

**N. C. Elks Disaster Relief Fund**

**North Carolina TORNADOS  
April 16, 2011**



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**TO: Message to the Elks and Elk Lodges of North Carolina**

**FROM: NC ELKS RELIEF FUND COMMITTEE 2011-2012**

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Exalted Rulers of N.C. Lodges



The 8 "Super Cells" that came upon North Carolina on the afternoon of April 16, 2011 left several paths of destruction from central to the coastal section of North Carolina. 33 Counties were reported as "hit" 18 Counties were declared as disaster areas.

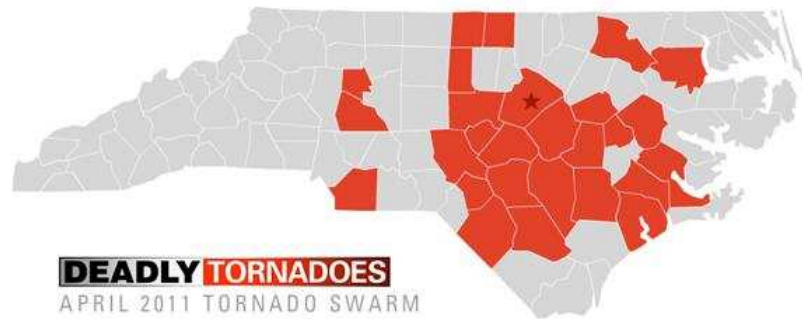
**Reported thus far:**

- **Federal Disaster #1969** declared in 18 NC Counties on April 19, 2011
- 28 official Tornadoes, with 80+ touchdowns in 33 counties of North Carolina
- 24 killed, 130+ severely injured
- 840 Homes destroyed, 6,000+ homes damaged
- 53 Businesses destroyed, 242 businesses damaged  
2000+ lost their jobs ½ of these in Lee Co.
- As of May 10, 2011; 7,500 have sought aid with 6,800+ FEMA claims; 1384 approved
- FEMA has allocated NC to receive up to \$6.5M in assistance, in the form of \$4.4M in Grants to Families and \$2.1M in SBA loans to businesses and homeowners.
- Federal funds will be made available to help cover the \$10.1M estimated cost of emergency response and debris removal.

## **HERE IS WHERE WE COME IN!**

I am calling upon you to identify where and how our Order can be of assistance. Please identify those Elks and their families, neighboring families or groups that may need help or assistance. I also know that the Elks of North Carolina not in the immediate area may want to help with donations and specific items and this effort needs your support & donations.

As of April 20, 2011, 18 NC Counties have been declared as a "Federal or State Disaster Relief Area's": Bertie, Bladen, Cumberland, Halifax, Harnett, Johnston, Lee, Onslow, Wake, Wilson, Craven, Currituck, Greene, Hertford, Hoke, Pitt, Robeson, and Sampson. I am sure there are additional affected areas that may need assistance and they should also be included in our effort.



Link to FEMA Map of NC Counties

<http://www.fema.gov/femaNews/disasterSearch.do;jsessionid=61BB72F9C28A72E8CA10C5B7C2D5BE85.Worker2Public2?pageInfo.pageStart=26>

### **Path Forward:**

- 1- I am asking that all NC Lodges identify those who may need help and how we may or can help. Specifically the Lodges of the East and East Central Districts as most of the Counties that have been identified are within this proximity. But, just because a County was not identified does not mean we exclude them if we can help bring some comfort to their lives.
- 2- I am also asking that you create projects whereby you can use non GL donated funds and by adding your "Elk-power" you will magnify the effectiveness of the effort. Please let us know how the Elk Lodges of proximity plan to respond.
- 3- Please send any donation of money to NC Elks Association Relief Fund, PO Box 1068, Sanford NC 27331.
- 4- BPOE Grand Lodge Disaster Relief has provided \$25,000.00 to us to be distributed by us to directly benefit the victims. Additional money has been contributed as well for the 4-16-2011 Tornado Relief. All money will be distributed to the N.C. BPO ELK Lodge of jurisdiction to the disaster area directly to those individuals directly affected.

Many of you have already begun an effort and many of you have called to learn how you can help. The initial recovery and clean up is close to completion, but the hardship is really only beginning. By luck, chance and or by the Grace of God most of us were not harmed but the American way of life runs strongly through our Elks Order and we are compelled to act as *"The kindest feeling may vanish, the best resolve may be forgotten; but the influence of a good deed, honestly and promptly performed, will continue forever"*.

Fraternally,  
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**Designated Lodges:** 18 disaster counties and surrounding isolated instances:

- Elizabeth City #856 & Morehead City Beaufort #1710
  - Hertford, Bertie, Onslow & Currituck
- New Bern #764
  - Craven
- Kinston #740
  - Pitt & Greene
- Rocky Mount #1038
  - Halifax
- Wilson #840
  - Wilson
- Goldsboro #139
  - Johnston & Sampson
- Wilmington #532
  - Bladen
- Fayetteville #1081
  - Cumberland, Robeson
- Sanford #1679
  - Lee & Harnett
- Southern Pines #1692
  - Hoke
- Raleigh #735, Cary Apex #2798, & Durham #568
  - Wake
- **ALL NC Lodges** who know of a need---please report

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