



W. Kenneth Johnson, PSD

**Past Supreme Warden,
(1967-1969 / 1st from SC)**

**Vice Supreme Master of the DeSoto Province
(1970-1978 / 1st from SC)**

(1927-2007)

William Kenneth Johnson was born in Charleston, SC. the son of Claude Myron Johnson, Sr., and Mary Kennedy Johnson. He was a 1943 graduate of Bishop England High School. He attended the College of Charleston, served in the US Navy for 2 years and was a 1950 graduate of The Citadel with a BS degree in Civil Engineering. Ken married Martha Cotton in 1951. They had five children and twelve grandchildren. They were communicants of at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Charleston where he served as a Lay Reader, a member of the Building & Finance Committees and helped form the Legion of Mary.

Ken Johnson founded Soil Consultants, Inc. Foundation & Testing Engineers and served as its President from 1951 to 2001. He was a registered Professional Engineer in South Carolina & Georgia and a past president of the SC Society of Engineers. He was a charter member, past president, and lifetime member of the Civil Engineers Club of Charleston. He was a Fellow in the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), past president of its SC Section and the Eastern Branch of ASCE. He was a past chairman of the Citadel CEF Foundation and served on the Advisory Board of the Citadel's Civil Engineering Department.

He was a highly active member in the Knights of Columbus Rev. PN Lynch Council #704 and Assembly #1071. In 1965, Ken was elected the South Carolina State Deputy. and he served two terms. He subsequently served from 1967 until 1969 as Supreme Warden; the first from South Carolina to serve as a Supreme Officer. In 1970, W. Kenneth Johnson was appointed the Vice Supreme Master of the De Soto Province and served for eight years through 1978.

Ken was an ardent supporter of the Boy Scouts of America with over 60 years of service. He was an Eagle Scout, and recipient of the Silver Beaver Award, the St. George Award (Diocese of Charleston), and the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award. He was a "Regent for Life" of the National Eagle Scout Association and served on the Board of the Coastal Carolina Boys Scout Council.

Ken Johnson served as president of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce during the Tri-centennial year of the City of Charleston. He was a past president of the Rotary Club of Charleston and served on the Advisory Committee of BB&T Bank. He was a past president of the American Council of Independent Laboratories (ACIL) and served on the Board for fourteen years. He was honored in 1982 with the Roger Truesdail award for outstanding contributions to the ACIL. In 1989 he received the distinguished service Lewis E. Harris Fellow Award. He was a Founding Director and past president of the Independent Laboratory Assurance Company in Bermuda. He also served on the Board of Hibernian Mutual Insurance Company in Charleston. He served as chairman of numerous non-profit organizations including the United Way Fund, Easter Seals, College of Charleston Foundation Fund, and the Diocese of Charleston Diocesan Development Fund.

William Kenneth Johnson died on July 10, 2007.