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To: Georgia Elks Lodge Exalted Rulers and Secretaries impacted by Hurricane Helene. From: Dan Tatum, President, Georgia Elks Association Cliff Arden, Char, Ga. Elks Disaster Relief Committee

The Georgia Elks Association has established a fund to aid Georgia Lodges and Members severely impacted by Hurricane Helene late last month. The funds have been donated by Lodges, Membership, and the Georgia Elks Association for the purpose of providing Helene Impact Relief.

We realize this recovery may be a long process for our Lodges and Members. The funds raised for Helene Impact Relief can be used to cover insurance deductibles, clean-up, repairs, or rebuilding, including materials and labor. Other uses will also be considered.

What specifically do you need to help get your Lodge facilities repaired? Lodge repairs will be the first priority for the fund distribution. Please submit a separate petition for relief for your Lodge impact relief.

The petition for relief and the fund distribution to Members will be the responsibility of the Lodge Relief Committee. This is to ensure the Member's name and needs remain confidential. The Lodge Relief Committee will present a narrative request identifying the needs of the Member. The member should be given a letter of Identification [Example "Marietta (A)"]. Do not provide the committee with the Members' names. We suggest you email the Petition for Relief to: whalen315@aol.com. If you must mail the address is Georgia Elks Association, 315 5th Street, Griffin Ga. 30224.

Tim Whalen will distribute the narrative requests to the Helene Fund Relief Committee Members for consideration and approval for fund distribution.

A check will be sent to the Lodge Secretary for the Members identified and selected to receive assistance. Each Member Letter will be identified at the bottom of the check. The Lodges will distribute checks to the members under strict Relief confidentiality requirements. The narrative should include the statement "The Lodge will comply with the petition and the funds allocated for each member".

Please reach out to either Dan or Cliff for additional information or clarification.

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