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TO: All Royal Arch Chapters throughout the Jurisdiction

FROM: Most Ex. Dr. Elton L. Lewis, Grand High Priest

**<u>RE</u>**: Hurricane Preparedness; Tropical System Nicole

**Excellent** Companions,

As today is election day across the country, It is my hope and expectation that each of you have exercised your right to vote. However, our great Jurisdiction once again finds itself under the threat of a tropical system. Meteorologists and weather experts have begun to advise all Floridians of the threat of the tropical system named Nicole. Tropical Storm Nicole is forecast to reach up to hurricane strength before hitting Florida in the next 24-36 hours. The entire state of Florida could be at risk, according to the most recent forecast cone from the hurricane center.

The Florida Division of Emergency Management, working together with the National Hurricane Center to evaluate weather predictions, has determined there is a continuing risk of dangerous storm surge, heavy rainfall, flash flooding, strong winds, hazardous seas, and isolated tornadic activity for Florida's Peninsula and portions of the Florida Big Bend, North Florida, and Northeast Florida.

For the safety of yourselves and your families, prepare now. Determine your best protection from high winds and flooding. Have a plan to evacuate and a plan to shelter safely. Take time now to gather the supplies and knowledge you will need when the storm arrives. Check your local news and get the most up-to-date information on mandatory evacuations orders, hurricane shelters, and emergency ordinances from your local municipalities.

The safety and well-being of you and your families are paramount for this Grand Chapter. Therefore, regardless which part of the state is impacted by the impending storm, we stand ready to aid and assist all Companions and their families with the full force of everything Capitular Masonry has to give.

Finally, Companions stay safe and stay strong. Lean on each other when needed. Help each other early and often. We will get through whatever comes our way and stand strong as only Florida can and always will.



UNDER THE LIVING ARCH I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Most Excellent Union Grand Chapter to be affixed.

Most Ex. Dr. Elton L. Lewis, K.Y.C.H. Grand High Priest of all Capitular Masonry