

DAVID HESS
Knight of Dusty Trails

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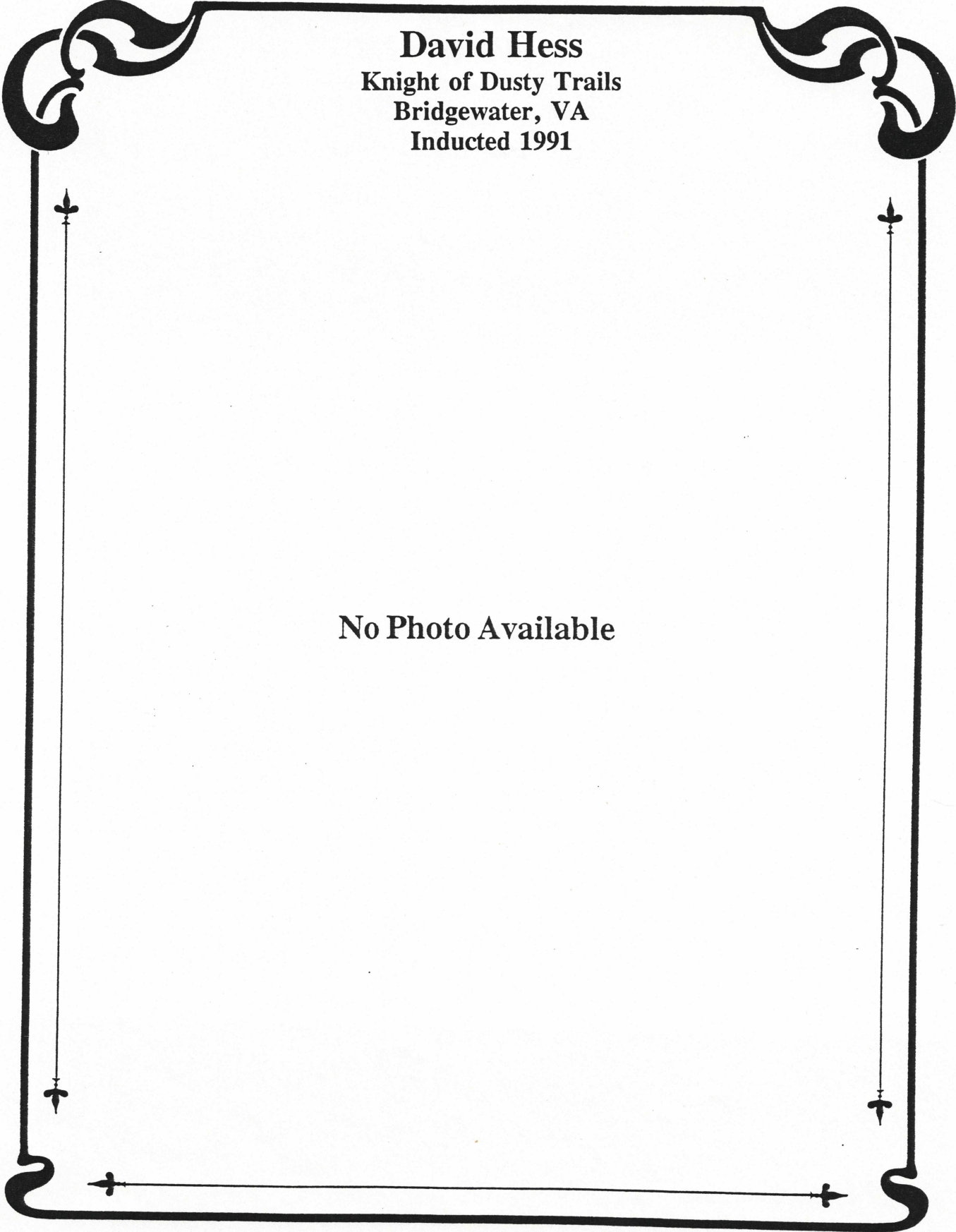
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David Hess was born 1926 and is presently living in Bridgewater, Virginia. His jousting experiences began at the early age of 13, in 1939. Inspired by his friends and neighbors, Mr. Hess started riding in the local jousting tournaments. It did not take but one time to make David a dedicated knight.

His jousting wins included a 1st place at Augusta, Va. and at Natural Chimneys he won 1st place (night tournament) in 1946 and in 1954, 2nd place (day tournament) in 1945, 3rd place (night tournament) in 1944, and 3rd place (day tournament) in 1952. He road in Ed's Park, Orkney Springs, Mt. Jackson, Moorefield, WVA, Marlinton, WVA, Lewisburg, WVA, North River, Churchville, Big Bend, McDowell, Richmond, Amherst, Goochland, Hot Springs, Williamsville, WVA, and Monroe, WVA.

To lose yourself in the history of jousting, one needs only to ask David Hess what it was like to be a Knight and ride in the tournaments. David and his brother, Leo, went to 26 tournaments in one year and he placed in the first 13 tournaments. His enthusiasm is beyond imagination. Mr. Hess gladly shares his experiences and joys alike to anyone wishing to listen. He has help young riders to begin their long journey into this wonderful family sport.

David Hess has contributed his time and talents, along with some helpful ideals to keep jousting alive as we know it today; so it is with special pleasure that he is honored today by being inducted into the National Jousting Hall of Fame.



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