John H. Knightly 1921 - 2004



A 1938 graduate of East High School, John also attended Kansas University and Wichita University. He was a civilian flight instructor for the Army Air Corp during WWII. John was president and owner of Knightley Parking Garage, building the first modern high-rise parking garage in Kansas in 1949. He was the President of D. R. Lauck Oil Company and served as president for Greater Downtown Wichita, Inc. and Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association (KIOGA). He was on the board of directors for Independent Petroleum Association of America, Wichita Petroleum Club and Wichita Country Club. John was director of the Royal Order of Jesters, a member of Blue Lodge and Wichita Consistory, Kansas Oil and Gas Hall of Fame and was also an Eastborough City Council member.

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