



Illinois State Council Knights of Columbus
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2017-2018 State Charities



GENERAL ASSISTANCE



CHOSEN TO GO AND BEAR FRUIT THAT WILL REMAIN



ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL



Thank You Brothers for your generosity!



Thanks to our councils, the General Assistance Fund has already made donations this fraternal year to assist victims of the tremendous devastation caused by hurricanes Harvey and Irma. It has also made donations to individuals, and for vandalism damage at a church.

General Assistance Fund

Your councils timely donations to the GAF Fund are critical to ensuring there are funds available for the next disaster! Today others are in need, but tomorrow you, your church or community may be in need!



**Help Those Who Need Help the Most
Make Your GAF Donation Today!**

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GAF puts the Action in Charity

The General Assistance Fund (GAF) exists to provide financial assistance to alleviate human suffering.



Let's help those who need our help!

**SUPPORT THE GENERAL
ASSISTANCE FUND**

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General Assistance Fund

It's Only \$1.10 per Member!

How Do You Make Your GAF Goal?

- **Talk GAF at every opportunity!**
- **Make certain your members know what it is.**
- **Send collected monies to the State Office monthly.**
- **Ways to raise GAF funds include;**
 - **Passing the GAF can at every meeting!**
 - **50/50 for GAF**
 - **Special organized events**
 - **Be creative!**

Please support GAF in supporting others!

Thank you for your work & donations!

Charity, the FIRST Principle of Our Order

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GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND REQUEST

TO: State General Assistance Chairman Request # _____ - _____

FROM: Council #: _____ **District #** _____ **Diocese** _____

Applicant's Name: _____ **FEIN/SS #** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **St** _____ **Zip** _____ + _____

Phone _____ **Email Address:** _____

Disaster Name if different than above: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **St** _____ **Zip** _____ + _____

Phone _____ **Email Address:** _____

Type of Facility i.e. Church, School, Club, etc. _____

Describe type of adversity: _____

(Use an extra sheet of paper if necessary and attach to the back of this form along with any newspaper clippings or pictures if available)

Amount of Loss \$ _____ .00 **Amount of Insurance \$** _____ .00

Amount of Council or Assembly Donation made \$ _____ .00

Amount Requested \$ _____ **Date of Request** _____

Signature of Grand Knight
(Request Originator)

Signature of District Deputy

FORWARD YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST FORM TO:

**Illinois State Council
PO Box 681
Kankakee, Illinois 60901-0681**

GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND (GAF)

GUIDELINES

I. Purpose

The General Assistance Fund (GAF) exists to provide financial assistance to alleviate human suffering, especially to Knights of Columbus members and their families; support Knights of Columbus organizations and related like minded organizations in times of sudden and catastrophic need or extraordinary loss; and to foster the principle of charity within the Illinois jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus.

II. Eligibility

Generally, charitable or nonprofit organizations not qualifying as 501(c)3 organizations are also eligible to request funds from the Illinois State Council Knights of Columbus GAF. Non 501©3 organizations/groups eligible under this fund include:

1. Voluntary nonprofit organizations including nonprofit groups organized under a fraternal order system.
2. Knights of Columbus Council Home Associations
3. Groups organized for the relief of human suffering [e.g., A group organized to raise funds to provide assistance to an individual afflicted with a life-threatening disease or injury]
4. Recognized and qualifying community service groups.

III. Type of Request

Consideration for GAF financial assistance is given to requests to provide relief from losses which result from 1) sudden and catastrophic events or 2) extraordinary losses. Sudden and catastrophic losses include damages resulting from such occurrences as vandalism, bombings, fire, flood, earthquake, hurricane, lightning, tornado, windstorms and other acts of nature. Financial assistance may also be provided for certain types of extraordinary loss as determined by the Illinois Knights of Columbus Elected Officers. Requests for relief of human suffering (individual or community wide) are made only to a specific fund established by qualified and recognized community service groups, financial institutions, or other entities. Non-qualifying GAF requests include assistance for property loss resulting from neglect of general maintenance and repair.

IV. Documentation Requirements

1. Requests for GAF charitable assistance must include appropriate documentation of the extent and nature of the loss (Financials, newspaper accounts, pictures, supporting letters on official stationary, or other similar documentation)
2. The amount of insurance coverage as compared to the extent of the loss must be documented. If the loss is not covered by insurance, a copy of the denial letter from the insurance company or an official letter from the organization's officers stating absence of insurance coverage is required.
3. If the loss is for community-wide relief and/or aid to victims of the disaster, rather than property loss, a letter from the local group identifying the purpose of the request is also required.
4. It is helpful to know if the local Council or Assembly has provided or is planning some form of support (cash donation, fundraiser, etc.) Please provide information about such activities.

V. Request Process

1. GAF Requests must originate from the Grand Knight of a Subordinate Council and be signed by the District Deputy. In the absence of an assigned District Deputy, selected or elected State Officers may also present requests on approved forms to the Elected State Officers.
2. Preference is given to Knights of Columbus members and their families for GAF requests which assist individuals with relief of human suffering. Subordinate Councils are also requested to demonstrate an ability to provide or have provided contributions when requesting funds for relief of human suffering.
3. All GAF requests are reviewed by the Illinois Knights of Columbus State General Assistance Chairman for the purpose of making recommendations to the Illinois State Council Knights of Columbus Elected Officers who have final approval on all requests.

VI. Tax Liability

Recipients should check with their tax consultant to determine the extent of tax liability they may incur as a result of such financial assistance.