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Brothers of the Department of New Jersey, SUVCW:

I communicate with you from a unique position. The recent tragic event called Hurricane Harvey has produced massive damage to homes, families, and property. There is no doubt that lives have been permanently altered. If you have watched, as I have, the results of this catastrophic storm, one cannot help but feel deep-seated sorrow for the folks of Texas and Louisiana. Watching these folks struggle through high water on their way to safety carrying the few worldly possessions they have left in their arms, can be heart rending to the extreme.

It has come to my attention that we have brothers in the Department that are already working to help the victims of this horrendous situation. All I can say is that I'm not surprised. The brothers of our department have always been passionate people when it comes to preservation. Whether that preservation is about Civil War History or people's lives, there is very little difference!

So I urge our whole department to get behind any efforts you know to help our fellow Americans. Donate a dollar or three or five at Wawa every time you buy a

cup of coffee. Get involved with your church, or any church, or organization that is working to relieve the misery of those Americans (as well as possible brothers of the Texas Department of the SUV). We can all clean out our closets and send good, clean clothes, water, food, anything that would help a parent who might be wondering how to feed his/her children when the waters recede.

Finally, what I have seen as far as Americans' response to helping each other has been heart-warming indeed. Love in America is not dead! There are more people seeking to help flood victims than there was in the recent debacle at Charlottesville or anywhere else that the media has put hate under a microscope. The response to Harvey is what America is! The random acts of heroics and kindness are what we are about! When the chips are down and Americans need help, we bleed red, white and blue! And that is what we needed right now. It is a shame that it took a national disaster for us to show it.

GOD bless our Order! GOD bless you all! And may GOD bless America again!!

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,
Commander FMossbrucker
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