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Mr. William J. Baumbach
2380 Mountain Road
Haymarket, Virginia 20169

RE: Acacia Masonic Lodge #16, Fairfax County

Dear Mr. Baumbach:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Kaine regarding the historical Acacia Masonic Lodge in Clifton. The Governor has asked me to respond to you on his behalf.

The pictures on your website tell a story of shocking damage and the indomitable spirit of the Acacia Lodge #16 members. Please commend your members on my behalf for their commitment to this historic building.

Since Fairfax County is among those Virginia localities that were declared federal disaster areas in response to the June rains that damaged the Acacia Lodge, you may wish to consider approaching both FEMA and the National Trust for Historic Preservation for possible flood recovery assistance. I also encourage you to contact the Virginia Department of Historic Resources for technical assistance in helping you assess and repair the damage in ways that are sensitive to its historic character. Your first point of contact would be David Edwards, Northern Region Office Director, at 540-868-7031. Similarly, the Fairfax County Planning and Zoning Department maintains a staff of historic preservation specialists who may be able to provide you with more direct technical assistance.

My sincere best wishes to you and the Acacia Lodge #16 members in your efforts to recover from the recent floods and to restore the historic lodge building.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Preston Bryant, Jr.", written over a large, stylized flourish.

L. Preston Bryant, Jr.

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c: Kathleen S. Kilpatrick, Director, Department of Historic Resources
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