

Kenneth Leon Enfield

Knight of Excalibur

Easton, Maryland

Inducted 1997

Born in 1959, Ken started his jousting career, probably quite unwillingly, dressed as a tiny medieval page. As part of the jousting Enfields, Ken has been participating in tournaments all of his life. Riding as the Knight of Little Catocin, Ken's first year of riding at the rings in 1968 was interesting in deed. With several tournaments under his belt, Ken had a spectacular crash at the Keedysville 4-H joust and won a free ride to the local hospital with a concussion. But that didn't stop that punky 9 year old.

By the age of 14 Ken had talked his father into letting him do the medieval re-enactments that were part of the more colorful jousts. Ken's flair for spectacular stunt falls and swordplay delighted many in the crowds at jousts such as the Renaissance Festival, the Mechanicsville Vol. Fire Company jousts, the Maryland State Championships and the National Championship Jousts in Washington, D.C. until 1987 when Ken decided that both he and Misty, his horse, were too old for the rough and tumble play.

29 years later, Ken is a force to be reckoned with in any tournament he participates in. Over the years he has collared numerous wins in the Novice, Amateur, Semi-Professional and Professional classes at jousts throughout Maryland and Virginia. He has won the Maryland State Semi-Pro title three times, is a National Amateur winner and has won the Jousting Hall of Fame Champion title twice. Like his father before him, he claimed the coveted title of United States National Jousting Champion in 1988. In 1994 he followed that title with another prestigious win -- the Maryland State Championship.

Ken is as active in the background as he is on the jousting field. He has served on the Board of Directors of the National Jousting Association, Board of Directors of the Maryland Jousting Tournament Association, Vice President of the Western Maryland Jousting Club and has been President of that club since 1992. In that capacity, Ken has hauled the WMJC's equipment (arches, rings, ropes, stakes, sound system, etc.) to every WMJC joust and exhibition since taking the office of WMJC President. His attention to detail has won him the responsibility for the setup of the jousting course at all national jousting events for several years. In addition to all this, he has arranged and participated in numerous exhibitions for 4-H clubs, riding clubs and pony clubs. Ken was not only born a member of a jousting family, but he will always be a member of the jousting community.

