



Arizona State Council Knights of Columbus

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Brother Knights:

In February 2009 a Summit was held to look at the importance of volunteering. Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, in his speech titled A Nation of Neighbors Helping Neighbors said this, "Now is the time to reclaim the best of the American spirit and build a nation of neighbors helping neighbors. Some in our country, it seems safe to say, lost sight of who their neighbor is. But all of us here today know very well the answer to the question."

As Knights, we embrace the importance of volunteering and positively impacting our communities. We are leaders in our respective parishes, frequently active on parish grounds and involved directly or indirectly with most ministries. We have a strong commitment to volunteering.

While volunteering, we must ensure that the communities in which we serve are safe and secure. We accomplish this by upholding the Diocesan Safe Environment requirements. In particular, I urge you to remain current in your educational training.

These courses provide important information that helps keep us observant and vigilant. It is similar to the CPR renewals, you never hope that you're going to need it, but if necessary, you have current information to draw upon. Attendance at Safe Environment Training classes provides you with current information. So, please take the time now to review your training status and update if necessary.

Let us stand united with our Bishops, and ensure a Safe Environment for all that we serve. I thank you for your ongoing service to the parishes and communities at large.

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization, with membership at over 1.8 million; through our volunteer efforts we are making an enormous impact for this world. As Carl Anderson says, as Knight "we know who our neighbors are."

Vivat Jesus,

Bryant R. Sayers
State Deputy

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