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Memorandum for Lodges

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Subject: MSA Request for Assistance for Louisiana

The Grand Lodge has received a request from the Masonic Service Association of North America to provide Masonic Assistance to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana because of the devastating storms and floods that have ravaged the area.

The Grand Lodge of Louisiana has reported that two Lodge buildings have been heavily flooded, and the building of the Scottish Rite Valley of Baton Rouge, which houses an additional three Lodges, incurred a significant amount of flooding and damage. For example, Baton Rouge received 19 inches of rain in just 15 hours.

More than the buildings, many Masons and Masonic families are among the 100,000 displaced. Recovery is expected to take months, and the lack of good communication is still causing issues in finding information and victims.

I am now asking you to join with others in helping a sister Jurisdiction as it deals with this serious natural disaster. The Masonic Service Association (MSA, a 501.c.3 charitable Organization) has established a Disaster Relief Fund for Louisiana, with all donations received to be transferred directly to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana for distribution to those in need.

You may help in several ways. You may make your check payable to **MSA Disaster Relief Fund** and send to: Masonic Service Association, 3905 National Drive, Suite 280, Burtonsville, MD 20866. Please mark checks, "*Louisiana Appeal*."

You may also make your donation from the MSA'S webpage - www.msana.com -- with the use of a credit card. Such donations allow relief funds to be available sooner.

You may also send your gift to the Grand Lodge of Washington or Washington Masonic Charities, who will forward all noted (Louisiana Appeal) contributions to the MSA.

Let us together pray that the Great Architect of the Universe watch over and protect the Brethren and citizens of this stricken Jurisdiction in their time of need.

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