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Princess Brigitta and Grand Master Prince Karl
Vladimir Karadjordjevic

"The Grand Master has been extremely distressed to learn of the terrible floods that have happened in Queensland.

His Royal Highness wishes you to know that His thoughts and prayers and those of Princess Brigitta are with you and the members of your Grand Priory at this time,Given the extraordinary nature of what has happened, the Grand Master has decreed that all passage, diploma and capitation fees ordinarily payable to Grand Magisterium from all of the units in Australia in 2011 will be due and payable to your Grand Priory to be applied for such charitable purposes as you deem fit and proper for the relief of those who have suffered as a result of the floods."

(An extract from the Decree)

The disastrous floods that have enveloped much of Queensland and now Northern New South Wales have reminded all of us the awesome power that nature can release.

We are constantly inundated with images on our television screen of the damage and havoc caused by the flood waters as well as the consequential suffering that has been inflicted on those effected.

The loss of loved ones, the injuries and economic loss have hit hard, however, as always as a nation we have risen to the challenge of rebuilding what has been destroyed.

Many agencies are working together to provide assistance and plan for the future.

As a Christian Order not only are we offering our prayers especially for those members who have been touched by this tragedy but are also assisting in practical ways.

The Grand Master has been greatly moved by the reports of devastation and suffering that he quickly took action to issue a decree that payments which would normally be forwarded for the administration of the Order, be retained in Australia to assist in relief efforts by the Grand Priory of Northern Australia .

I urge members of the Priory to follow the Grand Master's lead and assist by donating to whatever appeal you may favour to assist the flood victims .

Fred Maestrelli
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