

We have all seen the unimaginable devastation along the Gulf Coast as a result of Hurricane Katrina and I have heard many good ideas as to how we might help. Along those lines I am forwarding a message from our State Deputy Mike Lazzuri asking that those councils wanting to make monetary donations or who have been collecting money for the relief efforts bring those funds to the upcoming State Meeting on October 1st. I will let you read that message for yourself.

In addition, there is going to be a big need closer to home. As I'm sure you have heard on the news, there will be upwards of 4,000 people from the affected areas being brought to Fort Pickett in Blackstone, Virginia. There will be a need for volunteers to help out with a multitude of tasks. Also, in conjunction with KOVAR, Camp Baker and several other "summer" camps in Virginia are being activated to house some of "God's Special People" that have been displaced as a result of this natural disaster. Art Carroll, who is involved with both KOVAR and VOAD, a disaster response organization, has put out a call for people that can help, when the time comes, with food preparation and the running of errands. There is also a need for case managers to help make sure each of these people has everything they need while they are here. It is the goal of this effort to have a caregiver brought along with each of these people, but the reality is that some of them may not have anyone. The plan currently estimates that these folks will need to be housed and looked after for a period of six to nine months.

Please get the word out to your Brother Knights in your respective councils, along with anyone else you know who may be able to help. You may contact me with names and numbers and I will help coordinate as best I can, or you can contact Art directly if you have more specific questions. He can be reached by email at [arthurcarroll@att.net](mailto:arthurcarroll@att.net) or by phone at (804) 262-5213. If you call, you will likely get an answering machine. Please begin your message with "I am with the Knights" so he will be sure to listen to your message.

Lastly, please keep two Brother Knights families in your prayers. Don Fauth and Jim Gill, both of Council 6546 at St. Edwards, have passed away within the last two weeks.

My thoughts and prayers are with each of you as we move forward into the increased activity the Autumn always brings us. If I can be of assistance, please email me at [celtic-lad@comcast.net](mailto:celtic-lad@comcast.net) or call me anytime on my mobile number of (804) 347-1562.

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