

# The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina



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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Most Worshipful Michael Smith  
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HURRICANE HARVEY APPEAL LETTER

TO BE READ AT YOUR NEXT LODGE MEETING

Brethren All.

We have seen the tragic impact the Hurricane Harvey had on the Gulf Coast of Texas and Louisiana. Severe Flooding has resulted in massive displacement and damage in the region.

We have received notification from the Grand Lodge of Texas requesting assistance for disaster relief for members and communities in Texas. Our brethren in Texas need our assistance.

I am issuing the Appeal for Assistance to all Lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction to aid and assist our brethren in Texas. As you may recall, our Grand Lodge was provided over \$ 100,000 to aid and assist our members and Lodges from the Masonic Service Association of North America. We have a chance to show our strength and support with our support.

As a matter of early support, your Charity and Disaster Relief board, composed of your elected Grand Lodge progressive line, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, have allocated an immediate gift from our fund to assist now and to show our support.

I am asking each Lodge to contribute by one of the following methods, direct vote to contribute, appeal letter to your members, or a community fund raising event with all proceeds to go to Disaster Relief. Please forward your contribution to the Grand Lodge of South Carolina Charity and Disaster Relief Fund and mailed to the Grand Lodge Office. This is a 501 (c) 3 charity and individual contribution are tax deductible.

Please let your DDGM know what your Lodge will do to support this appeal.

Sincerely and Fraternaly

Michael Smith  
Grand Master

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