

Timothy James Campbell

Knight of Ponderosa IV

Amherst, Virginia

Inducted 2000

At the age of 6, Timothy James Campbell quite naturally became the Knight of Ponderosa IV as the fourth and youngest of the Ponderosa sons of Amherst County, Virginia. Week after week Timmy took to the track as a stiff competitor to his older brothers and the other jousters of Amherst, quickly rising to the top.

In his teens Timmy grew from the role of jousting instructor. His students were his younger nieces and nephews. The classroom was the makeshift track under his mother's clothesline where Timmy taught the ideals of a good eye, a steady hand and sportsmanship as they took turns riding a bicycle, charging for mason jar rings hung from the line with clothespins. Those summertime lessons led many of those nieces and nephews to the real jousting track.

Timmy's contributions to the great sport of jousting didn't stop there. He has helped to sponsor tournaments or prepare the track for the days' event. He will lend his assistance in any way possible for a successful day of jousting.

In 1985, he did more than lend his assistance. When Timmy couldn't make the National Jousting Championship that year, he loaned his horse, Princess, to his eldest brother Roger to ride. Roger went on to win his first National Jousting Championship, thanks in part to Timmy's generosity.

The following spring Timmy picked up and moved on with a new jousting season and a new horse. He continued to show up in the winner's circle, including becoming a Virginia State Jousting Champion. In 1990 he won the National Hall of Fame Jousting Tournament.

Today, Timmy continues his winning ways and contributions to the sport of Jousting. In recognition of such, Timmy earns his place among his peers as he is inducted into the National Jousting Hall of Fame.