



## Knights Korner

*Saint Teresa of Calcutta Council 12117*

**May 2017**

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Your Council helped LEAD THE WAY. A recent notice was sent to our Council and others throughout the state. The Franciscan Sisters of Saint Joseph, Virginia Beach Convent was flooded during Hurricane Matthew. A general estimate of cash payment for flood repairs was about \$60,000. The original estimate was higher but due to a very generous interest free loan by a KofC member, the Sisters were able to settle their bill in December of 2016 at a significant discount. This was remarkable in a 10-week span!

Many donations came from the Knights of 15 councils in Arlington, Dumfries, Falls Church, Hampton, Hatfield, Norfolk(2), Potomac Falls, Suffolk, Triangle, Sperryville, Stafford, and Virginia Beach(3).

Actual IDENTIFIED cash contributions from councils and individual members is \$6,125, representing 10.21% of actual CASH needs. Knights throughout the state contributed anonymously in many other ways, including, but not limited to: chairing the collection committee, providing food and housing, in-kind labor, business connections and discounts, donations of miscellaneous items, cash by way of raffles, gift cards, council checks, individual checks, pass the hat collections at meetings, and donation jars. While it is difficult to put a dollar figure on all the Knights did for the Sisters, they would agree the Knights were the DRIVING FORCE in their October flood recovery and return to their convent by Christmas.

Because the Sisters are considered a non-profit entity, they collected only a housing allowance from FEMA. Other sources of income came to them from foundations, local clergy, out-of-state religious communities, area churches, and individuals.

This was Devine Providence in action and the Knights led the way!

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**Gentlemen** --- Interested in becoming a Knight? We accept applications year-round.

**Ladies** --- The Ladies Auxiliary are accepting applications; please join us.

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**Upcoming Events:** See our website at: [www.kofc12117.org](http://www.kofc12117.org)

Michael Encarnacao, Grand Knight