

## **CHARLES I. REESE**

November 2, 1925 – June 24, 1980  
(State Deputy 1974 – 1976)



Charlie Reese was born in the Monumental City, Maryland on November 2, 1925. He graduated from St. John the Evangelist school and the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, entered the U.S. Navy in World War II and served in the Pacific Theatre of Operations. On November 27, 1947, he was married to the lovely Dorothy Teller in the Shrine of the Little Flower Church. Dorothy's parish was to be their parish the rest of their married life. Charlie and Dot became the parents of three fine sons, Charles, John and James. Charlie was a member of the Holy Name Society of the Shrine, of the Parents' guild of both Archbishop Curley and Towson Catholic High Schools and the Maryland League of Credit Unions.

Charlie took his first degree in Baltimore Council on December 17, 1954; his Major Degree on Sunday, April 3, 1955 and thus began his long career thru the various appointments and elected offices of the Knights of Columbus. He was elected Inside Guard for Baltimore Council in 1957 and then started progressing thru the chairs, attaining the position of Grand Knight in 1963.

In 1965, Charlie started his long service to the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights by being elected Marshal. He subsequently served as Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-President and finally President in 1969. At the same time, he was continuing his career in the State Council. Appointed State Membership Chairman in 1966, he went on to serve the next three years as District Deputy. Charlie's talents were rewarded in 1970, when he was elected State Advocate and was also appointed State Ceremonials Chairman. He served as State Advocate for two years and was elected State Secretary in 1972, serving for two terms.

The State Council paid him its highest honor in 1974 by electing him State Deputy of Maryland. Charlie gathered around him an excellent group of District Deputies and Chairmen. Our now famous Tootsie Roll Program to help the mentally retarded started under Charlie with William F. Cornelius, Jr. as its first chairman.

Charles I. Reese passed away, after a long illness, on Tuesday, June 24, 1980 in Mercy Hospital. He was survived by his wife, Dot, his sons Charles, John and James, his brother John and his sister Catherine Russell.