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DISASTER APPEAL FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

A drenching rainstorm hovered over South Carolina for much of the first week of October, pouring up to two feet of water onto some sections of the State. Rivers overflowed, dams were breached, roadways were flooded, and homes and businesses were inundated with water, causing severe damage, if not complete destruction.

The storm, described by a meteorologist as “unprecedented and historic,” qualifies as a 1000-year event. Officials said damage would exceed billions of dollars across the state, with the state capital in Columbia and historic Charleston, being among the hardest hit. Recovery is expected to take months, if not longer.

At least one Lodge building – Fort Jackson in Columbia, where membership is heavily composed of active duty military personnel – has been virtually destroyed. Other Lodges, plus the homes of many Masonic brothers have been seriously damaged and the toll to life and property is still being assessed.

Maine Masonic Charitable Foundation, working with other Grand Lodges through Masonic Service Association of North America, has established a Disaster Relief Fund for South Carolina, with all donations that are received to be transferred directly to the Grand Lodge of South Carolina for distribution to those in need.

Please forward to the MMCF such donations which you feel appropriate to help our devastated Brothers, their families, and others in this stricken jurisdiction.

Please make checks payable to MMCF and send to: Grand Lodge of Maine, PO Box 430, Holden, ME 04429. Please mark checks “South Carolina Appeal,” donations may be made on the MMCF webpage – www.masoniccharitablefoundation.org – with the use of a credit card. Such donations allow relief to be available sooner.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'David A. Walker'.

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