

J. W. "BILL" HARTMAN

Knight of Penn Laird

VIRGINIA

Inducted 1982

J. W. "Bill" Hartman began his jousting career at the age of 12, in 1956. In 1958 he won his first crown in a junior tournament at the Big Ben Tournament at Millboro Springs. Since that time he has been a steady competitor in jousting. He has ridden under the knighthood of "Knight of Mt. Solon" and presently the "Knight of Penn Laird". He is known for clearing the starting area very rapidly once his name is called and his big palomino horse is always rearing to go.

Mr. Hartman has contributed to jousting in many ways- by preparing for the Natural Chimneys Tournament for many years, running errands, helping with advertising and soliciting and getting sponsors for the tournaments. He is also treasurer for the National Jousting Hall of Fame.

Mr. Hartman, along with Don Floyd, was responsible for meeting with the Upper Valley Regional Park Authority and establishing a bigger and better jousting tournament for the August joust held at Natural Chimneys. He spends many hours in preparation for both tournaments. When not doing this he is doing what he enjoys most - - helping and teaching young people interested in jousting.

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