

George Lovenstein

January 20, 1927 – February 24, 2013
(State Deputy 1976 – 1977)

George grew up in North End, attended Saint Patrick's grade school and graduated from LaSalle High School in 1944. After high school he began his 37 year career with the United States Postal Service in Cumberland and LaVale in roles from letter carrier to supervisor of carriers. He served in the Navy during World War II. For many years he was a member of the Bowling Green Fire Department, a local football referee and an official scorekeeper for the Alhambra Catholic Invitational Basketball tournament. "Lovey" was a long time member of SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

He became a member of Cumberland Council # 586 in September of 1955 and received his first three degrees that year. In November of 1956, he became a member of Chief Justice Taney General Assembly, Fourth Degree. He was elected to the office of Warden of Cumberland Council in February, 1960, was subsequently elected to the office of Chancellor and Deputy Grand Knight, and in June of 1962, was elected to the highest office in his Council — the office of Grand Knight.



George was appointed District Deputy in July, 1963 by State Deputy, Francis G. McFarland, and continued to serve as District Deputy under State Deputies, Dr. M.D. Gilligan and Frank J. Heiner, Jr., for a total of six years. During that time, he also served as a member of the State Ceremonials Committee.

Throughout his period of membership in the Knights of Columbus, he has been active in the affairs of his Council, and served as Faithful Comptroller of his Fourth Degree Assembly from 1957 until 1972.

He also served faithfully as State Warden, State Treasurer, and Secretary before assuming the high position of State Deputy for the State of Maryland. George was recognized for always taking an extremely active part in all affairs of the State Council despite the great distance which separated his home in Cumberland from the many activities carried on in other areas of the State, and the frequent travel which this distance necessitates. He was very proud that he had managed to visit every council in Maryland at least once during his term.

In addition to his activities in the Knights of Columbus, he was active in community affairs, being a member of the Catholic War Veterans, the Elks, the Holy Name Society, Potomac Valley Football Officials Association and S.S. Peter and Paul's Parish in Cumberland where he served as a Lector.

He married the former Betty Harrison and was the father of two daughters; Diane and Sharon, both of whom graduated from college in 1974.

Lovey and Betty retired to Myrtle Beach, S.C., in 1982 and spent 21 happy years there. They made a lot of new friends and enjoyed playing golf, going to shows, travelling, etc., Lovey was in charge of altar servers as well as being a Eucharistic Minister and Betty volunteered in the church office at Saint Andrew's Catholic Church. They also did weekly volunteer work at the office of Golf Holiday which included volunteering at the annual Dupont/Energizer Senior Open every August, other golf tournaments and golf shows throughout the United States and a special trip to the Irish Open in Killarney for their many years of service.

They moved back to Cumberland in 2003 and resided at the Kensington Assisted Living where he was loved by everyone and received excellent care from the staff. He really enjoyed looking out the window of their 6th floor apartment everyday over downtown Cumberland.

Lovey was survived by his wife of 62 years, Betty who was the love of his life; his daughters, Sharon Mike from Cumberland, and Diane Rice and husband Jerry, from Greenwood, S.C. He was also survived by his sister, Mary Ann of Cumberland; his four grandchildren, Jason Rice, Georgia, Justin Rice, Baltimore, Brian Mike and Melissa Curry of Abingdon, and Bethany Rusenko and husband Mike, Georgia; and his four great-grandchildren, Austin, Julianna, Jaelynn and Jackson.