



## F. Roosevelt Cumming, PSD

Sixteenth District Master

2006-2010

(1933-20 )

Franklin Roosevelt Cumming was born in Augusta, GA on January 11, 1937. He grew up in Orangeburg, SC, and New York. After graduating from high school, he attended Midlands Technical College. After graduation, he went to work for the South Carolina House of Representatives and Senate and was soon promoted to supervisor. He retired in December 2004 after 36 years of service.

Roosevelt converted in April 1984 when he and seventy-four others from the Episcopal Church were confirmed into the Roman Catholic Church.

He joined the Knights of Columbus in 1984 joining the Msgr. Martin C. Murphy Council #6847 of East Columbia. In 1966, he became a Fourth Degree member of the Bishop John England Assembly #1072 of Columbia. He served in numerous positions in both his council and assembly including Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator. He served multiple terms as a District Deputy before being elected State Warden in 1994. He was subsequently elected as State Advocate, State Treasurer, and State Secretary. In 2002, Roosevelt Cummings was elected the South Carolina State Deputy and served two terms through 2004.

In 2006, Roosevelt Cummings was appointed the sixteenth South Carolina District Master. He served two terms until 2010. During his term he instituted seven new assemblies, more than any other District Master of South Carolina. He also initiated the first one-day exemplification program for the District.

Roosevelt has received numerous Knights of Columbus awards including: The Navigators Award, Sir Knight of the Year for 1986 and 1993, Supreme Council Award, John Paul II Supreme Council Award. He is an Honorary Life Member of both the Third and Fourth Degree. He was presented the Community Award by the South Carolina State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and a South Carolina House of Representative Resolution recognizing his contributed.

Roosevelt is an active communicant of the St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church in Columbia. He served on the school board, Legion Mary, represents the Right to Life Group, and head of the ushers. He is also a member of the Knights of Peter Claver.

F. Roosevelt Cummings and his wife were married on May 18, 2002, in Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Orangeburg, SC.