



The Beacon

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1st Five Saturday Devotions

By Paul Caranci

The first devotion was held in January 2019 and they will run through May 2019, the month of Our Lady. The next devotion is Saturday February 2nd, with future devotions scheduled for March 2nd, April 6th and May 4th. Devotions begin with the Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:45 PM (continuing until 5:00 PM), the Holy Rosary in song at 4:00 PM, private meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary at 4:30 PM and Mass with Holy Communion beginning at 5:00 PM.



By Jim Gambardella

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw basketball competition featured 54 children participating. All winners ages 9-14 will be recognized in the church bulletin.

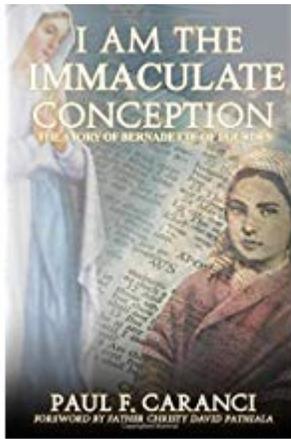
Fouad representing the Council sporting his polo shirt at the March for Life in Washington, DC

It is not clear, but in the background our Supreme Grand Knight Carl Andersen was being interviewed



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Book Sale Fundraiser This March

By Paul Caranci

Fr Forcier had approved the sale of Paul Caranci's new book, *I Am The Immaculate Conception* as a fundraiser, as well as *The Promise of Fatima* again this year. The sale was held following all five Masses on the weekend of March 2nd and 3rd. In all, 78 Books were sold for \$20. Following expenses, Paul presented the Council with a check in the amount of \$700.40. In addition, someone donated \$5.00 without the purchase of a book and GK Bob Chase purchased a copy during the meeting bringing the total raised by the Council to \$715.40. One of his main goals in writing these books is to increase devotion of our Blessed Mother. Please spread to word for other organizations that would like to do the same. Last year's book sale fundraiser of *The Promise of Fatima: 100 Years of History, Mystery and Faith* netted a total sale of 40 books. Thank you, Paul.



Grand Knights Korner

By [GK Bob Chase]

This is the first issue of "The Beacon" newsletter under the editorship of Fouad Faraj Musleh. Veteran editor Jerry Scannell is responsible for five councils as district deputy, so we thank Jerry for his years of devoted service. I hope that brother Knights will feel free to offer suggestions—and content to make the newsletter a valuable tool to stay in touch with shut-in members but also reach out to prospective Knights.

As we enter the new year perhaps the most significant news is the success of the on-line application process. It's quick, easy and comfortable for younger men. Each knight should carry several blue cards with the e-mail address on them to follow-up on prospects' interests.

We helped sell copies of Brother Paul Caranci's book after Masses in the fall and will do so again with a new title this winter. He kindly donated half of this sales to benefit the council. Thank you, Paul! In addition, the council sold religious Christmas cards after Masses. While wearing our council polo shirts this past of our strategy to be more visible.

With Fr. Forcier's and our support Brother Paul's idea of the first Five Saturdays came to fruition for January through May. The concept features praying the Rosary, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, musical accompaniment and confession leading up to the Vigil Mass.

We had the traditional Christmas dinner at Luigi's and had an opportunity to renew and make new friendships.

We will have the opportunity to make available the Council prize for that boy at St. Augustine School who best exemplifies our four principles and to purchase an outfield sign at the Mt. Pleasant Little League.

Elmhurst Clean & Green is a community groups with which we'd like to explore working. Lastly, I've encouraged a group of younger members to brainstorm ideas for attracting more of their contemporaries.

We welcome your suggestions to make our Council a lively experience!

Stay tuned...

Vivat Jesus, Bob Chase, GK



Our Worthy District Deputy Jerry presented to our Worth Grand Knight Bob the Fr McGivney Award. This award is given to the council by being able to hit the membership target. Congratulations to all.



Our Worthy District Deputy Jerry and Worthy Grand Knight Bob presented to Jim Black (Left) and Fouad Faraj Musleh (Right) the Shining Armor Award. Congratulations.

Welcome Anthony, Robert & Steven



From Left to Right: Dr Eric Ricci, John Marcelo, Steven Calise, Dr John Ricci, Jerry Scannell, Anthony Macari, Bob Chase, Robert Salmani