

## **Robert Pierce Cotter**

Knight of Sugarloaf  
Dickerson, Maryland  
Inducted 1994

It's not often a jouster can brag that "Hollywood" influenced their early jousting experiences. St. Mary's Catholic Shrine in Barnesville was the site for the 1962 filming of "Lilith" and it featured a segment on jousting. At 14, Rob Cotter was able to participate as a crowd extra and supplier of horses for the movie. Rob saw first-hand the thrill of the sport of jousting. He was thoroughly smitten. With the help of his mentor, Jerome Offutt, Rob rode as the Knight of Sugarloaf and became a familiar figure in Montgomery County, riding his thoroughbred "Thunder" to local events.

Rob's interest in the sport over the past 25 years has been faithful. The long-time chairman of the St. Mary's tournament and now sponsor of the Paul J. Cotter Memorial tournament, Rob has contributed organizational skills, financial support and unwavering energy to all his projects.

A devoted family man, Rob started his oldest daughter jousting in 1983 and convinced his wife to compete in 1986 and now his youngest daughter rides too. The Cotter family is now a familiar sight competing in tournaments and exhibitions throughout Maryland and even into Virginia.

Anyone familiar with Rob will agree that wherever there is a need he will never fail to assist.