



## *Knights of Columbus*

**St. Joseph Council, No. 8417  
P.O. Box 242  
Waxahachie, Texas 75168  
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June 26, 2014

### **In Memoriam – Lee D. Douville, May 26, 1932 – June 16, 2014**

#### **Brother Knights,**

On Saturday June 14, Brother Sir Knight Lee Davis Douville passed out and collapsed in his home town of New Orleans while visiting family and friends. Lee was in Church at his home parish of St. Maria Goretti when he collapsed shortly before Mass began. The presiding priest gave him Last Rites, and he was rushed to the hospital. Lee was revived and treated, and his condition improved on Sunday. But early Monday morning June 16, Lee's heart gave out and he died peacefully. Lee was 82.

Lee was a much loved and highly respected member of St. Joseph's Parish, Council 8417 in Waxahachie, and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly 2265 in Ennis. He was very devoted to the Blessed Mother and the Rosary, which he led before each Council meeting. He donated numerous copies of the Scriptural Rosary booklet to Council members as well as to the Altar Society.

Lee's viewing and Rosary were held on Monday morning June 23 followed by the Mass of Christian Burial, with Father Michael Guadagnoli presiding. Since Lee had served his country as a loadmaster in the Air Force for 23 years, rising to the rank of Senior Master Sergeant, he was interred at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Military Cemetery. (See details of Lee's military service on page 4.)

Many thanks to Lee's five Brother Knights of Council 8417, who each said one decade of the Glorious Mysteries of Lee's beloved Scriptural Rosary. These brothers were:

- Mike Becker
- George Grmela
- Joe Kuharczyk
- Ed Maher
- John O'Brien

A sincere thank you also to the six members of 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly 2265 Color Corps, who turned out in full regalia to honor Sir Knight Lee:

- Guadalupe Landin (Faithful Navigator, PGK, Council 12964, Ferris)
- John Casarez (Color Corps Commander)
- Glenn Beck
- Ron Naizer
- Stan Holcomb
- Tal Tallett



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**Officers for Fraternal Year 2014 – 2015**

June 26 was the last meeting for Fraternal Year 2013 – 2014. Thanks to all who served as officers for the past year. Your faithful and hard work made this a very successful year.

We elected our new officers for Fraternal Year 2014 – 2015 on May 23. The Installation of Officers will be held at the Waxahachie KC Hall at 6:30 pm on July 10, presided over by District Deputy Carl Wessels. A motion was made and seconded that we have a dinner for 80, including members and their families, to be catered by Cancun’s Mexican Restaurant, with the cost not to exceed \$1,000. The motion passed. Officers for the new year are:

**Elected Officers:**

- Perry Popp, Grand Knight
- Larry Green, Deputy, Grand Knight
- Thomas Buford, Treasurer
- James Pertll, Chancellor
- Johnny Rodriguez, Advocate
- Mike Becker, Warden
- John O’Brien, Recorder
- Glenn Beck, 3-Year Trustee
- Ron Naizer, 2-year Trustee
- John Casarez, 1-year Trustee
- Don Schmitt, Inside Guard
- Joe Kucharczyk, Outside Guard

**Appointed Officers:**

- Stan Holcomb, Financial Secretary
- Hugh Reynolds, Lecturer
- Paul Vinton, Membership Director

**Chaplain:**

- Rev. Father Martin Moreno, Pastor of St. Joseph Parish

Thanks to all who stepped forward to serve our Council in the coming New Year.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Thomas Buford praised our Worthy Grand Knight Glenn Beck for his outstanding financial leadership during the past two years. Thomas reported on the Council’s current finances as follows:

- Knights of Columbus Account: \$ 3,328
- Knights Columbian Club Account: \$10,528
- Knights Capital Account: \$11,552
- TOTAL:** \$25,408



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### **Pro-Life Activities**

Hugh Reynolds reported that the Parish Pro-Life Group will meet on Sunday June 29 in the school cafeteria to finalize plans for the Holy Hour and Fortnight for Freedom. On July 3, we will have a Eucharistic Holy Hour service in the Church from 6:60 to 7:30 pm. Deacons Dennis Bryant and Hugo Monsanto will preside. The Pro-Life Group and Council 8417 are sponsoring a hot dog dinner immediately following the service. Greg Fitzhugh will coordinate preparations for the dinner but will need some help from the Knights to set up and clean up.

### **Casino News**

Larry Green thanked all involved with previous casinos and reported on a casino scheduled for August at the University of North Texas, Dallas campus. He said he will sending out an email with details and manpower needs and suggested we also check our spam folders—just in case.

### **Fourth Degree Report**

Hugh again thanked the members of the Color Corps who served at Lee Douville's Rosary and also as pallbearers at the funeral Mass. We will continue to honor Lee by reciting the Scriptural Rosary before our Council meetings. Hugh reported that he had given Lee's widow Lorraine a Knights of Columbus Rosary at the viewing. She asked Hugh to place the Rosary in Lee's fingers so he could be buried with his beloved Rosary wrapped around his hands.

Respectfully Submitted, Your Worthy Recorder and Scribe,

John O'Brien and Hugh Reynolds



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# Lee D. Douville

**Branch of Service:** U.S. Air Force

**Dates of Service:** Sept. 1952 – Jan. 1975 (23 years)

**Locations of Service:** Barksdale AFB, Shreveport, LA;  
Holloman AFB, Alamogordo, NM;  
Francis E. Warren AFB, Cheyenne, WY;  
Naval Air Station, New Orleans, LA

**Highest Rank Achieved:** Senior Master Sergeant

**Occupational Specialty:** Loadmaster - C-130 Aircraft



C-130 Hercules

**Medals, Awards:** Good Conduct Medal, (other medals and records lost in Hurricane Katrina)

**Description of Service:** Lee served as Loadmaster for the C-130 Cargo Aircraft. His duties included loading and unloading cargo, hauling troops, dropping paratroopers, and balancing loads so they would not shift and unbalance the aircraft during takeoff and flight and risk causing a crash.