



# *Knights of Columbus*

## *Deacon Lee R. Hurst*

### *Assembly No. 2183*

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## *Navigator's Log*

### *Officers for the Year 2007/2008.*

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| Faithful Friar          | Rev. Stephen Kenny |
| Faithful Navigator      | John E. Stratman   |
| Faithful Captain        | David Zwissler     |
| Faithful Admiral        | Joe Orsak          |
| Faithful Pilot          | Patrick T. Casey   |
| Faithful Scribe         | Jay G. Cotton      |
| Faithful Purser         | Tony J. Neri       |
| Faithful Inter Sentinel | George D. Poprik   |
| Faithful Outer Sentinel | Jose Ibarra, Jr.   |
| Faithful Comptroller    | George R. Yohanek  |
| Faithful Trustees:      |                    |
| One-Year                | J "Dan" Martini    |
| Two-Year                | Ike J. Davidson    |
| Three-Year              | Paul J. Di Bartolo |
| Color Corps Commander   | J. "Dan" Martini   |

***"My grace is sufficient for you..."*** - 2 Cor: 12:9

If you are older than 35, you may recall the early days of the space program. I remember the early spacecraft launch with John Glenn. One of the most exciting and tense moments of his return to earth was his reentry to the earth's atmosphere. I recall the diagram on television of the heat shield on the capsule that had to withstand incredible temperatures to avoid complete destruction. There was a blackout period for several minutes in which mission control had no radio contact. He was in the "black hole." It was a tense time. Either he would make it through, or the spacecraft would burn up in the atmosphere. There were several minutes of silence that seemed like an eternity. Then, mission control shouted with joy when they reestablished contact with the spacecraft. It was a time of rejoicing.

Have you ever had a time when you were in a spiritual black hole in your life? I have. The

pressure was unbearable. No sense of God's presence. No sense of anything going on around me. God was about as far away as the man in the moon - at least from my perspective. I think every Christian who is called to make a significant difference in his world experiences times like these. These are the times when we question the reality of God, the love of God, the personal care of God. And He demonstrates to us that He was there all the time. These are "faith experiences" that God does in every person who is called to a higher level of relationship with Him. These times are needful in order to know that we have the "heat shield" that can withstand the incredible heat that comes when we follow Him with a whole heart - a heart that is radical in a commitment to fully follow His ways.

The apostle Paul asked God to remove the heat from his own life one time. God's answer was not what he wanted to hear...But He said to me, My grace (My favor and loving-kindness and mercy) is enough for you [sufficient against any danger and enables you to bear the trouble manfully]; for My strength and power are made perfect (fulfilled and completed) and show themselves most effective in [your] weakness. Therefore, I will all the more gladly glory in my weaknesses and infirmities, that the strength and power of Christ (the Messiah) may rest (yes, may pitch a tent over and dwell) upon me! (2 Corinthians 12:9 AMP)

How's your heat shield today? Can it withstand the heat that would want to burn up everything in your life not based in Him? Christ said, "My grace is sufficient." Is that really true in your life? Let His grace be your shield today. The flickering Sanctuary Candle reminds us the Master is home, we are welcome anytime.

**Respectfully Sir Knight,  
John E. Stratman  
Faithful Navigator**

**FOCUS TIME**

**What a great thing would you attempt if you knew you would not fail? ~ R. H. Schuler**

**COMMITTEES**

The goal of these committees is to strengthen our past accomplishments and to gain fraternal momentum through personal and written communications, programs, visibility and participation.

Our momentum and strength is visibility through participation. To do nothing takes us no where and benefits no one.

**WORK-IN-PROGRESS**

**CHURCH - Mike Mc Cusker 753-0159**

Support for religious vocations and needs, programs assisting in restoring old churches and schools, , vocation programs, speaking against assisted suicide and support Right to Life.

**COLOR CORPS - John Haluska 757-4368 Jerry Glaser**

**Sir Knights with full regalia please contact Dan Martini to confirm your correct e-mail and telephone number.** Special requests for the Color Corps or Honor Guard for church services, special Masses, wakes, funerals, dedications, parades, exemplification and Patriotic community and business ceremonies.

**COMMUNICATIONS - John Duffy 937-4154**

**Web-site [www.deaconleerhurst.org](http://www.deaconleerhurst.org)** Up-dating our E-mail directory, phone tree, mail list, member survey, Assembly meeting time and activities for publication in church bulletins, magazine, newspaper, KC Councils and Assemblies, where appropriate in the media.

**COUNTRY - Ed Wiseman 388.2496**

Veterans Program, free flags for churches and schools, supporting and promoting our National Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, sponsoring an essay contest on patriotism, donating books, records and other educational materials to schools

**SOCIAL - Barton Joseph 380-1630**

Wives Appreciation and Award Dinner, Christmas Right To Life Pot Luck Dinner, Tunica trip, ball game, speakers at meetings or dinner, special social activities.

**THE ORDER - James Montgomery 266-0300**

The Eucharistic Celebration, Marion Adoration 40-Hour Devotion, Corporate Mass, Blue Mass, Mass of Thanksgiving, and Veterans Memorial Mass, visiting the sick, presenting a "Resolution of Condolence" to deceased family members, spiritual retreats and increase membership/admissions.

**This outline is not intended to be all-inclusive. It needs additional ideas from the total Assembly. Your help and suggestions will be greatly appreciated. Please give the committee Chairman a call and offer a few minutes of your talents and skills.**

## **RECENT EVENTS**

**1-St. Philip the Apostle Church approved for a Knights Council. Plans are to draw them into this Assembly.**

2- Attendance for funeral visitation for Sid Valadie:

Pat Casey, David Zwissler, John King, George Yohanek, John Stratman, Les Harter, Jerry Orcholski, Frank Baldoni, Jim Sdoia, Joe Orsak, Tony Neri, Elmer, Byron Nestler, Danny Doyle, Keith Wade,

John Prudhomme, John Haluska. Attendance for the funeral Mass were: John Prudhomme, Les Harter, David Zwissler, Keith Wade, Jim Sdoia, Tony Neri, Bryon Nestler, Joe Orsak, John King, Terry Glaser,

Jerry Ocholski, David Crowder, John Haluska.

**3- Attendance for funeral of "Teena" Spencer, wife of Tom Spencer:**

**Hurst Assy; John King, John Haluska, Joe Orsak, Ray Meadows, Byron Nestler,**

**Leppert Assy; Terry Gallagher, George Hertz,**

**Stritch Assy; John Prudhomme, Bill Maier, Tommy Spencer, Mac Macdonald,**

**Bob Patrone, Jim Betlinski, Elmer Scheidhauer**

## **COMING EVENTS**

**1-April 25-28 Tennessee State Convention**

2-March 7, 8, 9, St. Francis Men's Retreat, make the time to get closer to our Creator

**3- Read the Bible from your computer.... <http://www.drbo.org/>**

4- St. Ann will have a Corporate mass every quarter

**5-Pray for our seminarian Kevin Stockbridge.**

## **HONOR GUARD COMING EVENTS**

No scheduled calls for Honor Guard at this time.

### **Happy Birthday to all those noted below**

Andrew Carter-02/01; John Orr-02/02; Stanley Miekick1-02/06; Harold Smith-02/09;

John Ross-02/11; Edward Bonham-02/13; Tom Eby-02/17; Greg L. Schmidt-02/21;

James Scully-02/18; Thomas Willet-02/26; Tom Griesmer-02/27.

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# **DEACON LEE R. HURST ASSEMBLY**

**February Meeting**

**Monday the 25th**

St. Ann Bartlett, Bartlett, TN

Fr. McGivney Hall

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