

**LARRY A. BEAN
KNIGHT OF BEAN SETTLEMENT**

Inducted into the Hall of Fame - 2008

Larry Bean began his jousting career in 1960 at the age of fourteen. He competed in many tournaments in West Virginia as The Knight of Turkey Farm. His call of duty pulled him away from the sport in 1966. After serving as a United States Marine, he relocated to Virginia. He returned to the sport in 2004 to teach his grandson, Jeremy Ruffner. They joined The Knights of the South Branch Valley, competing together and winning top honors in both West Virginia and Virginia.

He returned to competition as The Knight of Bean's Settlement. In 2005 and 2006, he won top honors in such competitions as The West Virginia Poultry Festival and Moorefield Herritage Weekend Joust, which he had also competed in 45 years prior. He also was an honors winner in the 2006 Annual Natural Chimneys Jousting Tournament.

Larry A. Bean of Clearbrook, VA formerly of Baker, West Virginia, presented for induction into the National Jousting Hall of Fame by The Knights of the South Branch Valley.

