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Hurricane Irma Update

Hurricane Irma left quite a path throughout the Southeast and many members have been worried about the safety of our brothers and coworkers in our Florida lodges and especially the condition of Moosehaven and its residents. Below is information gathered in the past 24 hours, and more updates will be available on the Moose International website in the coming days.

A letter from John Capes, Executive Director of Moosehaven:

Irma is gone but certainly not forgotten.

She left a mess on campus including downed trees, limbs and moss. We've got a number of areas with modest water damage due to leaks and penetrations around windows and even through the brick. Shingles scattered about the campus clearly suggest we need to check all shingled roofs for damage. The southeast corner of the Michigan deck was damaged by a falling tree but it does not appear to be structural and it did not penetrate to the interior. The most disheartening damage is to the pier, which is completely destroyed. The storm surge was devastating and at one point even crested our seawall.

However, despite everything, our residents are safe, services continued throughout the storm, including hot meals and a 24/7 deli and salad bar. Once again our Moosehaven staff did an amazing job. The Leadership Team was on-site fulfilling various roles including damage control, hall monitors and safety and security. I would especially like to acknowledge the efforts of Bill Tippins, Director of Operations; Helen Taylor, Director of Resident Services; Richard Duley, Director of Facilities; Scott Fuchs, Director of Environmental Services; Kevin Hawley, Chef; and Randy Anderson, Director of Dietary Services.

Thank you for your continued thoughts and prayers. Everything here can be fixed or replaced. We're good to go.

*Note: The Grand Chancellor's office of the Women of the Moose will be announcing a fundraising project in the next several days to raise money for the repair of the Moosehaven pier. **Please check the Moose International website for pictures of the damage to the pier and campus.**

Florida Lodges (note that information has been passed along to our Territory Managers and other Moose International staff, so some information may not be 100% accurate at this time)

The five lodges in the Florida Keys (Key Largo 2287, Islamorada 2151, Marathon 1058, Big Pine Key 1585, and Key West 1760) and several others in the surrounding areas have suffered property damage. Many Moose members in Florida have been evacuated from their homes and are anxiously awaiting to see if they are able to return. According to TV, Marathon is completely submerged. We have limited information to offer at this time but ask that you please keep all victims in your thoughts/prayers, as certainly a lot of our members in the Keys have lost everything.

Per Bolton Bunting, Territory Manager for south Florida:

Davie 1798 lost a good bit of the roof on the Social Quarters and has no power. The city of Davie owns the property and wants the lodge to evacuate for safety reasons.

Buckhead Ridge 2417 has a hole in the roof according to the bookkeeper, and has been closed by the Fire Department.

March Island 1990 suffered only cosmetic damage. They could open if they had power.

Bonita Springs 1454 lost its tiki bar, but the building is allegedly okay.

Naples 1782 allegedly suffered only minor damage.

Key Largo 2287 is fine except for minor damage to their motel. They stayed open during the entire storm. They are serving three meals a day at the lodge for their members who stayed, and all are well there. Their power is back but they used a generator when it was not working.

Perrine 380 in Miami has power; no damage and is open today.

Vero Beach 1822 is open today and fine.

Per Jerry Monk, Territory Manager for northern Florida and Association Liaison:

The Florida Convention will be held as planned; members unable to attend can cancel their room reservations up to 24 hours prior to check-in.

Jacksonville 455 roof damage – Jacksonville Beach 1558 minor damage to roof and a fence.

Per Larry Cundiff, Territory Manager for northeast Florida:

Crescent City 1641 was serving as a shelter, lost a significant amount of its roof and lost water; however they continued to function.

Has concern about Titusville 1962 which was in the heart of some tornado activity but has not yet made contact.

Per Bill Birk, Territory Manager for southwest Florida:

LaBelle – Roof came off

Wauchula – concerned about them

Ft. Myers Beach – bad – trees down, new fencing destroyed, tiki hut also gone

Marco Island – hit, but biggest loss is in food – at least \$20,000

Many lodges have already started collecting donations to help those in need. The Sanford Lodge #386 in North Carolina has partnered with the VFW, the American Legion, and their local Elks lodge to help the victims of these natural disasters. If you are in that area and would like to help, please drop off cases of water, diapers/baby items, nonperishable food items, or anything else that might be needed to the lodge and they will make sure the items are delivered.

If you are not able to make it to the Sanford Lodge but would still like to help, please talk to your local lodge about any efforts in which you might be able to contribute. Any questions can be directed to Association Liaison Jerry Monk (jmonk@mooseintl.org) or Territory Manager Bolton Bunting.

Members of the Moose fraternity have always been ones to step up and help in time of need. We thank you for your willingness to help during this troubling time.