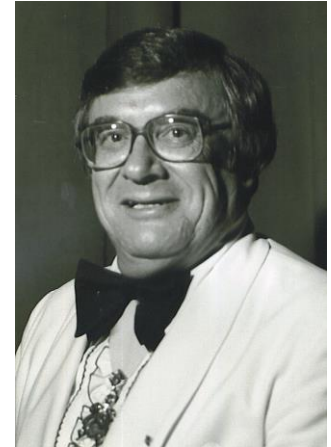


Richard C. Bumsted
August 5, 1929 – June 19, 2019
(State Deputy 1984 – 1986)

Richard C. Bumsted was born on August 5, 1929 in York, Pennsylvania. He attended William Penn High School where he was an Honor Student for three years. A natural athlete, he starred in football, basketball and track (javelin). At the same time, he played baseball for the American Legion from age 14 through 17. He signed with the St. Louis Browns (now the Baltimore Orioles) Baseball farm system after high school and played pro-ball for one year in 1948 in the Illinois State League. A leg-injury caused his release after having one victory as a pitcher. He returned to York and played semi-pro baseball.



Dick enlisted in the Army in 1948 and was shortly sent to Fort Meade, Maryland, where he played on the 2nd Army Baseball Team. He was one of four starting pitchers while the team played 128 games. During this period, Dick met his future wife Anna Marie Urik. She was one of twelve children. Ann and Dick fell in love and prior to their marriage; Dick converted from the Lutheran Faith to the Catholic Faith. They were married on March 31, 1951 at the Fort Meade Chapel.

In September of 1951, Dick was honorably discharged from the Army and went to work for the C & P Telephone Company. He worked there for 31 years, with the last 18 years, in management. When his department was phased out in 1983, Dick retired at age 54. Seven months later, he rejoined the work force with the Reliable Construction Company. Bill Baldwin, a Brother Knight from Annapolis Council and a former manager of Gambrill's Baseball Team where Dick had played during the 1950's, was the owner of Reliable and was instrumental in Dick's obtaining this excellent position. Dick retired again in April, 1993.

Dick joined the Knights of Columbus at Cardinal Gibbons Council No. 2521 in 1963. For the next two years, he managed the council's fast pitch softball team and served on various committees. He was elected Inside Guard in 1965, Warden in 1966, Chancellor in 1967, Deputy Grand Knight in 1968, and joined the 4th Degree of Archbishop Keough General Assembly that year. He was elected Grand Knight for the 1969-1970 term. As he rose through the council's chairs, Dick performed all four of the chair officer's parts in the First Degree ceremonies of his council. He served for four years on Cardinal Gibbons Council's Board of Directors.

Dick served the Maryland State Council as District Warden and District Deputy before he was elected State Warden in May of 1977. He served in that position for one year and then was elected for two terms each as State Advocate, State Treasurer and State Secretary. He was elected State Deputy in 1984 and served for two terms.

During his administration as State Deputy, the Charity Fund was reinstated and tied in with his motto ONE FAMILY UNDER GOD REACHING OUT. The Seminarian Fund was started, the Middle School Basketball Tournament was initiated, the Family Picnic was revived and the following new councils were instituted: Ocean City No. 9053, St. Bartholomew No. 9127, Our Lady, Star of the Sea No. 9258 and St. Mary of the Assumption No. 9302.

Four highly successful tours were carried out, adding many thousands of dollars to the State Council's Scholarship Fund. A new style of K of C License Plate was introduced; an Ice Hockey Night for the Handicapped was held at the Baltimore Civic Center and the Pro-Life Mass and mid term meeting were consolidated to be held on the same day. The first meeting and Mass were held at St. Jerome's Church in Baltimore.

After leaving the office of State Deputy in 1986, Dick served as Tour Chairman from 1996 to 1998. He also served on the Maryland State Council Scholarship Committee. Dick joined the Parkville AARP in 1998 later serving two terms as President of the Parkville Chapter No. 3090. He also arranged all the trips and tours for the Chapter and the profit was used for charitable works.

Dick, left behind beloved wife Ann; daughters Sharon Reigle and her husband Ray, and Sandy Hebert and her husband Jerry; cherished grandchildren Jen Reigle, Justin Reigle, Jess Reigle, Jon Reigle (Tiffany), Jeremy Hèbert (Sergio Martinez), and Rachel Ortt (Neal); loving great-grandchild Oliver; and dear brother John Bumsted.