



James P Nettles Jr., PSD Tenth District Master 1984-1988 (1942 -)

James Pinckney Nettles Jr. was born May 31, 1942, in Sumter South Carolina. He was the oldest of five children born to the late James P Nettles Sr and Marjorie Blackburn Nettles. He attended Sumter County schools and graduated from Edmunds High School. He attended Belmont Abbey College and graduated from the University of South Carolina. In 1965, he married Elizabeth Brunson who died in 2008 after 43 years of marriage. They had two children and two great grandchildren.

James attended St. Ann's Catholic Church in Sumter, where he served as an Usher, Lector and was in the first group of men commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers by Bishop Unterkoefler. He was appointed to the Diocese Pastoral Board for 8 years. James has now been a member of St Theresa's Catholic Church in Summerville for over 30 years.

He joined the Bishop Henry P Northrup Council #2207 of Sumter in 1967 and the Bishop Henry P Northrup Assembly #1714 of Sumter in January 1969. James served as Treasurer, Program Director, Deputy Grand Knight, and Grand Knight from 1974 to 1976, earning Star Council both years. James was a District Deputy from 1976 to 1980, where he formed seven councils. In 1980, James was elected South Carolina State Deputy and served for two terms. He proposed and made the first \$5,000 check to start the Camp Hope program. James served as State Deputy for the 100th Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus. At the Centennial convention he moved the awards presentations from the Saturday night banquet to a Sunday morning breakfast. South Carolina finished in the top ten jurisdictions each year and in 1982 we gained our first additional delegate to the Supreme Convention.

James served as Faithful Navigator of the Bishop Henry P Northrup Assembly #1714 in Sumter three times. In 1984, James P. Nettles, Jr was elected the tenth South Carolina District Master and served two terms until 1988. As Master, he purchased a pew in St Mary's. Church in New Haven. He visited every Council as State Deputy and every Assembly as Master each year. James has been a continuous member of both the Sumter Council and Assembly for over 50 years and is an Honorary Life Member of each.

James grew up working in family businesses and continued for a few years after college. He worked for CPA firms and then in the environmental field as a vice president or financial officer. He spent 10 years with Laidlaw ending up as National Finance Director. He then formed his own business consulting and tax company and is currently retired from all but family operations.