

# **PENNIES FOR SEMINARIANS**

The Pennies for Seminarians Fund-raiser was established for the purpose of providing financial aid to Seminarians as they study for the Priesthood. Throughout the fraternal year councils raise funds for this fund in various ways, one of the most popular is to have a container available at all functions for members to contribute their change.

Prior to the State Convention the councils forward their contribution to the State Council. The total contributed in each fraternal year (normally \$35, 000 - \$40, 000) is divided equally among the six diocese of Minnesota. The State Deputy presents the checks to the respective Bishops when they meet, normally in September. The Bishops distribute the funds to the Seminarians as they see fit.

Each council that contributes at least \$1.00 per active member receives a plaque or year plate donating the year of the award.

Directors Award Plaques are given to the councils that are the second highest contributors in dollars and percentage of participation.

State Officer Award Plaques are given to the councils that are the largest contributor in dollars and percentage of participation.

Contributions made up to June 30 of each year qualify for that years award.

Support of our priest is a corner stone of our Order. In this time of declining numbers of priests it is imperative that we do everything we can to help young men who are studying for the priesthood. Your councils active participation in the Pennies for Seminarians Fund-raiser is a key part of our support for Priests.