



ACACIA LODGE NO. 16 A.F. & A.M.
CHARTERED DECEMBER 11, 1877 MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 4.
WWW.ACACIA16.ORG 703-830-9036
7135 MAIN STREET CLIFTON VIRGINIA 20124
STATED MEETING: FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH @ 7:30PM

August 22, 2006

We are requesting your assistance in saving Acacia Lodge. This historic landmark located in the County of Fairfax, Clifton, Virginia was severely damaged by the Natural Disaster in June 2006.

We have applied for disaster relief assistance to the Virginia Department of Emergency Management under disaster number 1655-DR-VA. We have some concerns as to how this is proceeding.

- Within just a few days of filling out forms for assistance, and before anyone asked for or reviewed supporting documentation from us, word came down from the “top” that it looked like we would not qualify.
- Our submitted application forms were misplaced.
- Our case has been put on hold and/or placed on inactive status.
- Our Project Officer was pulled off our case and reassigned elsewhere.
- We have been asked to fill-out and submit forms that have already been fill-out and submitted.
- Supporting documentation that had previously been sent was never received, and had to be resent.
- Prior to having our questions answered, we were asked to accept and sign contracts with clauses attached.
- We waited for weeks for relevant information from a VDEM employee, only to find out that the person is on a long-term leave of absence. This has caused significant delays in our recover process.

We have put a lot of time and effort in providing important information and documentation, and having in-depth conversations during meetings with two VDEM employees that are no longer working with us. One is on leave and the other has been reassigned.



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We have been declined by the SBA for a loan. We do not have the means or resources to recover from this Devastating Natural Disaster.

Please visit www.Acacia16.org/Flood2006.htm where you will find additional information and several letters including ones from the Mayor of Clifton, the Clifton Lions Club, and the Clifton Presbyterian Church; that are encouraging your support and attesting to the fact that Acacia is a significant, important, and integral part of the Clifton Community.

We request that you do what you can to assure that we receive appropriate assistance.

Thank you for your time, attention, and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely:

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