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Attached are two articles about the devastation that occurred to Joplin, Missouri and the destruction of Joplin Lodge No. 501. The USA Today story was written by a former essay winner of the Florida Elks Americanism Contest. Donations for the Lodge can be sent to:

Elks Relief Fund  
% Liberty Bank  
2311 W 7<sup>th</sup> St  
Joplin, MO 64801

The Grand Lodge Natural Disaster Fund has forwarded \$25,000 to assist those in need.