

August 28, 2025

Dear Brothers and Friends:

As I sat down to write this letter yesterday, I was interrupted by the terrible news of the school shooting at The Parish of the Annunciation. As a former Catholic School Principal, I was shocked, saddened, and angered by this heinous event. The opening of school mass is always a day of joy and anticipation as students, families, teachers, administrators, staff, and parishioners join to thank God, our Father, for His Blessings and assistance in making this the best school year ever. The desecration of this sacred day is hard to fathom. It is impossible to find a reason for it, except that there are evil forces always at work in our world, and we must pray to God our Father for guidance and direction to combat the forces of evil and make the world a better place. We, as Knights of Columbus, know that our mission is to make our church, our communities, our councils, our great country, and the world a holier, more peaceful, and kinder place. We pray for Annunciation Parish and hope that the healing hand of God, Our Father, will help them to persevere and heal from their terrible wounds.

It is difficult to discuss regular business while we, as a church and a nation, grieve this significant loss. So, I will keep it short. Our next regular council meeting is Monday, September 8. The repast will be at 7 pm, and the meeting will begin at 8 pm, followed by a social hour. Preparation for our golf outing is also in full swing. Please visit our website at kofc821.org for more details.

We will keep the Parish of the Annunciation on our prayer list for the entire Columbian Year, and seek an appropriate way to provide a gift to assist them in their recovery.

I wish you and yours a peace-filled Labor Day Weekend and try to remember what is truly important in life.

Vivat Jesus,

GK Gene Fennell

Gene Fennell

REMEMBER-PRAY for PEACE-PRAY for LIFE!