



Fellow Knights,

As all you are aware, we have experienced yet another natural disaster which has affected tens of thousands in the state including many of our brother Knights.

At this time, I am requesting that you send names and as much information as you can provide (e.g., phone number, email, address) of any brother Knight that you know of that was impacted by the flooding we just experienced. I am asking you email this information to George Martin (pgkddgsm7557@gmail.com) and Al Dupre (laffadupre@yahoo.com). They will compile that information and get it to those councils, brother Knights, and others who wish to help with their recovery effort.

A number of Councils have asked what was needed at this time and indicated that they were ready when needed. Until the water recedes, a lot cannot be done for the impacted communities. Once they are able to get back to their homes and communities, I feel certain sites will be open where food and other items will be needed, and we will work to make all aware of needs that want to provide those types of items.

Also, for those that want to make monetary donations, I am requesting that those donations be sent to the State Council. We will then distribute all of these funds for the recovery efforts. Doing this will allow us to track these funds and request additional funds from the Supreme Council. I am presently working with the coordinator at Supreme. All donations should be sent to our State Secretary, Rennan Duffour, at 96 Duhe Street, Hahnville, LA 70057.

I will update all as we gather information including how much money we have received.

This will be a very stressful and trying time for many. I am confident that we will place our first principal of Charity into action and make a positive impact on individuals and communities. I have this confidence since you have demonstrated this many times over the years.

Please continue to pray for all who have been impacted by this event as well as those that are aiding them.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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State Deputy