

**Steve Crites**  
Knight of Crites Ranch  
West Virginia  
Inducted 1998

Steve started his jousting career in the early 1960's when he became a member of the Knights of the South Branch Valley. He has always enjoyed horses, either in Jousting or trail riding with friends. Mr. Crites no longer rides, but he still enjoys coming to local jousts and watching or helping out in time of need.

Mr. Crites has participated and won different crowns in the tri-county area of West Virginia, Virginia and Maryland. Most notable are: the West Virginia Poultry Festival, Tri-County Fair, Heritage Weekend, Treasure Mountain Festival, Natural Chimneys and Washington, D.C.

Steve has always helped promote the sport of jousting in the Valley. He has helped new riders become involved with the sport. Steve was a successful jouster whether he won or lost.

The Knights of the South Branch Valley are proud to induct Mr. Steve Crites into the National Jousting Hall of Fame.