyone as State Deputy next year. We need everyone to work together to build strong councils in order to continue the great works of the Knights of Columbus in all our communities.

On a very sad note, I want to pass on condolences to the family of Immediate Past State Deputy, Brother Gordon Lannon on the passing of his father, Brother Edward Gordon Lannon. I ask all Brother Knights and their families to keep Brother Lannon, Sr., in our thoughts

Message from State Chaplain

This year once again has brought with it many challenges for us, as members of the Knights of Columbus for Newfoundland & Labrador. Facing the challenges of covid and covid restrictions with the numerous headaches which it brings as member Knights, we have struggled with meetings online, in-person, with lack of

and prayers. We lost a very dedicated Knight and a great deal of history with his passing. May his soul rest in peace.

From an administrative perspective, I want to ask all councils to submit all forms that are required in regard to council elections, personnel, fraternal surveys etc... in a timely manner. Information on your council should be forwarded to State Secretary, Brother Gary Gallagher so that we can compile the State Directory for the upcoming Columbian Year.

On behalf of my family, I want to thank all Brother Knights for their efforts in trying to keep the Knights of Columbus strong and vibrant during the past year. Enjoy a healthy and safe summer!

Reminder:

fundraising at some councils because of covid restrictions due to building closures, decline in membership, although some councils have grown, and possible closures and/or moving of councils, as the archdiocese of St John's moves near bankruptcy due to the liquidating of assets in order to pay the victims of Mount Cashel. All these

From July 8-10, 2022, we will be holding our annual Organizational Meetings in Gander for District Deputies, New, First time, Grand Knights and some State Directors. These meetings are important as they set the tone and direction for the new Columbian year. Please keep those dates in mind. The meetings will be in the in-person format.

Thank you for all you do for the Knights of Columbus

**Fraternally,
Pat Gambin
State Deputy**



problems bear down on many of us with heavy hearts, as we must continue to work together for solutions as brother Knights. We must support each other and as we rise to this occasion, we must pray for creative solutions to meet these challenges.

I have heard many concerns and worries from my brother Knights throughout the past

number of months concerning these issues. My advice is for you to never lose heart when obstacles arise. As a brotherhood, we can only grow stronger together when we support each other in whatever capacity we can. For us, I think now is the time for spiritual renewal as brother Knights. We must "work as if everything depends on us but pray as everything depends upon Him." We must look at our spiritual roots in Fr. McGivney, who was there to minister to the widowed and orphaned. He strove to provide not only for the bodily needs of these people but their spiritual needs as well. For you and me to rise to the challenges that lay before us we must be renewed in the Lord. Once again as our churches have re-opened, we need to return to Sunday Mass in person. We need to reunite with Christ and the community of faith to whom we are called to serve. We need to renew our prayer life, as councils we can approach our Pastors and request a weekly Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament asking our Lord Jesus to strengthen and lead us. Rather than asking our pastors to lead it, we can organize it and run it ourselves if it is too time consuming for our priests. Although it would be more than appropriate to remind our Priests that they are "paid Prayers" that is they are the only members of our catholic

church who are paid to lead us in prayer. As well we are exhorted to pray the rosary often. Knights of the council can become active in organizing a one weekly rosary in parishes prior to weekend Masses. Our Lady of Guadalupe will intervene on our behalf to help us grow in a deeper love with Jesus her son and a deeper love of the people we are called to serve. As member Knights, we could attend one weekday Mass, if available in our parish, and pray for the growth and well-being of our brotherhood each week. We can never underestimate the power of prayer and if we make extra time for these suggested works as brother Knights, the Lord will bless us in ways we can never imagine.

With personal spiritual renewal, we can continue with the numerous good works that you have been carrying out throughout the past year. The Lord will bless you as you work for Him, your brothers, and those you already so generously serve. I encourage you to carry on during this Easter season with renewed vigor and hope in the power of the Lord. Jesus will bless the works of your hands; never lose heart my brothers, trust in the Lord and trust in his love for you and your work. So together let us unite, for this is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!

God Bless,
State Chaplain
Rev Jeff Kolonel

Message from State Secretary

Brother Knights, first of all I would like to thank and acknowledge the great work of our State Deputy Pat Gambin, my fellow State Officers, and Chaplain Father Jeffrey Kolonel who work very hard to make the jurisdiction of Newfoundland Labrador run efficiently, as it does, all through the year. Thank you as well to all Grand Knights, District Deputies and State Appointed Personnel who make significant contributions to our jurisdiction.

As we conclude this Columbian year 2021-2022, we have much to be grateful for after this pandemic. Luckily most councils are now back to full operation. Many councils have good programs that have helped many of our members, families and residents of our province. The four tenets of our Council program initiatives include Faith, Family, Community, and Life which we have done great work throughout the year.

As we end this Columbian year, we will have some changes in Council structures including some new Grand Knights, Deputy Grand

Knights, and other executive positions. I encourage all members to give your support to your Council executive. Your Grand Knight, District Deputy, and State Deputy depend upon this support as well.

As we wrap up this year, we look forward to a new Columbian year. On behalf of my wife Sheila, we both wish all our members and families a safe and happy summer.

Fraternally.
Gary Gallagher
State Secretary

Message from State Treasurer

My Brother Knights, it was great seeing many of you at the State Convention in April. I want to thank all of you for your support as I remain your State Treasurer for another fraternal year.

At the Convention, numerous resolutions and financial policies were adopted and now it is even more important that councils submit their Assessment Fees on time and actively participate in the State lotteries. I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge Brother Jerry Barker and his lottery committee for all the work they do for our Order.

While the Order continues to do works of Charity for our communities and our parishes, the Knights of Columbus must grow to survive, if we are to maintain our good works and acts of charity. Recently in my home council, we lost several Brothers that were mentors and devoted Knights. One of those Brothers was Sir Knight Patrick (Pat) Merrigan, Sr; a fine Catholic gentleman with six decades of service to the order. I came to know Brother Pat when I transferred to Monsignor McCarthy Council from Nova Scotia after I retired from the Canadian Forces. While I was Grand Knight, he was a source of advice and help with any task (and a great cook). He will be missed. Unfortunately, this trend is a fact of life. I encourage each one of you to reach out to a Roman Catholic gentleman and offer him membership in our Order.

I would also like to give my condolences to Immediate Past State Deputy Gordon Lannon on the passing of his father, Sir Knight Edward Gordon Lannon, who had recently celebrated his 100th Birthday.

I want to thank all councils that continue to do good work as we carry on from the pandemic. I would also like to thank all out going Council Officers for their time and leadership; and welcome all

incoming Council Officers. The State Executive will continue to support each council and feel free to reach out to any of us with any questions you may have.

As the new Fraternal Year begins and as this is "*Come Home Year*" in our province, I hope that many of you have an opportunity to see family members that you have not seen in a while. Treasure the memories that you will make. My wife Christine and I wish you all health and happiness during the summer. I look forward to seeing some of you at our Organizational meeting in July.

Vivat Jesus!

Paul R. Baldwin
State Treasurer

Message from State Advocate

Greetings to all my Brother Knights,

First of all, I would like to say a heartfelt thanks to all Brother Knights for their confidence in choosing me as your State Advocate at our recent convention in St. John's.

This Columbian year was a trying one to say it lightly, but as Brother Knights and working together, we have completed this year in

reasonably good shape so let us finish out the last few weeks on a high note.

The vision of our Founder Father Michael McGivney will encourage us as Brothers to bounce back from the dark days of Covid-19. I encourage all councils to continue their good works during the summer months.

Councils should have or are in the midst of conducting their council election for the upcoming year. I know compliance for councils was low in numbers this past year so each council should make a goal to be fully compliant by August.

My wife Pat and I wish you all a safe and Blessed summer.

Vivat Jesus!

Brendan Vickers
State Advocate

Message from State Warden

Greetings Brother Knights,

I want to say it has been a great privilege to serve as your State Warden this Columbian year and I am looking forward to doing so again for our up and coming year 2022 – 2023. There were many challenges for the role with much to learn and I know many challenges for

your councils, Grand Knights, and your executives. Congratulations to you all for conducting your council's business this Columbian year. As we are beginning to lift ourselves out of the Covid-19 pandemic, our shift this year will be to get back to our Faith in Action programs and the challenges that lie ahead for this next Columbian year. Let us renew our commitment to our faith, work on recruiting new members to the order and rejoice for the many gifts we have in this world.

This summer, let us relax with our families, reflect on the past year and renew our commitment for our new Columbian year. As a suggestion, I noted two faith programs to consider, celebrating Father McGivney's feast day with a mass and/or Eucharistic adoration Saturday, August 13th, 2022. Why not approach our priests and make this an event? Why we may even get a few recruits!

For 2022 – 2023, I am hoping more of our councils will make submissions in the State and Supreme awards programs. Your councils and executives work hard, and you all deserve the recognition.

Thank you to all the outgoing State and Council Officers and a heartfelt welcome to all new incoming Officers. Thanks to

all for your patience. To serve is a special gift to the order and our community. My wife, Jennifer, and I, wish all Brother Knights and your families a safe, healthy, and happy summer.

Let's Renew! Recruit! Rejoice!
...KNIGHTS... RISE UP!

Vivat Jesus!

Darrell Long
State Warden
State Program Director

Message from Immediate Past State Deputy

We have only two weeks (or so) remaining until the end of this Columbian Year.

Councils throughout the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador have struggled trying to recruit new members this past year. That's not new, as recruitment is the biggest challenge facing councils not only in this jurisdiction but throughout most of the Knights of Columbus world.

However, there is something out there that could make overcoming this challenge a little easier. It's the **Former Members List**.

Every council has one and I am sure that some of those members might still be

interested in being a part of the Knights of Columbus Family, they just need to be invited to do so. The Former Members List can also be of great help to councils that may have met their membership quota but don't have enough, insurance members to reach star council.

Simply check the inactive members on your former members list or your council roster. If you can convince one of those members to reinstate their membership, you can gain not only a new member but also an insurance member. Our jurisdiction has more than 2800 former/inactive members listed. This list is available to each council through the Membership Management and Billing system. I encourage them to review this list and to identify former members who they think may be interested in rejoining.

Brothers, the next few months are usually a time to relax and re-energize, and so I would wish each of you, and your families, a safe and Blessed summer.

Leo Gordon Lannon
Immediate Past State Deputy

Message from
District Deputy #5

Worthy State Officers and Brother Knights of this wonderful province we call home, Newfoundland and Labrador. Hoping all is well with you and your families. Here we are once again, the end of another fraternal year. We also celebrate new freedoms from restrictions placed upon us due to Covid-19. I am looking forward to be able to return to a normal lifestyle. I pray that Covid is behind us, and I also offer a prayer for any member or their families that have been affected with this virus over the past two years. We are looking forward to September, and hopefully we will be able to offer to the students of our schools and parishes to participate in the programs of the Knights of Columbus.

On the weekend of April 22-24, 2022, we celebrated the 104th State Convention. It was a good experience and a freedom to meet Brother members that we have not met recently. For me, it was an enjoyable and fruitful weekend.

Council 13320 presently has the Icon of St. Joseph in the four churches in St. Mary's Bay for celebrations until mid-

June. I encourage other councils to schedule a time in the future for such celebrations in their parishes. The councils of District No. 5 are looking forward to a relaxing summer with their families and participating in the summer events that they celebrate with the parishes. Please remember to pray for peace in our world, especially Ukraine, the United States, and other countries experiencing persecution at this time. God bless you and your families. Have a wonderful summer!

Regards,
Br. Dave Kenny
District Deputy #5

Message from
District Deputy #10

Brothers,

The 2021-2022 Columbian year is coming to an end, and this is a time to reflect on past achievements but most importantly to also make preparations for the next Columbian Year. It begins July 1, 2022.

I would like to thank our Worthy State Deputy Patrick Gambin for asking me to serve as District Deputy for District # 10 in 2021-2022 as my term ends on June 30th,

2022 and this is my final opportunity to address you as DD. I want to thank each of the three Councils in District # 10, their Grand Knights and executives for welcoming me to their chambers and council functions during the past 12 months. All three councils have been active in supporting their respective parishes, and I wish them all the best in the coming fraternal year ahead.

The biggest challenge facing Councils, not only in District # 10, but throughout the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador, is declining membership. I would strongly encourage all councils to focus on this one challenge for the coming year, and I would urge every member to try to bring one new face into the Knights of Columbus in the coming Fraternal Year, 2022-2023.

Each of the three councils in District # 10 have by now conducted their respective election of officers, and those officers have been duly installed for the coming year. I strongly encourage all officers, new and former, to educate themselves and take advantage of the numerous online courses available at KofC.org.

Councils will be busy over the summer with numerous projects, but it is also a time to relax with family and re-

energize and so in closing I want to wish all Brother Knights a safe and Blessed summer.

Gordon Lannon
District Deputy # 10

Message from State **Faith Director**

Summer is all spread out there somewhere! When you find it, first of all, thank God and then get at it and take it all in! Lord knows it'll go quickly. We are slowly moving through the pandemic. It's still with us, so as mom would say: *"Be Careful"*. Our church liturgies continue on, of course, needing our participation and help. As we journey to other parishes this, **"Come Home Year"** summer, try to meet the pastors and people in brotherhood.

Continue to encourage each other in our common friendship both spiritually and in everyday life. Of course, pray - it's our common bond.

As we come and go this beautiful time of year, may our Blessed Mother guide us - "Our Lady Of The Highways, All Your Ways Are Right; All Your Pathways Bright! So, blessings to all!

Take care of yourselves and all dear ones!

Fraternally,
Brian J. Terry
State Faith Director



Message from State **Community Director**

Br. Knights,

In August 2021, I sent out information on the Supreme

Community programs to all Grand Knights to be passed on to the Council Community Directors.

Part way through the year, there was information sent to councils on Coats for Kids program, Giving Tuesday, and the Canadian Wheelchair Program.

I attended two webinars by Jason Porrello, the Supreme Program Manager for Community.

There were 12 Councils that submitted Community Program Reports this year.

Most councils that reported participated in Food for Families, Helping Hands.

Three councils participated in the Supreme Coats for Kids program: one (1) in the purchase of Coats, and two (2) contributing on Giving Tuesday to the Supreme Coats for Kids program.

There was no participation in the Supreme Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest due mainly to the conditions in the schools because of covid.

Thanks to all Br. Knights that took on the role as Community Director for their Councils

This is my last report as State Community Director

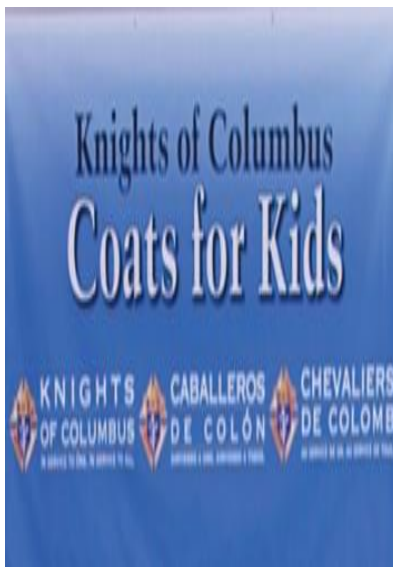
July 1st Br. John Thoms will be taking on the duties as State Community Director.

Thanks to Past State Deputy Gordon Lannon and current State Deputy Patrick Gambin for giving me the opportunity serve this Jurisdiction as State Community Director.

I wish Br. Thoms, State Executive, and all Knights in the NL Jurisdiction a successful and enjoyable summer.

VIVAT JESUS!

Respectfully Submitted,
Leonard Furlong
State Community Director



Message from Online Membership Chair

Since the start of Online Membership in 2018, 60 Brother Knights have joined online in the Newfoundland and Labrador jurisdiction, and 33 of them have transferred to a local council. The intake of members online was slow in the beginning with only 8 new members in the first two years. The greatest intake was in the 2020-2021 fraternal year with 41 new members online. This current year there have been 11 new members online in NL.

There are presently 8 online members (assigned) who indicated a desire to migrate to a specific council but have not yet done so for some

reason; these local council Grand Knights are aware of these members. There are 13 remaining unassigned online members who indicated a desire to migrate to a council, but did not indicate which one. All Grand Knights are aware of who these 13 brother knights are.

While membership recruitment and growth is slow this year overall in NL, some other jurisdictions are using online e-membership to their advantage. In the other Atlantic Provinces the number for e-membership this year is 130, while for Quebec it's 392, Alberta 558, and Ontario 783. E-members still need to be a baptized Catholic male, 18 years of age or older, and a practical Catholic.

Please promote Online Membership as an option for growth. E-members can easily transition to your local council and deepen his involvement in the Knights of Columbus. Since these members will not have taken the first degree, that ceremonial will be part of their transition to a local council.

In the meantime, if you have an online member in your area, be sure he is invited to participate in or attend local, regional, and national charitable and fraternal events.

If you have any questions, please contact Gerard Butt, Online Membership Coordinator, NL State Council:

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	Fraternal Year 2021-2022				2018-2022	
Jurisdiction	New Members YTD (As of 6/1/2022)	FY 2021-2022 Council Conversions	Percent FY Council Conversions	All time intake	All Converted to Councils	Percent of All Converted to Council
AB	558	66	12%	2,015	430	21%
BC	406	111	27%	1,151	348	30%
MB	40	8	20%	633	99	16%
NB	79	10	13%	240	47	20%
NL	11	4	36%	60	33	55%
NS	34	5	15%	121	56	46%
ON	783	184	23%	3,413	910	27%
PE	17	12	71%	44	32	73%
QC	392	68	17%	1,409	294	21%
SK	121	41	34%	644	183	28%

Lottery Report

Worthy State Deputy Gambin, State Officers, and Brother Knights.

This past weekend we held our second annual 50/50 raffle draw. The following is a report of that lottery.

This year 5723 tickets were sold, compared to 6770 from last year, down 1047.

Sales from this year was \$143,075.00, compared to \$169,250.00 from last year, down \$26,175.00. Councils will receive \$49,922.50 in rebates. This is an average of \$1560.00 for each council that sold tickets.

State Council will receive \$28,615.00. From its share, State Council pays all

expenses. The following is a breakdown of expenses:

State Income \$28 615.00
License \$715.38
Printing & shipping \$800.40
Seller's Prize \$500.00
State Net Profit \$26 099.23

The winner of this year's raffle was Ron Quilty, of Highlands with a prize of \$71,537.50

Report from Fr. Pumphrey Council 11577

This cemetery project was started in 2018 with the cutting of the brush and trees. We then had a company spray and kill the undergrowth. We lost a couple of years with the COVID. So last year we managed to get the pad

poured and the monument in place. Starting Monday, we will be putting a walkway and platform with benches with that complete we will be finished with this project. Fr. Pumphrey Council 11577 has partnered up with Little Bay

Coffee Cove Committees for *Come Home Year*. Hopefully it will be a good fundraiser.

Harold Clarke
Grand Knight



Report from Fr. Pumphrey Council 11577



Knights of Columbus Scholarships

Available to students, who will graduate Grade XII with honors standing in June 2022 and will be attending a Post-

Knights of Columbus Membership and Insurance

Ask Eligible Men to Join the Order----Show them the Fraternal Benefits

Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. Membership is the responsibility of every member. The Knights of Columbus is needed as much or more today than it ever has been. Brothers we have a great legacy of 113 years to pass on! We can only do this through successful retention and recruitment efforts. We must increase membership not only for numbers but to bring in new people, new energies, new ideas and enthusiasm to our ranks. We owe it to the great members who have gone before us. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members. And more members equal more charity. We must remember that we have a duty to ask each and every

Secondary Institution in September 2022. Application deadline: October 31, 2022. Information and applications can be found under Scholarships on the State

Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order. There are many eligible Catholic men in your families, your church, your community, your workplace, and in your group of friends that have never been asked to join our great Order. Why not ask them? We tend to “forget” to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn’t joined is because no one has asked him yet?

When telling a prospect about the Fraternal Benefits of the Order, don’t forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often a “selling point” to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, and they are proud to be members. The Knights of Columbus has an extensive portfolio of top

Council website at www.kofcni.org.

**Maurice Lewis
State Council Scholarship
Director**

rated products including life insurance, disability insurance, long term care insurance, RRSPs and TFSA's. This can be the best recruiting tool we have available. A family with a mortgage and young children will thank you for providing the information for them.

The Knights of Columbus is one of the largest insurers in North America with excess of \$110 billion of insurance in force. There is no insurance company in North America with a higher rating than the Knights of Columbus. This begs the question “Why are less than half our present membership insurance members with their insurance needs looked after by their own company, the Knights of Columbus?” Again the answer often lies in the fact that the members are not informed of the products available. A prospective member who is properly informed about the Knights of Columbus insurance and investment products is likely to be interested in joining when he knows his family can be protected and he is saving

money by becoming a member.

It has never been easier for prospective members to join. We do not have to wait for degrees. Prospective members can join online from their own home. Free online membership for the first year has been extended to June 30, 2022. All one has to do is log into KofC.org/Joinus and use

the code MCGIVNEY2020 for free membership for a year.

For the remainder of this fraternal year, members who recruit a new/former member will have his name entered in a draw for \$100 for every new / former member recruited. To be entered in the draw I will need your name and the name of the member/members recruited by June 30.

All members / prospective members and families should be informed about our insurance and investment products and the other Fraternal Benefits of membership.

Call your agent today and book an appointment. It could be the most important appointment you will ever make.

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Knights of Columbus
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Message from Editor / Public Relations

Another Columbian Year has come and gone, and although faced with many challenges due to Covid-19, councils continued to flourish with a variety of activities involving faith, community, family, and life to help showcase what we do as a Catholic Men's organization. Most importantly, we get involved to continue to carry forth the legacy of our founder, the Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney.

Our current world is full of uncertainty and controversy, division and despair, social injustice and self-entitlement. However, it is up to us, as Knights, to help break down

these walls and overcome obstacles. We must continue to pray for peace and rescue those who have lost faith. And during our journey, we must recruit fellow Catholic men and maintain our membership so that, together, we pursue and preserve our founder's legacy.

I would like to personally congratulate all the award winners, both individual and councils, which were presented at the 2022 State Convention in Gander. Please have a look at the State website for convention highlights:

<https://kofcnl.org/convention-2022>. I would also like to congratulate the State Executive and Personnel for all their hard work and

dedication throughout this year to make it a successful one. Finally, I would like to thank all individual members and councils for their contributions towards the newsletter. Without these submissions, there would be no newsletter! I continue to encourage all members to submit an article. It is your chance to "show off" your council's or individual members achievements – it is your time to shine!!

From my family to your's, we wish you a happy, safe, and blessed summer!

Roland Castillo
Editor
State Public Relations

