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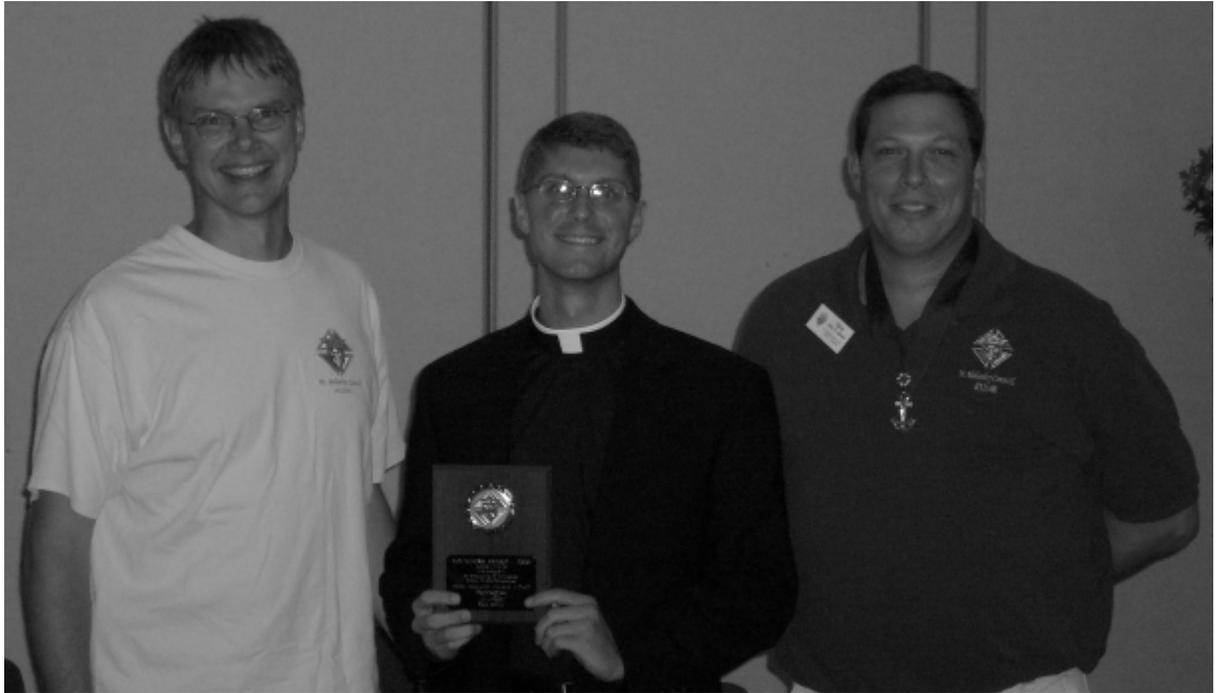
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**GK Gene Barnard Presents Award to PGK Jeff Gaerke and Seminarian Sean Danda**

Grand Knight Gene Barnard had the pleasure of presenting these two with the 300% Support of Seminarians award. This award is awarded to a council that donates \$3 on average per member to the support of seminarians.

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**Notes From the Grand Knight: *Gene Barnard***

**Brother Knights,**

As we just experienced the ordination and first Mass of Rev. Mr. Dan Collier, I thought it an appropriate time to educate ourselves on the role of Deacons in our Church.

The role of what is called the 'permanent' deaconate is all too often misunderstood. A Deacon is ordained to the first rank of Sacred Orders, not to the priesthood. He is no longer a layman, but a member of the clergy.

The Catholic Church restored this sacred order as a permanent way of serving the Church (and not just a transitional order for men on the way to priesthood) well over 40 years ago.

Today we still distinguish between 'transitional' and 'permanent' deacons. However, this distinction does not create two ranks of deacons, but clarifies the direction in which the deacon is headed. The 'transitional' deacon is simply on his way to priestly ordination.

It is important to note that although the 'permanent' deaconate has been opened to married men of mature age it is also open to and encouraged as a permanent rank of orders for celibate men.

The decision for marriage or celibacy is to be made before ordination to the order of deacon. If a married deacon loses his wife, he pledges to remain celibate. In fact, he could then consider a further call to priesthood if God so moved him.

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## Notes From the Grand Knight: *Gene Barnard* (Continued)

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In addition to this important witness, the deacon is distinct in his secular vocation. Often engaged in works of social justice or charity, he is a clergyman in the midst of the secular world. He goes from the altar to the world in a prophetic way, bringing Christ to those for whom He gave His life.

Customs have developed which reflect the deacon's role as distinct from both priest and lay minister. For instance, proper liturgical dress for a deacon is an alb, a cincture, a diaconal stole and a dalmatic. He is authorized to wear a cope at baptisms, weddings, or while presiding over the exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Just as we call a priest 'Father', and should not presume to call him by his first name, a permanent deacon, like a transitional deacon, should be called 'Deacon'. In formal writing a deacon often uses the title 'Reverend Mr.', reflecting in a unique way both his clerical and secular role.

All of us - whether bishops, priests, deacons, the lay faithful, or the consecrated religious - are a part of the one mission of the one Church. Each of us, though all equal in the sight of God, play vitally important, but different roles in the Body of Christ.

Let us pray for each other that we may all remain faithful to our individual vocations. Let us pray that all deacons - this order of clergy set aside for Word, service and Sacrament - will flourish in this New Millennium of the Church.

Gene Barnard  
Grand Knight

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## Seminarian Cookout

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On Monday August 11<sup>th</sup> council #12540 had the honor of hosting the annual seminarian cookout. Our pastor Fr. Dan, our weekend assistant and rector of Bishop Simon Brute College Seminary Fr. Bob, and Fr. Eric Johnson Vocations Director for the Arch Diocese were all in attendance along with 23 of our future Priests.

We were blessed with beautiful weather for corn hole, hillbilly golf and volleyball. The food was great and we want to thank all of the wives who not only made sides and desserts for the cookout but for all of the work they did in preparing things the day of the event!



### Top Left

Some of the ladies helping with the event include, Susan, Peg, Janet and Helen.

### Top Right

The grill team, Floyd Frenia, Bob Bell, Mike Nygra and PGK Jeff Gaerke.

### Left

A seminarian shows Fr. Dan and Fr. Eric how to deliver a homily.



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# Family Cookout

This year's Family Cookout was another St. Malachy Council success. As in years past, Knights and their families made this a wonderful event by providing delicious food, teamwork in preparation and heartfelt camaraderie. Highlights of this year's cookout included unity in prayer led by Father Dan, a smorgasboard of games thanks to Jeff "The Gamemaster" Gaerke, the "bounce house," a cooler-full of ice cream enjoyed by young and old alike, and a volleyball game that went on well past dark due to the charity of one Knight and his headlights. Thanks to all who participated and assisted in making this cookout a success, especially Dale "It's Great to be Retired" Ternet for his assistance with securing the grill, Chris "No Hair Left on My Forearms" Kaiser for cooking, and Tom "I'm Sore" Becher for helping with teardown. Also thanks to all of the wives who helped, especially Susan "Mike Why Did You Get Me Into This" Nygra.

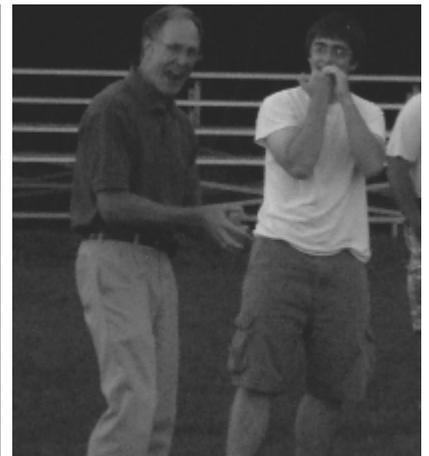
—Mike Nygra, Family Director



Above: Kenny Farris receiving the scholarship award along with Brother Alex, Mother Kim and Father Tom.  
Below: Kathy and Mike Shoemaker receiving the family of the month.



Above: Mark Meuiner receiving the MAK Award.  
Below: July 21st new members: Steve Mendoza, David Gordon, Bob Cook, Randy Woods and Chris Kaiser Jr.



**Family Cookout Pictures**

## September 2008

09/15/08 Council Meeting  
First Degree  
(Social)  
09/19/08 Country Fair  
09/20/08 Country Fair  
09/21/08 Major Degrees  
09/27/08 Catholic Mens  
Conference  
09/28/08 4th Degree  
Exemplification

## October 2008

10/03/08 First Fri. Rosary  
10/05/08 Pancake Breakfast  
10/06/08 Council Meeting  
10/09/08 Ordination:  
Sean Danda  
10/18/08 Hayride/Bonfire  
10/20/08 Council Meeting  
10/25/08 Spaghetti Dinner  
10/26/08 Ministry Fair

## November 2008

11/01/08 Holy Day:  
All Saints Day  
11/02/08 Pancake Breakfast  
11/03/08 Council Meeting  
St. Malachy Feast  
11/07/08 First Fri. Rosary  
11/08/08 Membership Blitz  
11/09/08 Membership Blitz  
11/12/08 INFO Session  
11/17/08 Council Meeting  
First Degree  
(Social)



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