Faithful Navigator’s Compass
Brother Knights,

How fast this fraternal season has gone by and what a joy to have been your Navigator! I am looking forward to see what the new year will bring. As Memorial Day is at hand, let us remember the sacrifices of others to keep us all free. They gave.....for us! Let us never forget their sacrifices!

Thanks to all who stood this month! All these standings and so much support; kudos to you, gentlemen. We welcome our new transfers: Former Master Mark Hasselgrave, SK Obie Obregon, and Deacon Lonnie. We are so blessed to have y'all onboard! Hope to see you all at the next meeting and at the upcoming installation dinner on June 9th.

Remember gentlemen........what you receive from being a Knight, is directly proportional to what you bring to the table. Be active, and be ever diligent to stand for what is right!

FN Michael Walker
Captain’s Corner

As this is my last Captain’s Corner, I would like to say that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Captain for the fraternal year 2016 – 2017. I want to thank all the officers for their tireless and dedicated support they have offered throughout the year. Truly, without them, we would not have been able to achieve all of our accomplishment this time. I feel it has been a successful year, and all of you have been instrumental in my success.

Last not but not least I would like to thank my special Lady Knight Angelica Romero for helping me with all the events this year because without her this would not have been possible.

Brother Knights I want to remind you again that on Friday, June 9, 2017, we will be having our installation of officers and awards banquet at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church’s parish center. The installation will begin at 7:30 p.m. and dinner will follow afterward. Our dinner will be catered by Risckys and the menu consists of the following: brisket, chicken, beans, coleslaw, potato salad, roll, tea, and peach cobbler for desert. If you plan on attending I need to know ASAP to confirm to Risckys an accurate head count. You can sign up and pay at our next meeting which will be on Wednesday, June 7, 2017. If you will not be in attendance but would like to sign up please reach out to me by phone, text, or email.

Thank you and God Bless

Faithful Captain

Adrian Romero SR.
The Pope Urges Trump to Protect Peace and the Planet

*(this story originally appeared on May 24)*

At the Vatican on Wednesday, President Donald Trump met with Pope Francis.

The third leg of Trump’s first overseas trip, the stop in the Vatican always carried the potential for an awkward encounter, after the two men rhetorically skirmished during the presidential campaign.

But there were few fireworks as the two met privately for around 30 minutes, and exchanged gifts. Trump gave Pope Francis a first-set edition of the books of Martin Luther King, Jr, as well as a bronze statue by a Florida artist called “Rising Above,” apparently meant to signify a peaceful tomorrow. Pope Francis gave Trump a medallion in the shape of an olive tree, the symbol of peace (“We can use peace,” Trump said), and also his own writings on family, “the joy of the gospel,” and “care of our common home, the environment.”

The last one — the Pope’s 2015 encyclical on climate change and the environment, the year he addressed the United Nations — tells rich nations they must pay their debt to their poorer counterparts to deal with our common “ecological crisis.”

If Trump ever read “Laudato Si,” he hasn’t shown it. In March, he signed an executive order to kill former President Barack Obama’s Clean Power Plan. He has also proposed drastic cuts to the Environmental Protection Agency, has airbrushed most references to climate change out of government websites, and is reportedly considering pulling the United States out of the Paris agreement.

Of the writings, Trump said, “Well, I’ll be reading them.”

Trump described his visit with Pope Francis as “fantastic” and the “honor of a lifetime.” (Trump has felt much of the trip was an honor — indeed, he called his visit to Israel’s official Holocaust memorial, Yad Vashem, “a great honor.”)

“He is something,” Trump said in response to a question from the Associated Press. The sentiment, it is safe to assume, was mutual.

**RELATED VIDEO:** [https://yhoo.it/2r1fTcB](https://yhoo.it/2r1fTcB)
Melania and Ivanka Trump Follow Vatican Dress Code and Wear Black Veils to Visit the Pope

(this story originally appeared on May 24)

Visiting the Vatican on Wednesday, first lady Melania Trump and first daughter and presidential advisor Ivanka Trump wore long-sleeve black dresses with veils, in accordance with the traditional dress code for women at the headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church.

The fact that the Trump women decided to conform to the fashion policies for a private papal audience meeting is somewhat surprising. Pope Francis himself has actually been vocal regarding his desire to see the Vatican’s dress code eased.

And the sartorial protocols — which have for centuries asked women to wear a long-sleeve black dress and a black veil for meeting privately with the pope — have been as of late. Case in point: When the Duchess of Cornwall visited last month, she wore a pale gold dress with a hemline that covered her knees, and no veil. While this was at first seen as a faux pas, a spokesperson explained at the time that “Things have become more relaxed over the last few years there are no hard and fast rules.”

Previously, the only deviation from the dress code was allowed for those given a “privilège du blanc” — or “privilege of white” — in which certain royal women from certain Catholic countries are required to wear white dresses and veils for meeting His Holiness. There are now only seven women who technically qualify: Queen Sofia of Spain; Queen Paula of Belgium; Maria Teresa, Grand Duchess of Luxembourg; Charlene, Princess of Monaco; Queen Mathilde of Belgium; Queen Letizia of Spain, and Marina, Princess of Naples.

In the past, first ladies have adhered to the all-black rule; Melania Trump’s predecessor, Michelle Obama, wore a black dress and black veil to meet Pope Francis’s predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI, in 2009. During his time in the papacy, Benedict made no indications that he wished to see the Vatican dress code amended.

Melania and Ivanka Trump’s decision to follow to a now-relaxed convention is an interesting move after both opted to not wear veils while visiting Saudi Arabia last week, despite the fact that the country’s Islamic citizens are required by law to veil in public. (It should be noted that the women did not visit any specifically religious landmarks while in the kingdom; however, it is governed by Sharia law.)

And at Yad v’Shem in Israel, while Melania and Ivanka Trump wore white dresses to visit the Holocaust memorial — considered by many to be a sacred site — the first lady’s dress was sleeveless and showed her shoulders, something many considered inappropriate.

Also while in Israel, Ivanka opted to cover her head to visit the Western Wall, one of the most sacred sites in Judaism. Ivanka, who converted to Judaism before marrying Jared Kushner in 2009 and is raising her three children in the Orthodox Jewish tradition, also covered her shoulders and knees with every outfit change throughout the trip. Melania Trump, on the other hand, left her head bare for the visit to the holy site and wore a white suit with a low neckline and a skirt with a slit up the front.
Birthdays

1st
SK Roy Simpson, Jr.

5th
SK Bill White

10th
SK Norberto Poquiz

11th
SK John Dugan

12th
SK David Frye

13th
SK Tony Molina

15th
SK Ronald Hawk

16th
SK Waldemar Knasiak

17th
SK Charles Parr

19th
SK Wayne Glennon

20th
SK Joseph Glover

22nd
SK Ronald Kreipe, Jr.

23rd
SK Alfredo Falter

25th
SK Domingo Enriquez

26th
SK Matthew Casey

29th
SK Most Rev. Michael Olsen

Prayer Requests

All military personnel, Police, Fire, & EMTs
Rita Girard
Rae Garner
Virginia Carden
Susan Jackowski
Roxann Baiamonte
Courtne Kaczmarski
Roosevelt Richardson
Vera Richardson
Jesse Alegría
Pauline White
Katalaia Bresino
Bobbi Lockwood
Lonnie Brown
Cynthia Hernandez
Valerie Johnson
Lucy Johnson
Johnny Johnson

Repose of Souls

All military personnel lost in past and present conflicts
Linda Siebold
Krista Novak
Note from the outgoing Trustee

Brother Sir Knights and Families,

Eight years ago (if I remember correctly) I started my journey up the steps and through the chairs of the Knights of Columbus, 4th degree General Worth Assembly officer positions. I knew a little of what my journey would entail; I had paid close attention to what the Officers were doing at the meetings but probably not close enough.

As I moved up to a different Officer position it did not take me very long to figure out where my journey was taking me. The duties and functions of each Officer position, set the stage and guide lines for the next position in front of me until I reached my goal of "Faithful Navigator". What an honor and privilege to have been asked to start my journey some 8 years ago.

Once I reached my goal of "Faithful Navigator" the journey was not complete. The next 4 Officer positions was the last leg of my journey and also a culmination of one of the best if not the best parts of my life.

Did I make my journey by myself or on my own, indeed not. I had the help and guidance of many of the Knights that had gone the same journey I am about to complete with my Trustee 1 year coming to a close in June.

I owe and want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all the members of the General Worth Assembly, for their confidence, help, support and backing during my tenure of Officership in the General Worth Assembly.

I have taken several lengthy journeys in my life and I hold this one with the Knights of Columbus, 4th degree General Worth Assembly as one of the top most enlightening, informative, gratifying and challenging journeys of my life; at the very top is my 30 years in the United States Air Force.

Again, a big thank you to all who helped me along the way and to complete my journey.

Many Blessings to All.

S K Donald W. Grannan PFN
General Worth Assembly 1089.
Ft. Worth, Texas.

Color Corps Report

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Upcoming Honor Guards & Standings

June 26 – St. Patrick Cathedral @ 7pm

More information can be found on the “Event Calendar” on the Assembly website @ http://kofcknights.org/Assembly.asp?A=1089
Upcoming Events
June 4 – Pentecost
June 9 – Installation of Officers @ St. Peter’s (7pm)
June 14 – Flag Day
June 18 – Father’s Day
June 21 – First Day of Summer
July 4 – Independence Day

Meetings
Planning Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of every month and Business Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, both at 7:30pm in the back of the Msgr. Joseph O’Donohoe Council #4709 building located at 3809 Yucca Street.

There’s An App for that…
Having trouble remembering the Mysteries and various prayers of the Holy Rosary. There are numerous apps to help guide you through saying the Rosary available for download to your mobile device. Try one out today!

Help the Victims of the East Texas Tornadoes
Go to http://www.tkofc.org, scroll down, and click on "Donate Now". Scroll down the next page to the "Disaster Relief Fund" section and click on "More". Click on the "Donate To Disaster Relief Fund" button on the next page. Once you finally get to the donation page, enter all your details and make sure you put "East Texas Tornadoes" in the memo section.

Membership
If there are any changes to your address, phone number, etc., please notify the Faithful Comptroller at dgfs57@hotmail.com or by calling 254-339-3645.
Assembly Officers for the 2016-17 Fraternal Year

Friar
Fr. Jerome Ward

Faithful Navigator
SK Michael Walker

Captain
SK Adrian Romero, Sr.

Pilot
SK Ron Harris

Comptroller
SK David Siebold

Purser
SK John Achtyl

Scribe
SK Emmanuel Ogidan

Inner Sentinel
SK Greg Krumme

Outer Sentinel
SK Nick Siebold

Admiral
SK Tommy Jones, Sr., PFN

3rd Year Trustee
SK Bruce Mallory, PFN

2nd Year Trustee
SK Bill Mechura, PFN

1st Year Trustee
SK Don Grannan, PFN

Color Corps Commander
SK John Achtyl

Deputy Color Corps Commander
SK John Lella, PFN
SK Greg Krumme

Historian
SK Mike Smerick, PFN

Deputy Historian
SK Lonnie Brown, PFN

Parliamentarian
SK Lawrence Bierschenk, PFN