



## Richard E. Koehler, PSD

Fifteenth District Master

2002-2006

(1933-20 )

Richard E. Koehler was born in Brooklyn, NY, on February 22, 1933. He grew up in Brooklyn and New Rochelle, NY. Richard converted to Catholicism in June 1960, and married Jo Guiliano on August 6, 1960. They had one child and one grandchild. After Jo's death, he married Linda D. Stanfield in August 2, 2003.

Richard Koehler earned an Associated Degree in Business from Southern Union State Junior College in Alabama. He then graduated cum laude from Upper Iowa University, with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

He retired after twenty-one years of naval service as a Chief Petty Officer in Submarine Service. Richard worked as a District Scout Executive for the Boys Scouts of America for 8 years; a Commercial Banking Officer for 7 years, and retired in 1998 as Director of Internal Auditor for the City of Charleston with 14 years of service.

Richard Koehler joined the Knights of Columbus in December 1969 and became a Fourth Degree member in 1987. He was a Grand Knight of Donald J. Godfrey Council #6726 of Hanahan where he achieved STAR Council and was Faithful Navigator of the Richard C. Madden Assembly #1900 in Summerville. He served as District Deputy, State Program Director, and State Advocate, Treasurer, and Secretary. In 1998, Richard was elected South Carolina State Deputy and served two terms, achieving Circle of Honor. In 2002, he was appointed the fifteenth South Carolina Fourth Degree District Master and served two terms through 2006. He continued to serve the State through his involvement as HOPE Foundation Treasure and Third Degree Team,

Richard actively served the Charleston Diocese and was honored by Bishop Robert Baker who presented him the *Papal Cross* from Pope Benedict XVI. A communicant at the Immaculate Conception Church he served as the Parish Finance Chairman, Extra Ordinary Minister, Capital Campaign Chairman, and Committee member of Boy Scout Troop 777.

He is a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. Always an active Scouter, Richard Koehler is an Eagle Scout and Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow. He is the recipient of the Silver Beaver Award, Wood Badge, NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout and District Award of Merit. For several decades, Richard Koehler gave of his time as an adult scout leader for the Charleston area Boy Scout summer camp.